

**West Penn Township Board of Supervisors
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**Regular 10AM Monthly Meeting
Monday, April 18, 2022**

Present at the Meeting

Tony Prudenti – Chairman

Katie Orlick - Secretary

Tim Houser – Supervisor (absent)

Paul Datte – Solicitor

Glenn Hummel – Vice Chairman (phone)

Mike Begis – ARRO Consulting, Inc.

Karen Wittig – Treasurer

I. General

A. Anthony Prudenti called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance & Introductions at 10:00AM.

B. Approval of Monthly Bills

Chairman called for a motion to approve our monthly bills. Glenn Hummel made the motion. Chairman seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 2-0

II. Public Comment on Agenda Items – NONE

III. Land Use – NONE

Chairman stated Mike Begis from ARRO Consulting, Inc., along with Brinkash are working on the subdivision for the Atlas Park.

IV. Old Business

A. Annex Lighting Quote – The Township received a quote from Matthew Hoats for \$1017. The quote includes LED Wall Lights, Installation, Junction Boxes, Wire, Hardware and Labor. Glenn Hummel made the motion. Chairman seconded the motion. All in Favor. The motion was carried. 2-0

B. Mowing Proposal – Chairman said we tabled the award to make sure the Company with the lowest bid knew the scope of the job and to make sure his quote of \$475 was correct. Hunter Hardscape was contacted they are aware of everything that needs to be done & their cost is \$475. Chairman called for a motion to award Hunter Hardscape to mow & trim Zion Stone & the J.E. Morgan Park for \$475/cut of both parks together. Glenn Hummel made the motion. Chairman seconded the motion. All in Favor. The motion was carried. 2-0

C. Air Conditioning & Smart Signs

Chairman said we got two air conditioner proposals. One proposal was from Metz Company, they proposed air conditioning with air filtration/heating units. The LG ductless heat pump system they proposed for our facility was \$37,836. The other quote was \$16,400 from Ken’s Plumbing & Heating for regular air conditioning units. The quote for Ken’s was only good for a week but the Chairman suggested we approve Ken’s not exceeding \$17,500 and go back to him and make sure he will still stand by his quote. Glenn Hummel made the motion. Chairman seconded the motion. All in Favor. The motion was carried. 2-0

Smart Sign gave us a quote for a 4’x6’ digital sign. They are CoStars and the price came in at \$29,912.58. Glenn Hummel feels that it will be beneficial to the community. Glenn Hummel made the motion. Chairman seconded the motion. All in Favor. The motion was carried. 2-0

D. Zoning Ordinance Update – Attorney Datte spoke to URDC and asked to give us a status on our Zoning Ordinance. URDC said we would have the word document of our zoning ordinance and our map

very soon. Attorney Datte anticipates receiving the word document & proposed zoning map shortly then he will schedule review and the hearing.

V. New Business

A. Ag Security Update – Attorney Datte said we have two Applications for additions to the Agricultural Security Area. Attorney Datte said that under the Ag Security Law we have to acknowledge that we received the applications. An application was received from Donald & Andrew Jones, address 914 Clamtown Rd. Tamaqua, PA 18252. The application was for five Parcels: 37-11-0063.000 (43.2 acres), 37-11-0063.001 (.6 acres), 37-11-0065.000 (1.2 acres), 37-11-0064.000 (.9 acres) and 37-11-0062.000 (3 acres). The total acreage is about 50 acres. The other application was submitted by James & Tammie Dunn, 31 Zion Stone Church Rd. New Ringgold, PA 17960. The application was for four Parcels: 37-19-0033.000 (27.9 acres), 37-19-0035.000 (19.5 acres), 37-19-0036.000 (10.9 acres), 37-19-0036.005 (18.3 acres). The total acreage is 76.6 acres. We have to give notice to the Ag Security Committee, Planning Commission & the County Planning Commission. Attorney Datte said he would work on that. Attorney Datte said we should reappoint the committee. Attorney Datte said it is a 5-member committee. One of the members need to be a Supervisor, three Farmers and one Non Farmer that reside in Township. Glenn Hummel nominated Tim Houser to be on the Ag Security Committee. Chairman seconded the nomination. All in favor. 2-0 Attorney Datte said the Board should make a motion directing him to move forward with the notification requirements under the Agricultural Area Security Law for both modification applications. Chairman made a motion to have our Solicitor follow through with the Ag Security Laws and do the advertising as necessary. Glenn Hummel seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion was carried. 2-0

VI. Business from Anyone on the Board

A. The Board of Supervisors thanked the Police Department for doing the DARE program at the West Penn Elementary.

B. The Board of Supervisors also thanked Bryan Miller for a \$250 Police Donation.

C. Chairman said the Board of Supervisors and the Police Department would like to thank and acknowledge Mauch Chunk Trust for their donations to the Bears & Bones Program. The Employees of MCT collected stuffed animals, dog snacks and gave a monetary donation to the Police Department. The Police Department would like to request to have the outside doors replaced at the Annex Building. (Possible CDBG Grant Money) Police Department said there are large gaps that allow cold air and rodents. Per Seitz, visit on April 6, 2022, large amount of rodent activity in the Annex Area. The Police Department also had concerns about the Annex Side Door being ajar. Glenn Hummel said he would like to change the locks of the Lower Annex Doors. We are unsure who has keys. Mr. Hummel feels that it is important especially having the Police Department in the same building that we know who has keys for security reasons. We would like to get a calendar schedule together so we know who is at and using the building. Chairman asked if a letter would be sent out letting the people who use the building know of the changes and the new procedures. Glenn Hummel said yes.

Chairman thanked John Brode for his donation. He donated three batteries from his business “Battery Man” for the speed trailer on April 7, 2022.

Chairman thanked the Police Department again, Especially Officer Jason Lorah, Cpl. John Kaczmarczyk, and the school faculty for leading the DARE program. Congratulations to the students that graduated from the DARE Program.

Chairman said the Police Department is requesting the purchase of a vacuum cleaner. Chairman made a motion to purchase a vacuum cleaner not to exceed \$250. Glenn Hummel seconded the motion. All in Favor. The motion was carried. 2-0

Chairman said the Police Department would like to purchase another LPR for one of their vehicles. The total cost is \$12,275 from Vigilant Solutions, LLC. Glenn Hummel made the motion. Chairman seconded the motion. All in Favor. The motion was carried. 2-0 Chairman confirmed with Supervisor Hummel that it would be purchased through the Police Department's Capital Budget.

VII. Correspondence

A. Hunt Valley Environmental, LLC

Sent the Township a letter to notify us that the Land Reclamation Group is planning to utilize a State-owned parcel of land as a site for wetland mitigation. The property is located in Walker & West Penn Township of Clamtown Rd. just south of Tamaqua, PA. The purpose of this notice is to inform you of their intent to submit an application to PADEP for permitting this project.

The Project Name: Tamaqua Desilting Basin Dam Breach

Project Description: Land Reclamation Group is planning to breach the existing dam on the state-owned property and reestablished wetlands on the properties as part of a mitigation bank. Scott Soley said he would look into this project. The property of this project was a site the Township had interest in to develop another park.

VIII. Public Comment on General Items

A. Delroy Haas –asked how much the quote was for the Annex Lighting, which was \$1017.

IX. Executive Session - NONE

X. Anything Else from the Board - NONE

XI. Adjournment

A. Chairman called for a motion to Adjourn at 10:35AM. Glenn Hummel made the motion. Chairman seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 2-0

Transcribed By:

Katie Orlick

West Penn Township Secretary