

**West Penn Township Board of Supervisors
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**Regular 10AM Monthly Meeting
Monday, November 21, 2022**

Present at the Meeting

Tony Prudenti – Chairman

Katie Orlick - Secretary

Tim Houser – Supervisor

Paul Datte – Solicitor

Glenn Hummel – Vice Chairman

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 10:02AM.

B. Approval of Monthly Bills

Chairman called for a motion to approve our monthly bills. Tim Houser made the motion. Glenn Hummel seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

II. Public Comment on Agenda Items - NONE

III. Land Use – NONE

IV. Old Business

A. Tim Houser asked Attorney Datte about Blight Buildings. Tim Houser said he read that another Township in the same situation took a property by Eminent Domain in order to take the building down. Tim Houser asked if that is an option the Township would have with the Snyder's property. Attorney Datte said he feels that the Township has the ability to take property because of Blight. The Township would be able to use CDBG money if they owned it. Attorney Datte's concern is the mortgage on the property. Tim Houser feels it has been long enough and someone has to move on it.

V. New Business

A. Chairman said he would like to have the Township apply for a grant for a new 10-Wheeler. Chairman asked Jeremy Frable to get a quote on the truck so we can apply for the Grant.

VI. Business from Anyone on the Board

A. Jeremy Frable said we will be receiving a grant from the Schuylkill Co. Conservation District. Jeremy Frable said we will receive a Dirt & Gravel Grant for Rabbit Run for \$69,409.75 and Low Volume Grant for High Dr. of \$104,767.50.

VII. Correspondence - NONE

VIII. Public Comment on General Items

A. Jeff Bradford – Fire Chief announced the Fire Dept.'s Events for December. Dec. 11th – Breakfast with Santa, Dec. 17th Cheesesteak Sale and Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Wing Sale.

Mr. Bradford gave the Board of Supervisors the Fire Company's 2021 Audit. He also asked if the Fire Dept. was supposed to start handing in their Blue Ridge Cable Bills. Glen Hummel said he thinks that was one of the reasons we raised the Blue Ridge Franchise Fee Tax. Chairman said he believes not until January.

Police Chief thanked Terri Knoedler & her company for donating cases of water to the Police Dept.

IX. Executive Session - NONE

X. Anything Else from the Board - NONE

XI. Adjournment

A. Chairman called for a motion to Adjourn at 10:11AM. Tim Houser made the motion. Glenn Hummel seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 2-0

Budget Workshop

Chairman called the workshop to order at 10:20AM. Chairman said we have an approximately \$100K to make up. He recommends we take \$10K from the Office Budget, \$10K from Police and \$30K from the Road and \$50K from Truck Fund. Glenn Hummel said he is against the cuts from the Police Dept. He said that the Police Dept. held the budget for the past three years in a row with no raises. Chairman said that our total budget for 2023 is \$2,311,763. Chairman called for a motion to make the cuts and to approve the proposed 2023 budget of \$2,311,763. Tim Houser seconded the motion. All in favor. Glenn Hummel opposed. Motion was carried. 2-1

Chairman called for a motion to advertise the proposed budget of 2023 for 20 days for public review. Tim Houser made the motion. Glenn Hummel seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0
Chairman called for a motion to adjourn at 10:29AM. Tim Houser made the motion. Glenn Hummel seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

Transcribed By:

Katie Orlick

West Penn Township Secretary