

West Penn Township Board of Supervisors  
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Regular 10AM Monthly Meeting  
Tuesday, October 15, 2024

**Present at the Meeting**

**Tony Prudenti – Chairman**

**Katie Orlick - Secretary**

**James Akins – Supervisor (absent)**

**Paul Datte – Solicitor (absent)**

**Glenn Hummel – Vice Chairman (phone)**

**Mike Begis – ARRO Consulting (absent)**

**Karen Wittig – Treasurer**

**Jeremy Frable – Road Master (absent)**

**I. General**

**A.** Chairman, opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and Introductions at 10:07AM.

**B.** Chairman called for a motion to approve and pay the bills. Glenn Hummel made the motion. Chairman seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 2-0

**II. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only** – 5 Minute Time Limit - NONE

**III. Land Use** - NONE

**IV. Old Business** - NONE

**V. New Business** - NONE

**VI. Business from anyone on the Board**

**Reminders:**

**A.** November 4, 2024 Board of Supervisors Meeting will be held at the Annex Building @ 6PM. (5 Municipal Rd.) Chairman said we have to be up there because of Elections.

**B.** Andreas Parade is Wednesday, October 16, 2024 @7PM.

**C.** License Plate Replacement is Thursday, October 17, 2024. 3PM-6PM (Must RSVP)

**D.** Trick or Treat will be Thursday, October 31, 2024 5PM-8PM.

Penn Mahoning Ambulance will be having hotdogs & light refreshments from 4PM-5PM.

**VII. Correspondence**

**A.** Chairman read a letter from Tamaqua Borough requesting Fire Police to assist with traffic at their Halloween Parade; scheduled for Tuesday, October 22, 2024 @ 7PM. Secretary forwarded the letter to the Fire Chief, Fire Police and the Sgt. Of the Police Dept.

**VIII. Public Comment on General Items**

**A. Carl Greve** – asked what it means that you have to RSVP for the License Plate Replacement Event. Chairman said you just have to let them know that you are coming.

**B. Delroy Haas** – asked if there was any more information about the Police Department or anything going on or happening? Chairman said no. We received a couple of applications for a Chief and some police officers for Full-Time. We are still looking for Part –Time. We did not interview anyone yet but it is in the works. Chairman said everything is going in the right direction. Delroy Haas asked if there was any more information about the previous Chief at this time. Chairman said no, not at this time.

**IX. Executive Session** – NONE

**X. Adjournment**

**A. Chairman** called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:16AM. 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

Budget Workshop 10/15/24

Chairman asked Sgt. John Kaczmarczyk about the Police Budget. Sgt. Kaczmarczyk feels the wages need to increase. The wages are currently at \$296,900. He feels they should increase to \$305K or \$306K.

He also feels the Capital Reserve for Vehicles should increase to \$30K. He feels everything else is in line.

Chairman said the Police Budget looks like they would like to request about a \$20K increase.

Chairman asked Glenn Hummel how he feels about that. The Police Budget last year was \$424,250.

Glenn Hummel wanted to know what it would be with the CPI 3% increase.

Glenn Hummel said he is well within the projections.

Karen Wittig asked if we needed to put money in for the dash cameras.

Sgt. Said he would like to explore some grants for the dash cameras before we would decide to pay them out right.

Glenn Hummel asked if the company would break the cost in two increments for us.

Sgt. said yes they would.

Glenn Hummel asked if we could borrow the cost of the dash cameras from our operating reserve and pay ourselves back in the next few years. If of course, we did not get a grant.

Treasurer said we have to do a Resolution and take action at a public meeting.