

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

Minutes February 13, 2024

Jamie Morabito, Chairman

Jeff Pollick, Vice Chairman

Mike Korns, Supervisor

Meeting No. 2 of 2024

Jason Dailey, Interim Township Manager

Roger Schwarz

Dan Uncapher, Police Department

Craig Alexander, Solicitor

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Morabito at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call. It was announced that Executive Sessions for personnel matters were held on 1/18/24 and 1/25/24.

Minutes of Meeting January 8, 2024

Motion by Supervisor Korns to amend the January minutes to reflect a change to the tabling language of the video recorder language; seconded by Supervisor Pollick; motion carries.

Motion by Supervisor Pollick, seconded by Supervisor Korns to approve the January 8, 2024 minutes as amended. Motion carried.

Police Department/Public Safety

Police Report for January 2024 given by Chief Uncapher and is on file.

Fire Department Report

Fire Department Reports were read by Matt Johnston and are on file. The fish fry each Friday 4-7 pm through Lent was also announced.

Public Works Department

Public Works Report for January 2024 given by Roger Schwarz and is on file.

Zoning Report

The Zoning & Codes compliance report was included but not read and is on file.

Correspondence

The Board was provided with the minutes and a Resolution of the MAAT, a newsletter from PennDOT Dist 12, a letter regarding the White Cloud Rd bridge detour and a letter from Consolidated Communications announcing their discontinuation of television service as of March 2024.

Public Relations and Announcements

Abby Majors will be hosting a shredding event 5/17/24 9-11 am at the Township Building. Community Days will be held 7/14/24 at Northmoreland Park 11-6 pm. Farmers Market will be held 5/19/24 9-12:30 pm. Light the Season committee will meet 3/6/24 at 10:30 am.

Public Comment for Agenda Items Only

1. Liane Newell announced her position as Elected Auditor, class attended and law that confirms Elected Auditors have no standing auditing once the Board appoints a CPA to perform the annual audit.

Department Reports

Motion made by Supervisor Pollick to approve the Department Reports for the month of January 2024; second by Supervisor Korns; motion carries.

Treasurer's Report

Motion made by Supervisor Korns to approve the Financial Reports for the month of January 2024; second by Supervisor Pollick; motion carries.

Action Items

Motion by Supervisor Pollick to appoint DeBlasio and DeBlasio as the Township's CPA to perform the 2023 Audit; second by Supervisor Korns; motion carries.

Motion by Supervisor Pollick to approve Resolution R-5-24 for the Local Government Academy Financial Health Assessment; second by Supervisor Korns; motion carries.

Motion by Supervisor Korns to approve Resolution R-6-24 for the Township to serve as the DCNR grant applicant for application 2010633 for design service for Bridging the Gap Flyover project of the Tredway Trail with no match being required; second by Supervisor Pollick; motion carried.

Motion by Supervisor Pollick to approve Resolution R-7-24 recognizing the Farmers Market as a Township event, occurring monthly May-October, possibly utilizing Township resources such as insurance coverage, fund management and signage; second by Supervisor Korns; motion carries.

Motion by Supervisor Pollick to approve Resolution R-8-24 for the Volunteer Fireman Tax Credit Eligibility; second by Supervisor Korns; motion carries.

Motion by Supervisor Pollick to approve Resolution R-9-24 repealing Resolution R-27-22 removing the Township Manager as the PIO for the Township; second by Supervisor Morabito; motion carries 2-1 with Supervisor Korns dissenting.

Motion by Supervisor Korns to revise the purchase amount previously approved at \$57,690 for the 2024 Police cruiser to \$58,698.67, second by Supervisor Pollick; motion carries.

Motion by Supervisor Korns to authorize the advertisement for bids for emulsions, aggregates and diesel fuel, second by Supervisor Pollick; motion carries.

Citizens Comments

1. Dennis Kovalchik discussed approved requirements for Camping World and the need for landscaping to be made to stay current as approved.
2. Rose Haberchak discussed quilting room cameras and building security.
3. Lou Bertha discussed the SRO financing and historic audits.
4. Charles Schochte discussed his experience with the permitting process.
5. Kathy Starr discussed the Solicitor proposal process.

Supervisor's Comments

Supervisor Korns discussed the two firms proposals received for Solicitor but that no interviews conducted. He stated that he met with management from Camping World today and has resolution to the landscaping issues. He stated he verified \$330,000 in grants received for the SRO program and still needs to locate an additional \$90,000 in grants that are believed to have been received.

Supervisor Pollick thanked the work of Dailey Operation Consulting staff through this transition, discussed his similar experience with the permitting process that were mentioned, agreed that the financial issues being mentioned raise concern and need transparency, and announced that he is interested in starting a small business group to help promote the current businesses and attract others.

Supervisor Morabito thanked the work of Dailey Operation Consulting staff in organizing the office, working through various audits and streamlining processes. He discussed his desire to see where and when SRO grants were received and deposited. He mentioned that a letter of interest from Upper Burrell Township was received to solicit interest in regionalization of services. He lastly mentioned correspondence received concerning the Redmond property requesting follow up from Supervisor Korns, which Supervisor Korns discussed his recent email to the resident.

Adjournment

Seeing no further business or comments, a motion to adjourn was made at 8:26 pm by Supervisor Korns; second by Supervisor Pollick; motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jason Dailey
Interim Township Manager

Jamie Morabito
Chairman, Board of Supervisors