

COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

STOWE TOWNSHIP MEETING

September 12, 2023 7:00 pm

STOWE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING

555 BROADWAY AVENUE, MCKEES ROCKS, PA 15136

ATTENDEES AT BOTH MEETINGS: Commissioners C. McDermott; D. Chestnutt; D. Rugh
Township Secretary R. Farls

ATTENDEES ONLY AT WORKSHOP MEETING: Police Chief M. Preininger; Engineer J. Marcink

ATTENDEES ONLY AT VOTING MEETING: Solicitor B. Matta

ABSENT FROM BOTH MEETINGS: Commissioners Cropper-Hall; R. Parrilla; Fire Chief M. Chapman

The commissioners' meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Vice-President Chestnutt with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence for police, fire, EMS.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

No comments at workshop meeting

Eugene Lovely (*comment at voting meeting*) – asked about the possibility of getting speed bumps on 10th Street between Woodward and Ridge. Commissioner Rugh stated that he will talk to Public Works and have them placed. Also, it was suggested that they be painted yellow since it is not a state requirement that a sign needs to be posted. Mr. Lovely appreciated the response and thanked the commissioners.

REPORTS

FINANCE – No report given.

PUBLIC WORKS – Presented by Commissioner Rugh. Stated that Public Works are trying to do “mini” speed humps. They are \$150 approximately and have currently been placed on Mancini’s Way and on Stowe Ave. They will be placed around town.

POLICE – Presented by Chief M. Preininger. The \$50,000 grant money finally came through and the digital speed signs will be ordered.

There is a meeting on 9/12 with Chief Preininger, DC Wilker and Detective DiMichele at the high school to work on easing their tensions concerning this past week’s stabbing after the football game.

If solicitors are seen in town, the officers are to take and run their identification as well as send them to the Township Building for a permit.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Presented by Vice-President Chestnutt

ORDINANCE – Present by Vice-President Chestnutt. Interviews with three (3) ordinance officers were completed. The commissioners would like to consider Andrew Marsh. In the executive session a rate will be discussed.

PLANNING COMMITTEE –Next tentative meeting is set for Thursday, October 26th
No meeting was scheduled in August or September

SOLICITOR – No report given.

ENGINEER – Presented by Engineer J. Marcink. Received the Penn/Derby grant reimbursement of \$125,000. Will be looking at Lower Highland for repairs/replacement with the possibility of using a GEDTF grant for this area. Also looking at other properties and streets for upcoming grant opportunities that will be, if not already open.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. [**APPROVE** / Deny] regular Board Meeting Minutes from the July 11th meeting
- B. [**APPROVE** / Deny] regular Board Meeting Minutes from the August 8th meeting

Motion to **APPROVE** Old Business items A through B - Motion made by Commissioner Rugh; 2nd by Commissioner McDermott; all others approved

NEW BUSINESS

- A. [**APPROVE** / DENY] Offer fulltime Ordinance Officer position to Andrew Marsh at a rate of \$20.00/hour
- B. [**APPROVE** / DENY] Advertise to update Ordinance 418 (Motor Vehicle Nuisances) with a Resolution to add wording “including parking lots and Township property”
- C. [**APPROVE** / DENY] Advertise to update Ordinance 264 and 264-1 (Curfews) with a Resolution to include a fine amount of \$50 up to \$300 (max)
- D. [**APPROVE** / DENY] New flooring to be installed in police department by *Allegheny Installations for concrete and North Side Interiors for carpet estimated cost \$27,250.00*
- E. [**APPROVE** / DENY] Window tint to be installed in police department *estimated cost \$1,248.00*
- F. [**APPROVE** / DENY] Relocation and repair of PA DOT approved basin located at 11th & Woodward. Sidewalk would also be replaced. *Approximate cost \$8,200*
- G. [**APPROVE** / DENY] *Maximum of 4 hours (at \$525/hr.), to troubleshoot elevator car top wiring station to controller per State Inspection requirement. (Hadfield Elevator will contact Township if additional hours are required to find problem.)*

Motion to **APPROVE** New Business items A through G - Motion made by Commissioner McDermott; 2nd by Commissioner Rugh; all others approved

RECEIPTS

	SOURCE	DESCRIPTION
\$ 700.00	West View Water	Street Opening Permits
\$ 527.51	Keystone	Delinquent real estate tax collection
\$ 1,175.16	Allegheny County	DUIs
\$ 1,567.79	Allegheny County	Magistrate
\$242,647.57	PA Municipal Services	Utility Sewage
\$ 2,732.83	Creditech	Collections - Delinquent Sewage
\$ 16,249.80	Jordan Tax Service	Local Services Tax
\$ 4,785.64	Jordan Tax Service	Mercantile Tax
\$ 34,126.05	Jordan Tax Service	Real Estate Taxes
\$ 10,944.96	Comcast	Franchise Fee

[**Approve** / Deny] motion to approve above receipt of August funds **Totaling \$262,822.80**

Motion made by Commissioner McDermott; 2nd by Commissioner Chestnutt; all others approved

LISTS OF BILLS

[**Approve** / Deny] motion to approve payment of August bills **Totaling \$84,532.77**

Motion made by Commissioner Chestnutt; 2nd by Commissioner Rugh; all others approved

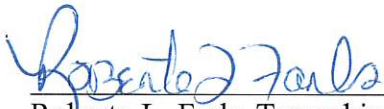
PRESIDENT COMMENTS

Vice President Chestnutt thanked everyone for coming.

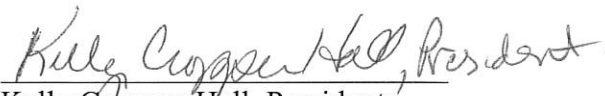
MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Rugh; 2nd by Commissioner McDermott to adjourn. All approved. Meeting was adjourned at 7:06pm

(The workshop meeting was adjourned at 7:26pm with the commissioners going into executive session; Motion by Commissioner C. McDermott; 2nd by Commissioner D. Rugh. All approved.)



Roberta L. Farls, Township Secretary



Kelly Cropper-Hall, President
Stowe Township Commissioners