

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

**Minutes October 9, 2023**

Michael Korn, Chair

Ren Steele, Vice Chair

James Morabito, Supervisor

**Meeting No. 10 of 2023**

Jason Dailey, Interim Township Manager

Roger Schwarz

Duane Fisher, Police Department

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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**

A Special Presentation was made by Supervisor Morabito for the exemplary service of the Lower Kiski EMS and the Allegheny Township Police Department officers involved in the treating and transporting of an injured football player at a recent game.

A special Proclamation was read by Supervisor Korn commending the life and legacy to public service and public safety of the late Fire Chief Melvin “Jim” Rearick.

**Minutes of Meeting September 18, 2023**

Motion by Supervisor Morabito to Approve the minutes of the Board of Supervisors Meeting for September 18, 2023; seconded by Supervisor Steele; motion carries.

**Police Department/Public Safety**

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

There was some discussion initiated by Supervisor Morabito about the cost to benefit of the Township purchasing the extended warranty for the new vehicles. There was general consensus of the Board that if the vehicles were to be turned over prior to the extended warranty kicking in, that the warranty would not be needed.

**Fire Department Report**

Fire Department Reports were read by Interim Manager Dailey and are on file.

**Lower Kiski EMS**

Lower Kiski EMS report for September 2023 given by Director Alou and on file. Director Alou discussed the efforts of the EMS fundraising drive and efforts to have neighboring communities consider a half mill tax for the service.

**Public Works Department**

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

### **Zoning Report**

An update on the status of the contract Zoning and Code Enforcement efforts was provided by the Interim Manager. It was noted that there is a need for a coordinator of the code enf work, zoning, planning and permitting processes as this effort is consuming for the role of the Manager and Admin staff.

### **Correspondence**

The Board was provided with the Kiski Valley Pollution Control Authority Annual Report and Budget.

### **Public Relations and Announcements**

The Fall Cleanup Event was confirmed for 10/20 & 21

Supervisor Kornis provided an update on the Light the Season event to be held on 11/17/23

Supervisor Morabito presented an update on the finances for the Community Days event.

### **Public Comment for Agenda Items Only**

Mr. Gatty discussed his displeasure with comments made at the Agenda meeting relative to his appointment consideration to the Planning Commission along with the continued flooding issue at the bridge near the Dairy Queen.

Mr. Leland discussed the Police Contract agenda item relative to rising costs across the state for police services.

### **Department Reports**

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

### **Treasurer's Report**

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

### **Action Items**

Motion by Supervisor Steele to Appoint Ed Newell to the Planning Commission; second by Supervisor Morabito; motion carries.

There was general discussion among the Supervisors of their appreciation for the interest of both candidates.

Motion by Supervisor Morabito to appoint Anthony Mangee Jr to the position of full time officer; second by Supervisor Steele; motion carries.

Motion by Supervisor Steele to appoint Sgt Dan Uncapher to the position of Officer In Charge effective October 23, 2023; second by Supervisor Morabito; motion carries.

Motion by Supervisor Morabito to approve the agreed terms for the Police Contract including five year agreement, annual increases of 4% the first two years, 3.5% the second two years and 3% the last year, increased healthcare contributions by \$8 per month each year of the contract, adding Social Security offset language, increasing the boot allowance by \$50, deleting references to the Janus case decision, amending language for how arbitrators are selected and stipulating vaccine language to follow state and or federal mandates; second by Supervisor Steele; motion carries.

### **Citizens Comments**

Cindy Agnor inquired into the reason for a nonprofit being needed for the Community Days event.

Louis Bertha commented on the finances of the Township including grants received.

John Framel provided positive attributes of the Township over the years.

Patrick Leyland commented on a recent Trib article that referenced the decline of Westmoreland County.

### **Supervisor's Comments**

Supervisor Korn commented on the decline of the County per the Trib article, pointing out that Allegheny Township experienced positive growth in the 2020 census, supported the public comment that a nonprofit is not necessary to run a community event and provided examples, commented on the fact that during public comment at the previous meeting, it was incorrectly stated that a wine ordinance was created for the Township that permitted anyone in an R-2 Agricultural District to have a winery, but rather a conditional use was granted for the Wooden Door Winery to operate a winery. Supervisor Korn also pointed out that during that same meeting the Board approved a fee schedule that included fees for a conditional use permit that are required to be paid by applicants for the conditional use.

### **Adjournment**

Seeing no further business or comments, a motion to adjourn was made at 8:48 pm by Supervisor Steele; second by Supervisor Morabito; motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Jason Dailey  
Interim Township Manager

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Michael Korn  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors