

COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

STOWE TOWNSHIP MEETING

October 10, 2023 7:00 pm

STOWE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING

555 BROADWAY AVENUE, MCKEES ROCKS, PA 15136

ATTENDEES AT BOTH MEETINGS: Commissioners C. McDermott; K. Cropper-Hall;
Township Secretary R. Farls; Solicitor B. Matta

ATTENDEES ONLY AT WORKSHOP MEETING: Commissioner D. Rugh;
Deputy Police Chief C. Wilker; Engineer J. Marcink; Ordinance A. Marsh

ATTENDEES ONLY AT VOTING MEETING: Commissioner R. Parrilla

ABSENT FROM BOTH MEETINGS: Commissioner D. Chestnutt; Fire Chief M. Chapman;
Public Works D. Burkhart

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.

New Ordinance Office A. Marsh was introduced. Commissioner McDermott complimented Mr. Marsh on what has been done in the last two (2) weeks.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

Mike Sante (*comment at workshop and voting meeting*) for 1135 Charles St. Asking for Township back tax forgiveness. He has already been forgiven through the school and will be going to the county next. His vision is to fix it up and sell it, not rent. His company is "Flipping 412". Per Solicitor B. Matta, bring in paperwork, meeting minutes, etc. from school and this will be placed on agenda for October 10th. (*on October 10th, all appropriate paperwork was received*)

Stanley "Stush" Papst (*comment at workshop meeting*) Asked about two (2) issues. 1) the fee for the sexually oriented businesses that was taken away. Mr. Papst quoted statistics from the Gazette 2.0 article. President Cropper-Hall stated that the Township is reverting back to the Ordinance of \$7,500 and removing the Resolution for the \$12,500 or \$25,000 and this would be on the agenda for October 10th. (*at the October 10th meeting, President Cropper-Hall gave the statistics received from Chief Preininger and that the Township will be moving forward with the reimplementing the Ordinance and removing the Resolution*)

2) was concerning the speed bumps. Questioned if there were traffic studies done. President Cropper-Hall stated that the speed bumps have been placed per the residents' requests and that she is talking to Chief Preininger about doing a traffic study to see where else they should go. She then asked Mr. Papst if he was requesting that the speed bumps on Fair Oaks be removed. Mr. Papst responded yes. (*at the October 10th meeting President*

Cropper-Hall stated that all speed bumps will remain in place, that Chief Preininger will be doing road studies and more will be going up).

Jeff Paul (*comment at voting meeting*) – was cited by ordinance for a violation of solid waste and not being in containers. Mr. Paul stated that he spoke to Ordinance Officer A. Marsh at the October 9th meeting and Mr. Marsh was unsure as to the violation since there were only two (2) violations on Palace and he was at multiple locations in that area and did not take photos. Mr. Paul was advised that the violation was only a letter, it was not with any charges attached to it.

Eugene Lovely (*comment at voting meeting*) thanked the state for fixing Broadway. Questioned the garbage near his home, President Cropper-Hall stated that the Township is aware of the issue and is working on it. She also stated that there will be a speed bump (per Mr. Lovely's request at the September meeting) being placed on 10th street and other sporadic throughout the town. There is also no stop sign at the bottom of 12th street and she will be asking public works to put that sign back up.

REPORTS

FINANCE – No report given.

PUBLIC WORKS – Presented by Commissioner Rugh. Working with Ordinance and Asst Secretary D. Brown about making sure all businesses have appropriate dumpsters and/or trash cans per ordinance.

POLICE – Presented by Deputy Chief C. Wilker. DC Wilker stated that there have been issues at the high school when letting the students out, that they are very disruptive and the police are there daily. Working with the school to try to get this rectified. Also, there was a search warrant received last week which an arrest was made.

President Cropper-Hall stated that a professional painter will be coming in to paint the police department. She has met with Chief Preininger about moving Ordinance possibly into the tax office and making the current ordinance office DC Wilker's. Removing the wall and closest between the police department and the current ordinance office. She wants to pause on changing the downstairs conference room into a records room at this time. She is having Chief Preininger talk to District Attorney Stephen Zappala's office to see about digitalizing records and the cost to destroy them after being digitalized. Also how far back do these records need to be kept.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Presented by Secretary R. Farls. President Cropper-Hall asked if the \$5 for every rental check was given to the VFD. She asked the Asst. Secretary D. Brown get that amount for 2023 only and the check will be voted on and presented at the October 10th meeting.

ORDINANCE – Present by Ordinance Officer A. Marsh

PLANNING COMMITTEE –Next tentative meeting is set for Thursday, November 30th. No meeting was scheduled in October

SOLICITOR – Demo hearings rescheduled for November 14th at 6pm. 30-32 Ohio has a lawsuit pending and 32 Ohio is under litigation. Possibly going to move to condemn and demo. Also, the zoning board will be meeting on Tuesday, October 17th concerning One Neville and 660 Woodward.

ENGINEER – Presented by Engineer J. Marcink. After report, the commissioners requested that El Grande begin the Davis Paving to have it completed by year's end. Mr. Marcink will be getting the documents ready and will be in contact with El Grande.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. [**APPROVE** / Deny] regular Board Meeting Minutes from the September 12th meeting

Motion to **APPROVE** Old Business item A - Motion made by Commissioner Parrilla; 2nd by Commissioner McDermott; all others approved

NEW BUSINESS

- A. [**APPROVE** / DENY] To send payment to Charles Schwab for Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) pension plan payment totaling \$285,712.00 for 2023
- B. [**APPROVE** / DENY] Presentation of VFD Relief Association check \$28,551.95 to Chief Matthew Chapman
- C. [**APPROVE** / DENY] Approval of concurring resolution from the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County (RAAC) to receive funds in the amount of \$187,731.25
- D. [**APPROVE** / DENY] to forgive Township back taxes for 1135 Charles for "Flipping 412" company owned by Michael Sante in the amount of \$15,102.99.
- E. [**APPROVE** / DENY] To award Contract 2023-03 to El Grande Industries, Inc. in their bid amount of \$34,578.00.
- F. [**APPROVE** / DENY] Resolution to convert partial road from private to public at 400 Graham
- G. [**APPROVE** / DENY] To accept United Code Consultants (formerly with KLH Code Enforcement) to continue providing zoning, code enforcement and rental inspections (Dennis Smith)
- H. [**APPROVE** / DENY] Advertising for half page in Sto-Rox 2024 High School Yearbook for \$100
- I. [**APPROVE** / DENY] motion to dissolve Resolution 15 increasing sexually oriented business permits to \$25,000 and reverting back to Ordinance 766 for an annual fee of \$7,500.
- J. [**APPROVE** / DENY] motion to have El Grande begin the Davis Paving project to be completed by the end of paving season this year (2023)
- K. [**APPROVE** / DENY] Presentation of VFD check from 2023 rental operating licenses (\$5/unit) totaling \$4,815.00
- L. [**APPROVE** / DENY] Trick or Treat on Tuesday, October 31st from 6p-8p (same as McKees Rocks)

- M. [**APPROVE** / DENY] DiMichele Paining not to exceed \$7,800 to repaint police department
- N. (Informational only) – Sto-Rox Homecoming Parade on Friday, October 13th from 6pm at Sanvito Funeral Home to the end of Broadway at Valley.
- O. (Informational only) – Sto-Rox School District gratitude for Stowe Township Police Department

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

RECEIPTS

	SOURCE	DESCRIPTION
\$ 1,350.00	West View Water	Street Opening Permits
\$ 15,357.18	Keystone	Delinquent real estate tax collection
\$ 832.45	Allegheny County	DUIs
\$ 4,565.69	Allegheny County	Magistrate
\$189,031.86	PA Municipal Services	Utility Sewage
\$ 9,080.50	Creditech	Collections - Delinquent Sewage
\$ 2,569.30	Jordan Tax Service	Local Services Tax
\$ 2,498.34	Jordan Tax Service	Mercantile Tax
\$ 43,542.30	Jordan Tax Service	Real Estate Taxes

[**Approve** / Deny] motion to approve above receipt of September funds **Totaling \$268,827.62**
 Motion made by Commissioner Parrilla; 2nd by Commissioner McDermott; all others approved

LISTS OF BILLS

[**Approve** / Deny] Motion to approve payment of September bills **Totaling \$57,586.65**
 Motion made by Commissioner Parrilla; 2nd by Commissioner McDermott; all others approved

PRESIDENT COMMENTS


President Cropper-Hall thanked everyone for coming.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Parrilla; 2nd by Commissioner McDermott to adjourn. All approved. Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm

(The workshop meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm with the commissioners going into executive session; Motion by Commissioner D. Rugh; 2nd by Commissioner C. McDermott. All approved.)


 Roberta L. Farls, Township Secretary


 Darrell Chestnutt, Vice President
 Stowe Township Commissioners