

**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, DECEMBER 13, 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, December 13, 2022, in the Municipal Building, 555 Broadway Avenue, McKees Rocks, PA 15136.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 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 Louis Parrilla, Cheryl McDermott (*at workshop meeting only*), Darrell Chestnutt (*at voting meeting only*), Dave Rugh (*at voting meeting only*), and Kelly Cropper-Hall. Also, present were Solicitor Brad Matta, Township Engineer Jeff Marcink (*at voting meeting only*), Ordinance Officer Edward Snyder (*at workshop meeting only*), Police Chief Matthew Preininger (*at workshop meeting only*), Fire Chief Matthew Chapman (*absent, Asst Chief B. Chapman, R. Stewart, D. Brandt in attendance, at workshop meeting only*), Public Works Director Dan Burkhart (*at workshop meeting only*), and Township Secretary Roberta Farls.

Before the Comments of the Citizens, Commissioner McDermott wanted to thank the Board of Commissioners for agreeing to do an emergency demolition of 2 Gillen Way in addition to 4 Gillen Way due to its instability. It was truly appreciated.

COMMENTS OF CITIZENS:

Stanley “Stush” Papst – The a 10-wheeler, dual axel truck is still parked up near Commissioner Parrilla’s home. Commissioner Parrilla stated that it is only there 2-3 days a week. Stush stated is out of ordinance weight.

He questioned why the budget was not out in November. Commissioner Cropper-Hall stated that it was completed and posted on November 30th and there will be a formal vote to approve the 2023 budget on December 30th.

He also asked if Broadway Ave was to be getting Christmas decorations. Public Works Dan Burkhart stated that the little trees are decorated. There is also a tree at Valley and 7th.

Robert Kalkbrenner – Public Works, Police, and Fire Departments are all doing a great job.

Jeff Paul - stated that he was revisiting the sewer issue at 72 Palace. He has been in contact with attorneys who handle municipal law. He appreciated the Township’s offer at last month’s meeting of \$2,500, however after speaking with these attorneys, he states that it is the responsibility of the Township for 6-8 ft of the main line and is asking the Township to consider a counteroffer of \$8,500.

He also stated that his family would “bite the bullet” on the rest of the cost for replacing the main line. Again, he is asking for the Township to consider \$8,500. That this amount would be fair and, if agreed, would cancel the Right to Know request he placed with the Township on December 8th. He also stated that he still feels there is an issue in that after there is still water coming up at the bottom of his street. He said that he did not have any issues for, at least, 10 years, when the road was paved. Brad asked for 30 days on the Right to Know to keep looking into this and the Commissioners will talk and a response will then follow back to Mr. Paul. All were in agreement.

Melissa Rippole Milkovich - Concerning the speeding and the installation of speed bumps/humps as well as an officer sitting down by Pittsburgh Mailing, which has never happened. Chief Preininger stated that he, personally, has been down there at least a dozen times. He stated he and his department are doing the best they can, however (as an example, today before 8am there were already 2 arrests). He is looking into the digital speed limit signs. That corner did receive a stop sign a while ago. Speed bumps and/or humps could not be installed now until after winter, however that area will be at the top of the list when they begin installing them.

Walt Rogowski- asked about 63-64 Glenn Way and, again, are they allowed to be there. Brad informed her that all inspections, permits, tenants, etc. have been received and approved. He stated that there are no issues. Also states that he has not heard from the chief as to a court date for “Scott” who stole his car. *(after talking to Chief Preininger the court date was given to Mr Rogowski, however he re-contacted him to advise court date was January 3rde at 9:30am)*

Eugene Lovely – several issues were discussed.

- 1) 816 10th Street, black VW expired inspection sticker since January
- 2) Broadway gas line repairs that were done the strip where they dug across from Sanvito’s needs filled
- 3) The row houses either need torn down or repaired on 10th Street
- 4) There is a big dip at the top of 10th Street that needs fixed

“The police department and public works were made aware of all of these issues while the meeting was being held”

Brian Dunn / Trevor Williams / Matt Virgin (SunCap) – giving an update. Stated that they are looking for demolition to begin mid-late April and will probably take 4-6 months. They stated that the site as of 2024 will start to look like something once all the demolition is complete.

REPORTS

FINANCE / BUDGET - Commissioner Cropper-Hall stated that the budget was posted November 30, 2022 and will be voted on in a special meeting on Friday December 30, 2022. There will be no tax increase again this year. She stated that this year we were able to put on another police officer and purchase a new police vehicle.

Commissioner McDermott asked if this coming year we have enough money to hire our final part time officer. Commissioner Cropper-Hall stated that she wants to error on the side of caution until we see what kind of tax revenue comes in. In addition, we have one (1) year from who is on the Civil Service list to act on any additional officers.

ENGINEERS REPORT: Report presented by Jeff Marcink. Stated working on money to be received from Alcosan for the GROW project. This would be a one (1) time reimbursement.

El Grande agreed to hold the work until spring with no increases. Project to be completed by May 31, 2023. There was discussion as to any repercussions and revoking the contract if they do not start by such a date. Jeff was going to write up something, present it to Attorney Matta for approval and then have El Grande sign.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Report was presented by Asst. Chief Brandon Chapman. Stated that they are willing to help host a winter safety event and that October is fire prevention month. He stated that a lot of planning goes into an event. Santa will be going around the Township on December 20th.

ORDINANCE: Report presented by Eddie Snyder. Commissioner Cropper-Hall reminded Eddie to put all phone calls on report.

Commissioner McDermott stated that Valley Waste will be identifying those residents without cans with lids and the landlords will need to be held accountable. Need to figure out what the first (1st) offense will be, second (2nd) offence, etc.

PUBLIC WORKS: Report presented by Dan Burkhart.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Report was presented by Chief Matt Preininger.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Motion to accept previous month's meeting minutes
- B. Hollowood Music will be doing installation Thursday, December 15th

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL:

- A. **[Approve/deny]** motion to approve SunCap Property development of MRIE for final approval of land development
- B. **[Approve/deny]** to ratify Officer Michael Palahunik's move from part-time to full-time police officer effective November 15, 2022.
- C. **[Approve/deny]** motion to approve and advertise the 2023 Reorganization, Commissioners Workshop, Commissioners Regular, Zoning, and Planning meeting schedules.
- D. **[Approve/deny]** motion to approve 2023 General Fund operating budget
- E. **[Approve/deny]** motion to approve 2023 Property Tax Rate showing no increase for 2023
- F. **[Approve/deny]** ratify the demolition of 4 and 2 Gillen Way totaling \$26,500
- G. **Acknowledgement** of preliminary completion and passing of the Department of the Auditor General's Bureau of Municipal Pension & Liquor Control quadrennial for years 2018 thru 2021 for service and non-service personnel pension accounts.

- H. **[Approve/deny]** to ratify transfer of \$367,268 from COVID Relief to General Fund
- I. **[Approve/deny]** to ratify transfer of \$25,000 from Police Leave Time to General Fund
- J. **[Approve/deny]** for \$100 donation towards benefit dinner at North Versailles Social Hall in memory of Paramedic Nicholas A. Theofilis
- K. **[Deny]** donating to 17th Annual Ryan Douglass Field of Dreams Baseball Clinic
- L. Welcome / Acknowledge new grant writer, Lester Burkholder, CPA (*if he is in attendance*)
- M. Presentation by James Facer, Library Director – Focus on Renewal (*if he is in attendance*)
- N. **[Approve/deny]** motion for Civil Service Commission to make changes in promotions, (ranking positions) in the rules and regulations.

A through N Items under new business and A through B under unfinished business for approval or affirmation – motion made by Commissioner Cropper-Hall; 2nd by Commissioner Rugh; all approved.

RECEIPTS

	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
\$ 22,052.94	Jordan Tax	Real Estate Tax Collection
\$ 616.18	Allegheny County/PA	DUI Fines
\$ 1,977.81	District Magistrate	Fines
\$ 374.72	Allegheny County/PA	Vehicle, Crimes Code, & Misc. Income
\$ 57,915.10	PA Municipal Services	Utility Sewage
\$ 1,288.31	PA State Police	Fines and Penalties
\$ 5,335.39	Creditech Collections	Delinquent Sewage
\$ 10,354.16	Keystone Collections	Real Estate Tax Collection
\$ 7,259.46	Jordan Tax Service	Mercantile Tax Collection
\$ 21,413.38	Jordan Tax Service	Local Services Tax Collection
\$ 12,052.30	Comcast	Franchise Fee
\$ 4,695.51	Allegheny County/PA	2022, 2023 Snow Ice

[Approve/deny] motion to approve above receipt of funds (**Totaling \$145,335.26**)

Motion to approve above receipt of funds. Commissioner Rugh; 2nd by Commissioner Chestnutt. All Approved.

II. LISTS OF BILLS

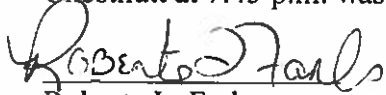
A. Motion to approve payment of Nov 2022 bills List **totaling \$74,165.33**

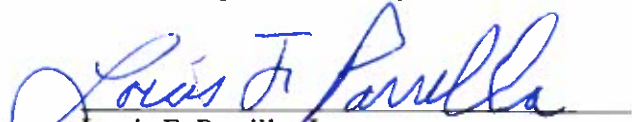
Motion made by list of bill item A made by Commissioner Chestnutt, seconded by Commissioner Rugh, All approved.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Rugh seconded by Commissioner Chestnutt at 7:45 p.m. was approved.


Roberta L. Farls
Township Secretary


Louis F. Parrilla, Jr
President, Board of Commissioners