

**Allegheny Township, Westmoreland County
Board of Supervisors Meeting
136 Community Building Road
Leechburg, PA 15656**

Minutes 09/18/2023

Michael Korn, Chair

Ren Steele, Vice Chair

James Morabito, Supervisor

Meeting No. 9 of 2023

Jason Dailey, Interim Township Manager

Roger Schwarz

Duane Fisher, Police Department

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Korn at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

Good of the Order

No Comments.

Minutes of Meeting August 14, 2023

Motion by Supervisor Steele to Approve the minutes of the Board of Supervisors Meeting for August 14, 2023; second by Supervisor Morabito; motion carries.

Police Department/Public Safety

Police Report for September 2023 given by Chief Fisher and is on file.

Fire Department Report

Fire Department Reports were presented by Bill Cogley and Matt Johnston for September 2023 on file. The Benefit Dinner for Chief Rearick was announced for 10/21/23.

Lower Kiski EMS

Lower Kiski EMS report for September 2023 given and on file.

Public Works Department

Public Works Report for September 2023 given by Roger Schwarz and is on file.

Zoning Report

September 2023 is on file.

Correspondence

- Matt Johnston, EMA Coordinator Letter of Interest
- Planning Commission Member Tom Earhart Resignation Letter

Public Relations and Announcements

MAAT Meeting 9/25/23 @ 530 pm

Westmoreland County Time Capsule discussion

Halloween Trick or Treat date announced as 10/31/23

Allegheny Township Light the Season Event to be held 12/17/23. Supervisor Korns accepted the role of coordinating this Committee.

Allegheny Township Flag committee creation discussed by Supervisor Korns and spearheading this initiative.

Department Reports

Motion made by Supervisor Morabito to approve the Department Reports for the month of September 2023; second by Supervisor Steele; motion carries.

Treasurer's Report

Motion made by Supervisor Steele to approve the Financial Reports for the month of August 2023; second by Supervisor Morabito; motion carries.

Action Items

Motion by Supervisor Morabito to Appoint Matt Johnston to the position of volunteer EMA Coordinator; second by Supervisor Steele; motion carries.

Motion by Supervisor Steele to approve Resolution 12-2023 appointing the Township Manager position as the primary contact for Berkheimer Administration; second by Supervisor Morabito; motion carries.

Motion by Supervisor Morabito to accept the resignation of Tom Earhart from the Planning Commission and to advertise the vacancy; second by Supervisor Steele; motion carries.

Motion by Supervisor Steele to Appoint Interim Township Manager Jason Dailey to the AKIGC as alternate and to approve the Cooperation Agreement with the Township with annual dues of \$1925.33 for 2024; second by Supervisor Morabito; motion carries.

Motion by Supervisor Morabito to authorize the Interim Township Manager to begin advertising for a Full Time Administrative Assistant position including the review of applicants, interviewing and recommending for hire; second by Supervisor Steele; motion carries.

Motion by Supervisor Steele to Approve Resolution #13-2023 to approve a revised fee schedule that increases the Zoning Fees; second by Supervisor Morabito; motion carries.

Motion by Supervisor Steele to authorize Senate Engineering to complete a grant application for the Tredway Trail bridge over the Kiski Railroad, with any matching requirements being required to come before the board for consideration; second by Supervisor Morabito; motion carries.

Motion by Supervisor Morabito of Approve to create a committee to develop a Township Flag with Supervisor Korns to Chair; second by Supervisor Steele; motion carries.

Motion by Supervisor Steele to accept the resignation of Chief Fisher with an effective date of October 22, 2023, second by Supervisor Morabito; motion carries. Various members of the public

as well as Supervisors Korns and Steele thanked Chief Fisher for his years of service and wished him well.

Motion by Supervisor Morabito to Approve Resolution #14-2023 establishing the MMO for the Police Pension Plan for 2024 Municipal Budget at \$44,119 and setting the 2024 MMO for the non uniform pension plan at \$65,216.88 second by Supervisor Steele; motion carries.

Motion by Supervisor Steele to Approve Resolution #15-2023 setting the employee contribution to the police pension plan to \$0 zero for the 2024 plan year; second by Supervisor Morabito; motion carries.

Citizens Comments

Jeff Pollick spoke about why he ran for office and the township ordinances for his winery.

John Framel spoke on the positive attributes of the township.

Kathy Starr commented on Community Days funding via 501C3 and employee departures.

Frank Arabia discussed speeding in his neighborhood.

Liane Newell discussed the recent Trib article and concern about staff departures.

Dave Gatty commented on community days and his concern with continued flooding under the 356 bridge.

Jeff Stewart commented on the activity of the Sewer Authority and the role that one of the members plays in improving the finances.

Louis Bertha commented on the Townships finances and his concerns with the underfunded budget.

Joe Hessom commented on the sunshine act and that there have been no violations all these years.

Robert Goldstrom commented on the status of the closed route 356.

Jerry Frederick commented on Garvers Ferry needing lines painted, cracked concrete, the police department, AKIGC and community days.

Rose Haberchak gave an accolade to the PD for assisting her with a vehicle rescue.

Patrick Leyland commented on the EMS and PD assisting with a football incident.

Supervisor's Comments

Supervisor Morabito stated he will provide the Manager with the Community Day records to be presented at the next meeting.

Supervisor Steele commented on the benefits of the regional trail system and wished Mr. Pollick well.

Supervisor Korns requested that vehicles be added to the next Agenda meeting, addressed the bridge under 356 flooding issue and stated his continued involvement in this issue.

Adjournment

Seeing no further business or comments, a motion to adjourn was made at 9:18 pm by Supervisor Steele; second by Supervisor Morabito; motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jason Dailey
Interim Township Manager

Michael Korns
Chairman, Board of Supervisors