

**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, 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 Wednesday, November 9, 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 Louis F “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, Chestnutt, and Cropper-Hall. Also, present were Solicitor Matta, Township Engineer Jeff Marcink, Ordinance Officer, Edward Snyder, Police Chief Matthew Preininger, Fire Chief Matthew Chapman, Public Works Director Dan Burkhart, and Township Secretary Roberta Farls. Absent was Commissioner Rugh.

**COMMENTS OF CITIZENS:**

Melissa Hatherly – petitioning for a speed hump to be placed on Benwood Ave., presented with signatures on a petition and that something needs to be done. The speed limit signs were replaced. The speed limit is 15mph. Chief Preininger stated that he is looking in to renting a digital speed sign as an option.

Walter Rogowski – on August 10<sup>th</sup> his car was stolen from the front of his house by someone living at 63-64 Glenn Way who was possibly mentally impaired. He stated that no one was/is watching the people who live at this residence. He and neighbors are scared and wants to know if anything is going to be done. He also cannot get insurance information from the accident his vehicle was in. They have been sited and will be having a meeting with the magistrate as to what they are using the property for in their own words. (E. Snyder, Ordinance, is working on getting a hearing date)

Robert Kalkbrenna – Public Works, Police Department are all doing a great job.

Stanley “Stush” Papst – There is a 10-wheeler, dual axel truck with a sticker 5 on it that is parked up near Commissioner Parrilla’s home that he states is out of ordinance weight. This vehicle will be checked and removed if indeed that is the case.

Amy Urbano – concerning 63-64 Glenn Way, asking what paperwork has been filed. Was advised by our solicitor that the Fair Housing Act cannot discriminate as a single unit family, transient people or not funded by developmental programs. These people are listed as “in home support” President Parrilla stated that once we know all the information concerning this property, the public will also be made aware.

Eric Dalton – speaking on behalf of the owner. He is hoping to gain ownership of this property. He is concerned about what is going on at 1156 Dohrman causing the tree fire. It is his understanding

that there is a significant tax deficiency (county taxes are, at least, 4 years behind); he is also working on finding out about the rest of the taxes. He was given several scenarios he could pursue in obtaining this property, should he be interested.

## **REPORTS**

**ENGINEERS REPORT:** Report presented by Jeff Marcink. Stated that El Grande Industries due to the weather changing is unable to start Penn & Derby Alleys this year and would like to start them in the spring. After discussion, Jeff will be meeting with El Grande about possible patching these alleys until the spring and show them Erie and Glenn Way that also needs to be completed.

Working on getting a possible extension and/or some funds back on the Tunnel Way project. Jeff recommends to finish the design before bedding out. Motion was made by President Parrilla; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Chestnutt; all approved.

SunCap is moving along nicely with their plans. They have met with the Planning Committee and will be re-meeting them again on November 17<sup>th</sup> to approve the final land development.

President Parrilla stated that he will be putting onboard a grant writer next month who worked for Allegheny County and did grant writing with public works. To meet with Jeff and discuss projects. He also stated that the police department and public works all have a new fleet of vehicles and has no problems helping the fire department. The board is proud of what they have done in the last eight (8) years including close to 100 Blight buildings having been taken down.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Report was presented by Chief Matthew Chapman. Stated that he is working with Chief Preininger and President Parrilla on the McKees Rocks bridge construction issues. The lights mid bridge was out due to work being performed, but are back on now. Penn Dot is working on a preventative system to get sirens to work a trigger system. Currently there have been five (5) accidents on the bridge within 1 ½ months. Asking for 1-way lanes and even moving the barriers. They are working with State Reps Kulik and Fontana's office. WPXI, Channel 11, also picked up the story.

**ORDINANCE:** Report was emailed. Presented by E. Snyder. 815 Woodward is currently in rehab with no progress going to happen until resident is out. Sent the initial letter then received the updated letter as to where the resident was.

Joe at Valley Waste has agreed to place our Trash/Garbage Ordinance in the January invoices. He is also going to speak to his employees that when they see a trash can or garbage out of compliance to write down that address so Ordinance can follow-up.

Commissioner McDermott commended Eddie on the job he is doing.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Report presented by D. Burkhart. In addition to the report, it was stated that 212 McCoy is continually getting billed as well.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:** Report was presented by Chief Preininger. Stated that Allegheny County is spearheading a mental health program which is no cost to taxpayers. Asked if there will be

24/7 availability, which is unknown at this time. Chief Preininger is getting a meeting together. Also stated that Hampton Township is currently doing this program. Commissioner Rugh will assist in setting this up.

**SOLICITOR:** Property Maintenance Ordinance of 2022 verbiage was worked on by B. Matta and E. Snyder and is ready for the Commissioners' vote.

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

**BUDGET** - Commissioner Cropper-Hall stated that the budget will be presented and posted. There will be no tax increase again this year. There will be funds for a new police vehicle, demolitions, and another full-time police officer. There will be a phone vote after the budget has been posted for 30 days.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Motion to accept previous month's meeting minutes
- B. About 70% of equipment is in from Hollowood Music. Estimated installation end of Jan/beginning of Feb 2023 (several items on backorder)
- C. Jeanne Unglaub, 25 Frazier Ave, invoiced \$900 for public works cutting down a tree on Sunday, Sept 4th. To date, no payment received
- D. 72 Palace – Jeff Paul, was presented with a check for \$2,500 for the tie-in as per the engineer's recommendation. Paying sewage fees for going into the ground, collapsed pip, fill-in with gravel and the owners are responsible for the main line. After discussions between B. Matta, President Parrilla and Mr. Paul with Mr. Paul stating that there is still damage to the main sewer line and water/sewage comes up from the ground at the bottom of Palace. After all discussions, Mr. Paul refused the check and stated that he will see the Township in court.

### **ITEMS FOR APPROVAL:**

- A. **Approved** SunCap Property development of MRIE final approval for development of sub-division
- B. **Approved** SunCap Property development of MRIE preliminary approval for the land development
- C. **Approved** Request for speed bump/hump on Benwood Ave
- D. **Approved** proposed "Property Maintenance Ordinance of 2022"
- E. **Approved** to award CDBG Year 48 Catch Basin Replacements to El Grande Industries in the amount of \$32,980.00
- F. **Approved** Act 57 of 2022: Levy on Real Estate Tax Resolution effective January 1, 2023
- G. **Approved** 2 new Handicapped Parking permits (633 Woodward; 1008 Hober)
- H. **Approved** Slums and Blight Resolution for the Race Street Demolition project being submitted for CDBG 49 funding
- I. **Approved** having Valley Waste to place a copy of the Trash Ordinance in the January invoice to Stowe Township residents
- J. **Approved** reimbursement amount of \$2,500 for 72 Palace Ave for tap repair reimbursement

A through J Items under new business and A through C under unfinished business for approval or affirmation – motion made by Commissioner McDermott; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Chestnut; all approved.

**RECEIPTS**

	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
\$ 16,594.14	Jordan Tax Service	Real Estate Tax Collection
\$ 449.52	Allegheny County	DUI Fines
\$ 933.77	District Magistrate	Fines
\$171,751.70	PA Municipal Services	Sewage
\$ 1,095.00	DMC Collections, LLC	Delinquent Sewage
\$ 16,726.94	Keystone Collections	Real Estate Tax Collection

Motion to approve above receipt of funds. Commissioner McDermott; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Chestnut. All Approved.

**II. LISTS OF BILLS**

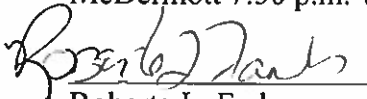
A. Motion to approve payment of Oct 2022 bills List totaling \$97,576.96

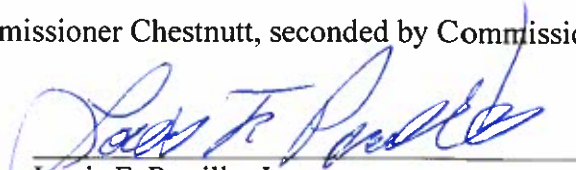
Motion made by list of bill item A made by Commissioner McDermott, seconded by Commissioner Cropper-Hall, All approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:** No new business

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Chestnut, seconded by Commissioner McDermott 7:50 p.m. was approved.

  
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Roberta L. Farls  
Township Secretary

  
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Louis F. Parrilla, Jr  
President, Board of Commissioners