

**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 11, 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, October 11, 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, Chestnutt. And Cropper-Hall. Also, present were Solicitor Matta, Township Engineer Jeff Marcink, Ordinance Officer, Edward Snyder, and Township Secretary Roberta Farls.

**COMMENTS OF CITIZENS:**

Melissa Rippole Milkovich – the speeding in Pittock is getting worse. Chief Preininger stated that he has put cars down there to monitor. It is every street and town, not just in Stowe. Police dept will continue to monitor and sit down around Erie Street as well as Pittsburgh Mailing.

Amy Urbana (and Melissa Rippole Milkovich) - Also brought up about cars being parked in front of garages. Chief and Ordinance were going to speak to owners about signs not being official and to remove them. Will also be addressing all parking issues in that area. Also questioned about the fire hydrant at the top of Fleming asking if it works and that cars park in front of it. Fire Chief Chapman stated that it did work and that if the department would need that hydrant and a vehicle was parked there, they would put their hose right through the vehicle.

Don Tollan – Returned to this meeting stating that he was relieved of school taxes and has filed the deed on September 23, 2022 for 5 Olivia. He is now asking for tax forgiveness from the Township.

Anita DeFratti – Requesting a speed bump on Shaw Ave. Stated that a half of one was put up and she places construction cones on the parking area part of the road where there is not a bump. She stated that people will get out of their car, move the cones, then be on their way. She is requesting a speed bump the entire length of the road.

Stanley “Stush” Papst – Stated that this is speed bump heaven. He had asked last time what the protocol was and stated that our solicitor, Brad, stated that the engineer makes those decisions. It was stated that there is not protocol and it is not the engineer’s decision on where they go but how far apart, they should be. Comment was also made about the trash around 700 Seventh Street.

Ryan Westwood – Asking about possible changing the contract and trash collection company from Valley Waste to someone else. It was stated by the commissioners that Valley Waste is the only

company who will come into Stowe Township. Waste Management will not come here and the only other company was out of Westmoreland County and they wanted a ton of money.

Jorell Oxendine – concerned about paving of roads being finished. He was advised that we have several projects coming up and hoping to get to all requests.

## **REPORTS**

**ENGINEERS REPORT:** Awarded paving project to 2<sup>nd</sup> bidder - El Grande Industries for \$457,885.55. The grant is for \$125,000. It was asked that KLH Inspector follow-up with this project as well as do spot inspections to make sure everything is going as planned.

**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, stated that public works was called out to cut down a tree at 25 Frazier. The request was that public works manager, Dan give a bill to Township Secretary, Roberta, to invoice the owner.

Bus shelter was requested by the Port Authority to place a shelter at the corner of Broadway and Dale Streets. Checking to see who owns the property and reach out to them concerning the shelter being placed on their property.

Since public works lost one of their employees, Dan has a guy who is willing to work hourly, as needed, during the winter months plowing. He would not need benefits or anything. He also has experience.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:** Chief Preininger emailed his report to the commissioners. Report was presented by Commissioner Chestnutt. Stated that over the summer they have taken guns and drugs off the streets. For 2022 they have already had 4,600 calls and have their hands full these days.

It was also asked about what happened to the past Civil Service test results. Ray Cook, Civil Service Rep. stated that they have a list should someone quits, more officers are needed, etc.

Chief Preininger was advised to begin looking for a new police car. The money would be coming out of the forfeiture account.

**SOLICITOR:** Working on Russellwood litigation. Scheduled to talk on Wednesday, and will update commissioners later in the week.

Motion made to approve all reports: 1<sup>st</sup> by Commissioner Rugh / 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner McDermott. All approved.

**ITEMS FOR APPROVAL:**

- A. **[Approve/deny]** bids for 2007 Chevy Silverado from public works is selling – awarded for \$1,200. to Broadway Motorcars
- B. **[Approve/deny]** bids for 2003 Chevy Tahoe from public works is selling – hold off awarding at this time.
- C. **[Approve/deny]** recommendation of changing Officers Justin Ball and Alex Carmody from probationary to full-time status
- D. **[Approve/deny]** interviewing and hiring candidates for part-time ordinance officer
- E. **[Approve/deny]** in participating in the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency Homeowner Assistance Funds
- F. **[Approve/deny]** applying for the Creative Communities Initiative
- G. **[Approve/deny]** motion to approve agreement to waive back taxes on 5 Olivia pending solicitor's final review
- H. **[Approve/deny]** motion to accept Independent Enterprises bid withdraw request
- I. **[Approve/deny]** motion to award Contract 2021-02REBID to El Grande Industries in their bid amount of \$457,885.55.
- J. **[Approve/deny]** motion to have Port Authority place a bus shelter at the corner of Broadway & Dale Streets
- K. **[Approve/deny]** motion to have solicitor approve to look into condemnation proceedings for 815 Woodward
- L. **[Approve/deny]** motion to move November Commissioner regular meeting to Wed, Nov 9<sup>th</sup> 7pm due to Election Day on Tues, Nov 8<sup>th</sup>.
- M. **Reaffirm** agreement with McKees Rocks for \$12,000 for paving of Rosamond Street
- N. **Affirm** Trick or Treat on Monday October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6pm – 8pm
- O. **Affirm** Volunteer Fire Relief Association allocation of \$28,471.11 to be given to Stowe Twp VFD, which was received Sept 21<sup>st</sup>.
- P. **Affirm** General Municipal Pension System State Aid allocation of \$134,691.74 received on Sept 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Q. **[Approve/deny]** placing ½ page ad (\$100) in Sto-Rox School District Yearbook again this year
- R. **[Approve/deny]** motion to advertise newly submitted "Property Maintenance" ordinance presented
- S. **[Approve/deny]** motion to pay invoice from ORM Contracting Corporation for \$17,800 for demolition of 1446 Fleming

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

**RECEIPTS**

	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
\$ 16,763.26	Jordan Tax Service	Local Services / Earned Income Tax
\$195,224.98	Jordan Tax Service	Real Estate Tax Collection
\$ 7,589.08	Jordan Tax Service	Mercantile Tax
\$ 717.44	Allegheny County/PA	DUI Fines
\$ 2,155.82	District Magistrate	Fines
\$323,324.18	PA Municipal Services	Sewage
\$ 1,700.00	PA Ofc Budget for Vendors	Liquor Control Board
\$ 933.77	Allegheny County	Vehicle, Crimes, Miscellaneous
\$ 22,907.97	Keystone Collections	Real Estate Tax

Receipts approval: Motion made by Commissioner McDermott, seconded by Commissioner Rugh. All approved

**II. LISTS OF BILLS**

A. Motion to approve payment of Sept 2022 bills List totaling \$53,759.37

Motion made by list of bill item A made by Commissioner Rugh, seconded by Commissioner McDermott, All approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Cleanways have been doing such a good job that the commissioners sent them a Thank you letter.

Commissioner Rugh and public works manager, Dan. talked briefly about speed humps rather than bumps and feels the Township should go with the speed humps rather than the bumps since they do not have to be removed in the winter. It is something to think about.

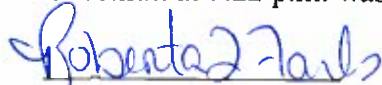
The presentation of the fire relief check was made by President Parrilla to Fire Chief Matt Chapman.

Reminder that trick or treat is scheduled on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6-8pm.

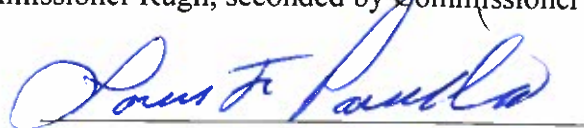
Final reminder that due to Election Day being Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, the November meetings will be Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. Both beginning at 7pm.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Rugh, seconded by Commissioner Chestnutt at 7:22 p.m. was approved.



Roberta L. Farls  
Township Secretary



Louis F. Parrilla, Jr  
President, Board of Commissioners