

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF STOWE, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA,
HELD ON TUESDAY, May 12, 2020, via Zoom due to COVID-19

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Stowe was held on Tuesday, May 12, 2020, via Zoom conference call.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President Parrilla.

ROLL CALL: Present were Commissioners Derzic, Parrilla, Cropper-Hall, Chestnutt, Glowacki, McDermott and Rugh. Also, present were Solicitor Bradley Matta, Police Chief Matthew Preininger, Ordinance Officer Harry Seretti, Engineer Veronica Bennett and Secretary Nicholas Martini.

COMMENTS OF CITIZENS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance/Pension: Commissioner Cropper-Hall reported that tax revenues are coming in at a decent amount amid the COVID-19 pandemic and we aren't that far off from last year's numbers.

Public Works/Parks: Commissioner McDermott reported that summer help will be coming on as soon as normal operations resume and that Public works is working in the parks getting them cleaned and looking good, public works was also asked to look into the price for a vector.

Police: Chief Preininger discussed the monthly police report. Chief Preininger is asking the county police to do more saturation details as needed. The Panhandling ordinance was discussed by President Parrilla, Vice President Chestnutt, and Solicitor Matta previously and all parties on the same page regarding the proposed ordinance.

Fire/Safety: Commissioner Chestnutt mentioned the report is in everyone's packets and that Chief Gallagher will be asked to make sure GPS devices are installed in all VFD vehicles.

Ordinance/Zoning: Ordinance Officer Harry Seretti's report with 55 complaints investigated and 50 are completed. Citations are pending since there is no court at the moment, they will be filed as soon as court reopens, calls are continuing to come in and being looked at as received.

Property/buildings/light/water/health/sanitation/stormwater: No report

BDAC: Some business owners are not happy with that decision, but Commissioners felt it was time to move on from their services, they will be done effective May 31, 2020.

COG: No report

ENGINEERS REPORT: A GEDTF grant was applied for through Allegheny County in the amount of \$490,336 and was due on April 15, 2020 and was submitted awaiting award status from Allegheny County.

Also discussing was a comprehensive plan to pave around \$200,000 worth of Township streets, alleys, and a municipal lot on Race Street. All of this is preliminary and will be discussing at future meetings and among Commissioners. Tunnel Way project beginning, the CSX on site doing work all they will require is a grading permit to handle the track work they are doing as well as the stormwater management.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Solicitor Matta mentioned the 2 ordinances to be voted on tonight the new street opening permit, work specifications and fees, as the panhandling ordinance trying to crack down on panhandling as much as possible, as well as the conference call with PennDOT regarding the Stop sign at 13th and Broadway, he felt it was in now way a liability issue for them. Also, Solicitor

Matta noted that voting to condemn 813&815 10th Street will allow for the township to begin this process.

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL: Motion by Chestnutt, seconded by Rugh, to approve Items No. 1 to 7, listed below, items 1-7 were approved by a 7-0 vote with all Commissioners voting yes.

1. **Motion to approve April 14, 2020 meeting minutes.**
2. **Motion to approve Ordinance #1014 amending the street opening ordinance to modernize and upgrade the specifications, application process, maintenance work requirements, and penalties and violations**
3. **Motion to approve Ordinance #1015 prohibiting panhandling within Stowe Township**
4. **Motion to condemn and demolish the dilapidated garage on 10th Street.**
5. **Motion to condemn 813 and 815 10th Street**
6. **Motion to hire Joe Carlini for a summer public works position start date to be determined.**
7. **Motion to demolish on an emergency need 817 and 819 10th Street**

<u>SOURCE</u>		<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
\$13,504.08	Jordan Tax Service	Earned Income Tax
\$435,811.44	Jordan Tax Service	Real Estate Tax Collection
\$1,573.90	Jordan Tax Service	Business Privilege Tax Collection
\$3,022.99	Allegheny County	Real Estate Transfer Tax Collection
\$2,240.58	Allegheny County/PA	DUI Fines
\$2,014.66	District Magistrate	Fines
\$1,250.39	Banking	Interest Earnings
\$24,486.98	Comm. PA	Sales Tax distribution (RAD)
\$14,553.21	Creditech	Delinquent Sewage
\$11,111.02	Keystone Collections	Delinquent Real Estate Tax Collection
\$15,080.76	Comcast	Cable Television Franchise Tax

Motion by Chestnutt, seconded by McDermott to accept receipts, was approved, by an 7-0 vote.

LIST OF BILLS: Motion by McDermott, seconded by Rugh, approve payment of April 2020 Bill List totaling \$122,723.72 from the General Fund, was approved, by an 7-0 vote.

Motion by Rugh, seconded by Chestnutt to approve payment of April 2020 Bill List Totaling \$1,729.98 from the Sewage Fund, was approved by a 7-0 vote.

President's Comment: Voting location will be at Township Municipal Building on June 2, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Cropper-Hall seconded by McDermott, at 7:53 p.m. was approved.


Township Secretary


President, Board of Commissioners