

COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

STOWE TOWNSHIP MEETING

January 10, 2023 7:00 pm

STOWE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING

555 BROADWAY AVENUE, MCKEES ROCKS, PA 15136

ATTENDEES: Commissioners L. Parrilla, D. Chestnutt, K. Cropper-Hall, D. Rugh (*workshop meeting only*), C. McDermott.; Solicitor B. Matta; Engineer J. Marcink; Public Works D. Burkhart (*workshop meeting only*); Ordinance E. Snyder (*workshop meeting only*); Police M. Preininger (*workshop meeting only*); Fire B. Chapman (*workshop meeting only*); Township Secretary R. Farls.

The commissioners' regular meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by President Cropper-Hall with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence for police, fire, EMS, military.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

Rich Derzie – speeding is an ongoing problem on Woodward and Russellwood Avenues. It has gotten worse since the speed bumps were picked up for the winter. President Cropper-Hall stated that they will discuss option and get back to him.

Don Tollan – Wanted to thank the Township for getting 4 Gillen Way knocked down. He stated that he will take care of the property. He just bought 112 Orchard and he did not want to buy 6 Gillen Way. He asked about maintaining the lot with either gravel or grass seed. It was advised that grass seed would be laid and if anything else was wanted, it would be on them to do.

Robert Kalkbrenna – VFD, Police and Public Works are doing good jobs.

Jeff Paul – Asked if we would reconsider paying the entire amount. He then stated that after consideration, he would accept the \$2,500 check that the township had offered to him for the tie-in for his property at 72 Palace Ave. He stated that his family will eat the \$22,000+/- and just wants this issue to end. The commissioners asked our engineer to go up and re-look at the runoff area to confirm that it is from a spring and not sewage. It had been confirmed that it is not sewage. Secretary R. Farls will cut the check and notify J. Paul when ready to either be picked up or mailed. Also, J. Paul stated that his request for Right to Know will be terminated and that he just wants this headache to be over.

Commissioner Parrilla – Introduced and welcomed Lester Burkholder, a good friend who worked over 38 years in Allegheny County in economic development for grants and various public works contracts. He has years of experience and will be working with the Township and KLH Engineers (J. Marcink) doing grants.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS AND RE-AFFIRMMENTS

First Person Listed is Chairperson

President and Township Secretary is a Member of All Committees

FINANCE - Rugh, Chestnutt

PUBLIC WORKS & PARKS - Rugh, Parrilla

POLICE - Chestnutt, Parrilla

FIRE - Parrilla, Chestnutt, Chapman, Preininger

ORDINANCE/PLANNING/ZONING - Chestnutt, Parrilla

SAFETY - Parrilla, Rugh

PENSION - Rugh, Chestnutt

PROPERTY/BUILDING/LIGHTS/WATER - Chestnutt, Parrilla

HEALTH/SANITATION/STORMWATER - Rugh, Chestnutt

COG – Rugh (no 2nd at this time; secretary to attend with Rugh or alone)

DEPOSITORY – To keep PNC Bank and First National Bank as the depositories for Stowe Township. Motion 1st by Commissioner Parrilla; 2nd by Commissioner Chestnutt; all approved.

NEWSPAPER – to keep Gazette 2.0, Beaver & Allegheny County Times, and the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette as the official newspapers of Stowe Township. Motion 1st by Commissioner Parrilla; 2nd by Commissioner Chestnutt; all approved.

SOLICITORS - To keep Dodaro, Matta & Cambest as the Stowe Township solicitors. Motion 1st by Commissioner Chestnutt; 2nd by Commissioner Parrilla; all approved.

ENGINEERS - To keep KLH Engineers as Stowe Township's engineering company. Motion 1st by Commissioner Chestnutt; 2nd by Commissioner Parrilla; all approved.

FIRE CHIEF - To keep Chief Matthew Chapman as the Stowe Township Fire Department chief. Motion 1st by Commissioner Chestnutt; 2nd by Commissioner Parrilla; all approved.

REPORTS

FINANCE – President Cropper-Hall presented. Budget report was voted and approved and is available for any questions to be answered.

PUBLIC WORKS – Commissioner Rugh presented. 212 McCoy – Valley Waste dropped their contract for non-payment. An executive meeting will be after this meeting to discuss.

POLICE – Chief M. Preininger presented. Stated that donations were accepted throughout the department and were being sent to Brackenridge's Chief Justin McIntyre's

family to assist in his death. Commissioner D. Chestnutt thanked the department for taking guns and drugs off the streets

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Asst Chief B. Chapman presented. Averaging 4-5 firefighters on every call. Time from initial callout to on scene is approximately 4 minutes 28 seconds. Yearly were 608 total calls. 163 EMS accident and first responders.

ORDINANCE – E. Snyder presented. Alley behind the old Broadway Brunch (Alice Investments) is going in front of the magistrate

PLANNING COMMITTEE – Did not meet in December. Next meeting is Thursday, January 26th at 7pm.

SOLICITOR – B. Matta presented. Working with the 9-1-1 center on repeat callers for some type of penalty to help get them to stop. Also litigation with Penn DOT PUC and nothing with the bridge. Also looking into the request to remove the tax lien at 81 Frazier). Commissioner McDermott asked about getting a copy of the new ordinance that the City of Washington just put into effect for residence to clean up their property. B. Matta stated that his company works with them and will get her a copy to review.

ENGINEER – J. Marcink presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval December 2022 meeting minutes

- A. **[Approval / Deny]** of re-organization of Board of Commissioners and committee appointments for 2023
- B. **TABLED until Feb** - Consider Cyber Insurance Proposal through MGI Risk Management. Annual premium \$2,394.80 +/-
- C. **TABLED until Feb** - Consider changing to HMT and Associates as our new code enforcement agency removing Code Enforcement Agency (CEA) (pricing for both in packet)
- D. **[Approval / Deny]** Ratification of moving all risk management and workers comp accounts to MGI Risk Management from A.J. Gallagher
- E. **[Approval / Deny]** Resolution for Plan Revision for New Land Development. Developers SunCap Property Group
- F. **[Approval / Deny]** motion to advertise amendment Chapter 130 of Police Department Civil Service {appendix A}
- G. **TABLED until Feb** consider live streaming Township meetings
- H. **[Approval / Deny]** payment of \$2,500 to Jeff Paul for 72 Palace tie-in sewage repair.

Old and New Business - Motion made by Commissioner Parrilla; 2nd by Commissioner Chestnutt; all approved

RECEIPTS

<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	
\$ 12,008.68	Jordan Tax	Real Estate Tax Collection
\$ 17,206.16	PA Office of the Budget	22/23 Winter payment
\$114,356.19	PA Municipal Services	Utility Sewage
\$ 2,835.32	Creditech Collections	Delinquent Sewage
\$ 3,801.13	Keystone Collections	Real Estate Tax Collection
\$ 100.18	Jordan Tax Service	Mercantile Tax Collection
\$ 2,212.77	Jordan Tax Service	Local Services Tax Collection
\$ 99.83	Jordan Tax Service	Business Privilege Tax

Motion to approve above receipt of funds **(Totaling \$150,620.26)**
Motion made by Commissioner Parrilla; 2nd by Commissioner Chestnutt; all approved

LISTS OF BILLS


Motion to approve payment of Dec 2022 bills List **totaling \$112,137.95**
Motion made by Commissioner Chestnutt; 2nd by Commissioner Parrilla; all approved

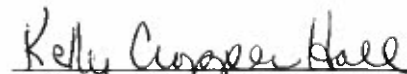
BOARD MEMBER(S) COMMENT(S)

President Cropper-Hall – thanked everyone for coming out and that she is honored to be president going into 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Chestnutt; 2nd by Commissioner Parrilla to adjourn and go into executive session. All approved. Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm


Roberta L. Farls, Township Secretary


Kelly Cropper-Hall, President
Stowe Township Commissioners

" Appendix A "

Township of Stowe, RA
Tuesday, June 10, 2003

Chapter 130. Police Department

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Stowe 6-14-1976(24); amended in its entirety 12-17-2003 by Ord. No. 869 (Ch. 1, Part 3, of the 1993 Code of Ordinances). Subsequent amendments noted where applicable.]

§ 130-1. Police Department established; Chief of Police.

A Police Department is hereby established in and for the Township of Stowe. The Chief of Police shall be the Chief Executive of the Police Department. He shall, under the direction of the Board of Township Commissioners, be in charge of the police force and have supervision over its members in the exercise of their powers, duties and authority.

§ 130-2. Subordinate classifications.

A. Subordinate to the Chief of Police in the Police Department, the following classifications are hereby established:

- (1) Deputy Chief. (3) LIEUTENANT
(2) CAPTAIN (4) SERGEANT
(3) Patrolman → PATROL OFFICER

B. Or those of such classification to which the Board of Township Commissioners shall at any specific time have appointed one or more police officers. The priority of the authority among such subordinate classifications shall be in the order above listed. The number of persons to serve in each of such subordinate classifications, on a full-time and/or part-time basis, and the compensation of each shall be as determined by the Board of Township Commissioners from time to time.

C. AN APPOINTMENT TO AND PROMOTION IN THE TOWNSHIP'S POLICE FORCE
MADE DIRECTLY BY THE TOWNSHIP SHALL BE
ONLY ACCORDING TO QUALIFICATIONS AND FITNESS TO BE ASCERTAINED
BY AN EXAMINATION. AN EXAMINATION FOR QUALIFICATIONS AND
FITNESS SHALL BE COMPETITIVE.

(1st CLASS TWP CODE) TITLE 73, SECTION 625 (E)