

**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, November 9, 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, November 9, 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. Also, present were Solicitor Bradley Matta, Township engineer Jeff Marcink Township Secretary Nicholas Martini.

COMMENTS OF CITIZENS:

Amy Urbano asked if any decisions were made regarding citizen comments on both monthly meetings and protocols moving forward. Also discussed were the September 2021 meeting minutes and why some speakers, and or comments were excluded. Lastly, Ms. Urbano commented on the demeanor and tone in the way Secretary Martini spoke to her at a meeting earlier in the year.

Taylor Ollason- Discussed the condition of the vacant lot next to her home on Woodward Ave block and lot #72-D-107 there are rugs, tires, misc. trash in it and the Ordinance officer suggested her attend a meeting to bring this up to the Commissioners. Commissioner Rugh said he will speak with public works to see what can be addressed regarding this vacant lot.

Ron Gallagher- Questioned the process and follow-up regarding complaints and communications as to if these complaints are resolved after a hearing. Mr. Gallagher then asked Commissioner Cropper-Hall is she was ever cited for her property on Robinson Blvd. Commissioner Cropper-Hall stated she personally was never cited as up until recently this property was owned by her father's estate. Mr. Gallagher said he believes Commissioner Cropper-Hall should be cited now for the condition of the property and that the way residents are spoken to by some members of the board is appalling and embarrassing.

Jeffrey Paul- Stated that President Parrilla is delinquent in at least the past 9 years in school and property taxes which is costing the tax payers thousands of dollars. How can President Parrilla drive around and enforce parking violations when he owes taxes? Mr. Paul also stated that is it a benefit of being Board of Commissioners President that taxes don't have to be paid. Mr. Paul stated that he doesn't believe Robin shouldn't be on any boards until taxes are paid in full, and that there was a default judgement against Robin from 2015 believed to be for sewage.

Tyler Kochirka- mentioned that on election day he overheard Robin Parrilla saying to voters that heads will roll come January. Mr. Kochirka urged the remaining 4 Commissioners to no put Parrilla in any position of power that they need to step up and stand up to him

Commissioner McDermott thanked Solicitor Brad Matta and Township Engineer Veronica Mowry for their quick help regarding an issue that is occurring on a township road, making sure the road is safe and weight limit concerns.

ENGINEERS REPORT: Township Engineer Jeff Marcink spoke about: 2021 CDBG award of \$23,000 for ADA improvements will begin this summer, awaiting COG approval to go ahead with this project. 2020

PA DCED for a blight remediation grant to help the township tear down blighted and abandoned properties 6 properties were torn down by Tom Sipes for a price of \$94,500.00. Commissioners approved payment on November 9, 2021. Also 2 blighted properties were put into a COG blight remediation grant through the Char-West COG, this project is underway. 2022 CDBG grant applications include Race Street Housing demolition 1121-1125.5 for \$128,800 and township wide catch basin repair including 13 catch basins for \$82,400

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL: Motion by Cropper-Hall, seconded by Glowacki, to approve Items No. 1 to 10 listed below, were approved by a 6-0 vote with all Commissioners voting Yes.

1. **Motion to approve October 12, 2021 meeting minutes.**
2. **Motion to approve the ALCOSAN Consent Order Resolution pending review by the Solicitor**
3. **Motion to approve pay request no 1 (final) from Tom Sipes Demolition for Contract No 2021-03 in the amount of \$94,500 pending final site inspections.**
4. **Motion to approve 1 year extension with Valley Waste service at a rate of \$24.05 per month including e-waste collection.**
5. **Motion to present 2022 Budget and advertise its availability beginning November 15, 2021.**
6. **Motion to approve donation of \$200 to the VFD post 418 for Veteran's Advocacy Day.**
7. **Motion to approve handicapped parking permit for Susan Bennardo residing at 25 Rudolph Street.**
8. **Motion to approve handicapped parking permit for Anita DeFratti residing at 27 Shaw Avenue, #2.**
9. **Motion to Hire Dwight Boddorf as new Township Secretary with start date to be determined**
10. **Motion to advertise for Rental Occupancy fee increase effective January 1, 2022.**

RECEIPTS:

<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	
\$18,323.66	Jordan Tax Service	Earned Income Tax
\$19,010.77	Jordan Tax Service	Real Estate Tax Collection
\$4,485.94	Allegheny County	Real Estate Transfer Tax Collection
\$2,414.78	Allegheny County/PA	DUI Fines
\$3,417.63	District Magistrate	Fines
\$175.34	Banking	Interest Earnings
\$29,205.29	Comm. PA	Sales Tax distribution (RAD)
\$5,672.38	Creditech	Delinquent Sewage

\$12,191.93	Keystone Collections	Delinquent Real Estate Tax Collection
\$537.24	Jordan Tax Service	Mercantile Tax Collection
\$2,887.96	Jordan Tax Service	Local Services Tax Collection
\$2,302.43	Commonwealth of PA	PURTA Distribution
\$1,414.19	Sto-Rox School District	Quarter 3 Crossing Guard Reimbursement
\$2,500.00	Sale of Township Property	Sale of 2007 Chevrolet Pickup truck

Motion by Derzic, seconded by Rugh to accept receipts, was approved, by an 6-0 vote.

LIST OF BILLS: Motion by Derzic, seconded by Glowacki to approve payment of October 2021 Bill List totaling \$112,476.32 from the General Fund, was approved, by an 6-0 vote.


Motion by Derzic, seconded by Cropper-Hall, to approve payment of the Sewage Fund October 2021 Bill List totaling \$8,443.49 was approved by an 6-0 vote.

President's Comment: Vice-President Chestnutt introduced incoming Township Secretary Dwight Boddorf a former Marine the Commissioners were very impressed with his interview and they look forward to having him at Stowe Township.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Cropper-Hall seconded by Rugh, at 7:34 p.m. was approved.


Township Secretary


President, Board of Commissioners