

**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, SEPTEMBER 13, 2022, IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING,  
555 BROADWAY AVENUE, MC KEES ROCKS, PA 15136**

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The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Stowe was held on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, in the Municipal Building, 555 Broadway Avenue, McKees Rocks, PA 15136.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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 Chestnutt. Commissioner Cropper-Hall was absent. Also, present were Solicitor Matta {via phone}, Township Engineer Jeff Marcink, Ordinance Officer, Edward Snyder, and Township Secretary Roberta Farls.

**COMMENTS OF CITIZENS:**

Don Tollan – concerned about 5 Olivia Stret. Asked pre-COVID to do a sheriff’s sale. Has put the official deed in his name and paid taxes, also had some waived. Now asking the Township for the same thing. Asking for a deduction. Spoke to John Daily, Solicitor for Allegheny County trying to stop a collapse onto his property on Gillen Way. He has also paid the Township taxes for this year to Jordan Tax.

Stanley “Stush” Papst – Is there a protocol as to whether the Chief and public works, also the engineers, where direction comes from? Also are the public comments going to be put back into the minutes. He was assured that they are.

Amy Urbanan – concerned about parking on Glenn Way.

Robert Kalkbrenna – Police and public works are doing a good job

Taylor Ollasoon – interesting in purchasing the empty lot next to her. Also, if there is a block program through the county. She would like to maintain but she had been told not to clean it. Overgrown and trash in the back of the property. 519 or 521 Woodward – mattresses, garbage, etc. Commissioner Rugh will look into the matter.

**REPORTS**

**ENGINEERS REPORT:** Report was emailed. 70 Graham Street, Greg Zost is also in attendance, if needed. They are able to maintain a grass strip for a possible rain garden or something to assist with drainage control.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Report was emailed. Engine 275 had a battery issue and has been fixed. Saturday Oct 1<sup>st</sup> at Butler County Community College in conjunction with McKees Rocks and Crafton VFDs. They are inviting the commissioners to come and see what they do.

It was also brought up that the 900 block of Russellwood is really tight on both sides of the street especially for the VFDE to get through. Looking for alternatives, (e.g., parking on only 1 side of the street, have residents' part more onto the sidewalk to free up space)

**ORDINANCE:** Report was emailed. A lot of groundhogs, raccoons and possums. Garbage cans with lids have been thrown by Valley Waste causing these animals to get into them. Ed will contact Joe McWilliams at Valley Waste about keeping the lids with the cans.

The bullet proof vest was approved and ordered at the last meeting.

Property at 61-64 Glenn Way has a lot of cars. Unsure if the residents need round the clock care. Also, will check to see if they have an occupancy permit.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Commissioner Rugh presented their report, which was sent to the commissioners. Allegheny Cleanways and public works assisted, also with the assistance of the police department filled 1/3 of a dumpster with trash. The dumpster was being kept until Monday. This is an all-voluntary group working on trying to clean up the area. They have been focusing on the hillside in Norwood by the 2 sets of steps and the small alley around 127 Frazier.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:** Chief Preininger emailed his report to the commissioners.

**COG:** in Recess until September

**PLANNING:**

**ITEMS FOR APPROVAL:**

- A. **APPROVED** two (2) Applications for Handicapped Parking Permit (Krisanne Jones 715 Woodward and John Adams 1125 9<sup>th</sup> Street)
- B. **APPROVED** to implement the Clover Flex from PNC to accept debit/charge payments
- C. **APPROVED** to Resolution 07/2022 (for 121 Ohio Street renovation)
- D. **APPROVED** to the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program
- E. **APPROVED** to install new audio/visual equipment by Hollowood Music in the Caucus room
- F. **APPROVED** 70 Graham Street

A through F Items under new business for approval – motion made by Commissioner McDermott; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Chestnutt; all approved.

**RECEIPTS**

	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
\$25,801.69	Jordan Tax Service	Real Estate Tax Collection
\$ 6,768.60	Allegheny County	Real Estate Transfer Tax Collection

\$ 357.35	Allegheny County/PA	DUI Fines
\$ 1,827.68	District Magistrate	Fines
\$34,777.31	Comm. PA	Sales Tax distribution (RAD)
\$12,721.97	PA Municipal Services	Sewage
\$43,055.70	Keystone Collections	Delinquent Real Estate Tax Collection

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

**I. LISTS OF BILLS**

- A. Motion to approve payment of Aug 2022 bills List totaling \$61,378.11
- B. Request to approve transfer of \$321,352.95 of COVID relief funds from state into PNC COVID Relief Account

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


**NEW BUSINESS:** While asphaltting the trucks are driving onto the 800 block of Valley Street showing asphalt marks on the road. They are wearing off but look bad. Public Works and Secretary to look into what can be done to remove them.


Ohio Street has burned houses wondering if an emergency motion could be made and if there is money in the 30 Ohio Street escrow to budget for the demos. 32 Ohio Street (owner Michael Harsh)) trying to sue 30 Ohio so he can fix up his property. Commissioners believe that 28 Ohio is the same owner as 30 Ohio and that an inspection is needed. Ordinance will look into this and send letter, if appropriate.

Commissioner Parrilla spoke about Fentanyl and other drugs within the area that are now being targeted towards our children. That it is everyone's job to make sure our children and community is safe. There are handouts on the podium with additional information as well as in the hallway by the front entrance doors.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Rugh, seconded by Commissioner Chestnutt at 7:43 p.m. was approved.

  
 Roberta L. Farls  
 Township Secretary

  
 Louis F. Parrilla, Jr  
 President, Board of Commissioners