## 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, October 12, 2021, IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 555 BROADWAY AVENUE, MC KEES ROCKS, PA 15136.

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Stowe was held on Tuesday, October 12, 2021, in the Municipal Building, 555 Broadway Avenue, Mc Kees Rocks, PA 15136.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice-President Chestnutt, who led in the Pledge of Allegiance, then a Moment of Silence in honor of all Veterans and First Responders.

ROLL CALL: Present were Commissioners Chestnutt, Derzic, Cropper-Hall, Rugh, Glowacki and McDermott. Commissioner Parrilla was absent, as was Township Engineer Veronica Mowry. Also, present were Solicitor Bradley Matta, Township Secretary Nicholas Martini.

<u>COMMENTS OF CITIZENS</u>: Pam Carmona spoke about being beaten by her neighbor in August over her handicapped parking spot, and police didn't file charges against this individual. Vice-President Chestnutt will speak with the Police Chief regarding this incident.

Melissa Stein-Spoke about the Woodward Ave speed bump and how it is not located in an appropriate spot to deter speeding, and is a waste of money. Also, a Street light is out on Dunn Street and needs replaced. Resident was asked to provide a pole number and Duquesne light will then be notified to change the light.

Stush Papst- Asked the balance of the Rainy-Day Fund, which was answered at around \$700,000.00, and asked about the bidding for the 66 McKinnie Ave demolition, this was bid out and the contractor that did the demolition was the lowest, most reasonable bidder.

Ron Gallagher-Spoke about Glenn Way parking as well as on Fleming Ave, also questioning the occupancy and tenant registration inspections as well as the permitting process and enforcement. Mr. Gallagher also questioned conditions of some Pittock neighborhood properties including that they have trash and debris accumulation all around them. Mr. Gallagher ended by reading a statement about when is person enters a political life as an elected official their life becomes public matter.

Amy Urbano- Asked the time of Halloween, which was answered as October 31st 6-8pm, and commented that she was very impressed with the contractor who did the 47 Glenn Way demolition they did an excellent job. Amy then stated that citizen comments used to be only on Monday nights, but if you are going to restrict comments on Tuesday evening then appropriate notice must be given. Amy also stated that Monday October 11th meeting was the best run meeting in a while, and all stems back to the leader.

## **ENGINEERS REPORT: None**

<u>ITEMS FOR APPROVAL</u>: Motion by Rugh, seconded by Derzic, to approve Items No. 1 to 13 listed below, were approved by a 6-0 vote with all Commissioners voting Yes.

1. Motion to approve September 14, 2021 meeting minutes.

- 2. Motion to approve resolution #8/2021 approving purchase of Woodward Ave Vacant Lot Block & Lot #72-D-107 by Taylor Ollason through Allegheny County vacant and side lot program
- 3. Motion to approve 2020 Audit completed by Mark C. Turnley, CPA
- 4. Motion to transfer \$300,000.00 from EIT account to General Fund.
- 5. Motion to approve payment of \$23,059.89 to the Stowe Township Volunteer Fire department for 2021 Fire Relief account payment.
- 6. Motion to approve payment of \$34,079 to Charles Schwab for the Non-Uniform employee's pension fund as required by 2021 MMO
- 7. Motion to approve payment of \$211,968.00 to Charles Schwab for the Uniform employees' pension fund as required by 2021 MMO
- 8. Motion to approve resolution #9/2021 approving application to the Redevelopment authority of Allegheny County for \$453,109.00 for Stowe Township paving project.
- 9. Motion to approve resolution #10/2021 allowing the Char-West COG to apply for \$120,000.00 for Race Street Demolition and resolution #11/2021 for the CDBG grant application for \$75,400.00 for Catch basin repair.
- 10. Motion to hire Roy Scott as a crossing guarding pending background review
- 11. Motion of conditional offer of employment to Justin Ball and Alex Carmody, upon a review, pursuant to Act 57 of 2020, MPOETC TACS. After appointees pass the separation record review, the appointees will then undergo a physical/drug and psychological medical examination in compliance with the MPOETC regulations. After passing all requirements, the newly hired police officers shall serve a twelve (12) month probationary period which will begin on the first day the officer reports for work.
- 12. Motion to sell 2007 Chevrolet Plow truck to Wayne Pintar highest bidder at \$2,500
- 13. Motion to advertise for telecommunication pole ordinance.

## RECEIPTS:

SOURCE	DESCRIPTION	
\$29,621.77	Jordan Tax Service	Earned Income Tax
\$20,732.76	Jordan Tax Service	Real Estate Tax Collection
\$15,840.72	Allegheny County	Real Estate Transfer Tax Collection
\$1,075.08	Allegheny County/PA	DUI Fines
\$2,643.64	District Magistrate	Fines
\$269.65	Banking	Interest Earnings
\$30,086.07	Comm. PA	Sales Tax distribution (RAD)
\$7,460.57	Creditech	Delinquent Sewage
\$13,955.54	Keystone Collections	Delinquent Real Estate Tax Collection
\$89,379.79	Federal Government	Asset Forfeiture Proceeds

\$124,729.34 Commonwealth of PA Pension Aid Payment

\$23,059.89 Commonwealth of PA Foreign Fire Aid Payment

Motion by Cropper-Hall, seconded by Glowacki to accept receipts, was approved, by an 6-0 vote.

<u>LIST OF BILLS</u>: Motion by Rugh, seconded by Derzic approve payment of September 202 1 Bill List totaling \$136,347.01 from the General Fund, was approved, by an 6-0 vote.

Motion by Cropper-Hall, seconded by Glowacki, to approve payment of the Sewage Fund September 2021 Bill List totaling \$2,114.44 was approved by an 6-0 vote.

<u>President's Comment:</u> Vice-President Chestnutt stated that this board has now hired an additional 2 full-time police officers, brought on a new engineer several years ago that has worked to get the township more grants that the prior engineer, building inspectors have been a challenge, but a new company is starting this month and will aim to get caught up on the backlog and issues, public works has been able to do more projects in house with the hiring of more skilled workers, "look at some of the positives, and not all of the negatives."

## ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rugh seconded by Derzic, at 7:51 p.m. was approved.

**Township Secretary** 

President, Board of Commissioners