

**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, AUGUST 9, 2022, 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, August 9, 2022, in the Municipal Building, 555 Broadway Avenue, McKees Rocks, PA 15136.

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by President Robin Parrilla, 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 Parrilla, McDermott, Rugh, and Cropper-Hall. Commissioner Chestnutt was absent. Also, present were Solicitor Matta, Township Engineer Jeff Marcink, Ordinance Officer, Edward Snyder, and Township Secretary Roberta Farls.

COMMENTS OF CITIZENS: Carolyn Doubt from AHN asked to have the AHN Network's HIV/HEP mobile unit to do monthly testing on residents using the Stowe Twp Municipal Building parking lot. This would be the 1st Thursday of every month from 1pm – 4pm. They will have a 25' truck and a 10x10 tent set up. They feel that they will get more foot traffic in order to get more residents tested. Commissioners were in agreement with having AHN do this public service.

Doug Black – 849 Hober stated he had two (2) issues he wanted to address. 1) as a business owner with a remote company, he was looking for office space and was inquiring about the empty store fronts. He was advised to contact Keller Realty. 2) there is an abandoned house next to him (848 Hober) that he has been taking care of. He asked if it would be an issue if he left the bags of on that property for Waste Management to pick up. President Parrilla stated that the garbage company should pick up that garbage at that address without an issue.

Dominic Harris – 722 Broadway – has a multimedia company and has a program to connect with youths in the community on mental health issues. He would like to do an outdoor event on Friday, August 26th from 2:30-3:30pm. He was advised to contact the secretary's office with more details about the event.

Leon Truskowski – made comments concerning his son's assault approximately 2 years ago, a gun being pulled out and his property located at 212 McCoy. Solicitor Matta advised him that he will look into these matters.

Robert Kalkbern – 726 Broadway – cleans up the streets on Broadway approximately 1 – 1 ½ hours daily in the alley and main street. He was praised by Commissioners McDermott and Rugh as to his efforts to keep our Township clean. He also stated that he feels the police department is doing a good job.

Jeff Paul – 72 Palace – stated that he felt that the Sunshine Law was violated when the commissioners called an executive session after the moment of silence. Solicitor Matta stated that he called the session due to a release of a bond. He also stated that he would make sure that this does not happen again.

REPORTS

ENGINEERS REPORT: Township Engineer Jeff Marcink spoke about: Recommended moving forward with the main wall design; Erie Street Paving project and Hillcrest. There are 2 alleys that need paving around Musmanno’s Historical site. When asked if the paving can be completed this year, he stated that there should not be an issue with that. Also discussed an emergency takedown of 1446 Fleming.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Matthew Chapman presented stating that there is approximately \$4,400 in the money market account which will be used for future vehicles. (Full report emailed to commissioners) Payments are made to the fire department out of the rentals. \$5 per rental.

Fire Department is selling a weekly gun ticket (5 day) \$10 for 2 numbers.

Last week in a joint operating with Crafton & McKees Rocks program and are reaching out to other municipalities. Trying to change Allegheny County to operate safer and promote a better program to fire fighters in the county.

ORDINANCE: Edward Snyder stated that in July he sent 37 letters concerning trash; 26 for grass/weeds; 2 property management. 813 9th Street for roof shingles; Valley Street resident for a pool with algae. 16 citations (10 – trash/grass; 6 – solid waste).

Request to purchase a bullet proof vest since is going house to house. All commissioners approved this purchase.

It was mentioned that several residents are using garbage cans with no lids or no cans at all. Valley Waste was going to be contacted to enforce placing the lids back on the cans after they are emptied.

Ordinance to begin finding business owners and/or landlords who do not have garbage cans and will begin citing them.

Ed was asked to begin reporting the number of phone calls he makes and put that in his monthly report beginning in September.

It was suggested that the most abused ordinances be placed in with the rental applications to make the applicants aware up front. Applications November, 2022 will be due November, 2023.

Going to look to hire a “trash person” and will advertise.

The internet needs to be upgraded in order for them to be able to do their reporting. Their provider is Comcast through Full-Service Internet. Commissioners agreed to get updated equipment.

There was a concern for 130, 132 and 134 Orchard and 1446 Fleming with animals and possible fire hazards. Dan, Public Works Director will look into these matters.

PUBLIC WORKS: Commissioner Rugh presented their report, which was sent to the commissioners.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Chief Preininger out of town, however emailed his report to the commissioners.

New computer servers, which were discussed at a previous meeting, were approved to be ordered.

COG: in Recess until September

PLANNING: met last week, plans were approved.

Civil Service to test in September. Deadline is Friday August 12th at 4pm to turn in applications. Currently there were 4 applicants.

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL:

- A. **APPROVED** resignation of Dwight Boddorf
 - B. **APPROVED Resolution 06-2022** to appoint Roberta Farls as the Township Secretary at \$65,000 per year
 - C. **APPROVED** to appoint Roberta Farls as the Right to Know Officer
 - D. **APPROVED** to renew UPMC health insurance policy for the Police Department
 - E. **APPROVED** to switch energy supplier from Hudson energy to Duquesne Light
 - F. **APPROVED** to ratify transfer of \$400,000 from EIT account to General Fund for general township operations and expenses
 - G. **APPROVED** to purchase Ordinance Officer, Ed Snyder, a bullet proof vest
1. A through G Items under new business for approval – motion made by Commissioner Cropper-Hall; 2nd by Commissioner McDermott; all approved.
 2. List of bills (A thru C) motion to accept was made by Commissioner McDermott; 2nd by Commissioner Rugh; all approved

II. **RECEIPTS**

	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
\$33,877.70	Jordan Tax Service	Earned Income Tax
\$64,865.13	Jordan Tax Service	Real Estate Tax Collection
\$ 7,340.80	Allegheny County	Real Estate Transfer Tax Collection
\$436.62	Allegheny County/PA	DUI Fines
\$1,750.88	District Magistrate	Fines
\$ 33,364.93	Comm. PA	Sales Tax distribution (RAD)
\$151,255.90	PA Municipal Services	Sewage
\$1,210.61	Keystone Collections	Delinquent Real Estate Tax Collection
\$0	Law Enforcement	Police Detail Reimbursement

Receipts approval: Motion made by McDermott, seconded by Rugh, with all present Commissioners voting yes.

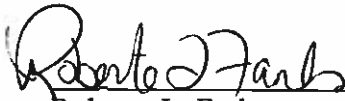
III. **LISTS OF BILLS**

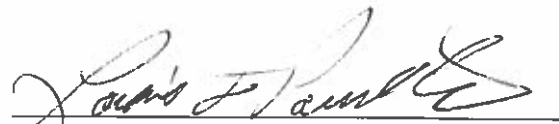
- A. Motion to approve payment of July 2022 bills List totaling \$171,729.19 including \$78,000 for the Cole's Row landslide and \$15,000 Police Department AC repair from the General Fund.
- B. Motion to approve PA Municipal Services \$100 from the Sewage fund for sewage billing services
- C. Motion to approve payment of \$2,700 to Feaster Pension Consulting for uniform and non-uniform pension services from the pension funds.

Motion made by list of bill items A through C made by Commissioner Rugh, seconded by Commissioner McDermott, with all present Commissioners voting yes.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Cropper-Hall, seconded by McDermott at 7:51 p.m. was approved.


Roberta L. Farls
Township Secretary


Louis F. Parrilla, Jr
President, Board of Commissioners