

COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

STOWE TOWNSHIP MEETING

November 14, 2023 7:00 pm

STOWE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING

555 BROADWAY AVENUE, MCKEES ROCKS, PA 15136

ATTENDEES: Commissioners D. Chestnutt, D. Rugh, L. Parrilla; Township Secretary R. Farls; Solicitor B. Matta; Engineer J. Marcink

WORKSHOP MEETING: Meeting Cancelled due to illness

ABSENT FROM MEETING: Commissioners K. Cropper-Hall, C. McDermott; Fire Chief M. Chapman; Police Chief M. Preininger; Public Works D. Burkhart; Ordinance A. Marsh

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

REPORTS

FINANCE – No report given.

PUBLIC WORKS – Presented by Commissioner Rugh.

POLICE – Presented by Secretary R. Farls

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Presented by Secretary R. Farls.

ORDINANCE – Present by Commissioner Chestnutt

PLANNING COMMITTEE – No meeting was scheduled in October

SOLICITOR – No report

ENGINEER – Presented by Engineer J. Marcink.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. [APPROVAL / Deny] regular Board Meeting Minutes from the October 10, 2023 meeting

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

B. NEW BUSINESS

- A. [**APPROVAL** / Deny] to advertise the proposed 2024 budget to be voted on at December 12th Commissioners meeting
- B. [**APPROVAL** / Deny] status change for Officer Michael Palahunik from full time probationary police officer to full time permanent police officer with full Civil Service Status effective November 15, 2023 (hire date November 11, 2022)
- C. [**APPROVAL** / Deny] Ratification of \$14,900 (2 payments - \$12,900 and \$2,000) paid to Rock Hard Hardscape for emergency sewer repair at Duke Street week of October 9, 2023
- D. [**APPROVAL** / Deny] Ratification of under \$426.55 for food at yearly Char-West COG meeting hosted at Township on October 17, 2023
- E. [**APPROVAL** / Deny] Ratification to pay for training of \$385 to Andrew Marsh for the BCO 101: Building Code Official Certification Academy (11/6/23-11/9/23) (Virtual)
- F. [**APPROVAL** / Deny] renewal for SWIF WC for Stowe Twp VFD from \$32,610 to \$32,887 (difference of \$277)
- G. [**APPROVAL** / Deny] Alcosan increase beginning January 1st of 7% (\$10.41 to \$11.14 {\$0.73} for each 1,000 gallons used) and customer service charge increase from \$21.88 to \$23.41 (\$1.53) with a 7% increase for 2025 and 2026
- H. [**APPROVAL** / Deny] Motion to adopt a concurring resolution to submit CDBG application for ADA Door operators in the amount of \$41,600
- I. [**APPROVAL** / Deny] Motion to adopt a concurring resolution to submit CDBG application for catch basin replacements in the amount of \$56,000
- J. [**APPROVAL** / Deny] Motion to adopt concurring resolution not to exceed \$1,000,000 to submit Benwood Avenue Retaining Wall for Statewide LSA Grant Application
- K. [**APPROVAL** / Deny] to advertise for 1 Planning Committee position expiring December 31, 2023
- L. [**APPROVAL** / Deny] approval for Elizabeth Wasel and Michael Roussey to remain on Planning Committee for another four (4) year term beginning January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2028; approval for David Longwell to remain on Civil Service Committee for another six (6) years)
- M. [**APPROVAL** / Deny] Preliminary approval recommended by KLH for Penn Waste, 2201 Robinson Blvd to move forward with the necessary permitting (from May Planning mtg)
- N. [**APPROVAL** / Deny] to donate to the Focus on Renewal Fall & Holiday Appeal. (\$100)
- O. [**APPROVAL** / Deny] for Welcome to the Table donation (\$100)

- P. [**APPROVAL** / Deny] update Ordinance 264 and 264-1 (Curfew) adding fines from \$50 to maximum of \$300
- Q. [**APPROVAL** / Deny] update Ordinance 418 (Motor Vehicle Nuisances) adding “including parking lots and Township property”

Motion to **APPROVE** New Business items A - Q Motion made by Commissioner Rugh; 2nd by Commissioner Parrilla; all others approved

C. RECEIPTS

	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
\$ 17,550.32	PA Office of the Budget	DOT 23/24 winter payment
\$ 1,700.00	PA Office of the Budget	Liquor Control Board
\$ 21,825.89	Keystone	Delinquent real estate tax collection
\$ 416.39	Allegheny County	DUIs
\$ 3,627.95	Allegheny County	Magistrate
\$ 350.00	Magistrate	Rental - 1515 Broadway/48 Frazier rentals
\$170,148.25	PA Municipal Services	Utility Sewage
\$ 5,072.46	Creditech	Collections - Delinquent Sewage
\$ 2,239.72	PURTA	for tax year 2022
\$ 16,601.11	Jordan Tax Service	Real Estate Collections
\$ 50.00	United Code Consultants	Permit issue
\$ 55.00	KLH Code Enforcement	Inspection reimbursement

[**APPROVAL** / Deny] motion to approve above receipt of October funds **Totaling \$239,637.09**

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

D. **LISTS OF BILLS**

[**APPROVAL** / Deny] Motion to approve payment of October bills **Totaling \$381,177.33**
(includes the 2023 Municipal Pension State Aid Allocation)

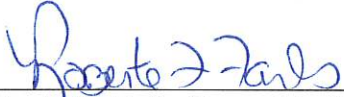
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I. **PRESIDENT COMMENTS**

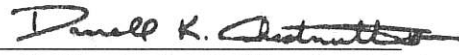
A. Thank you received from Char-West COG on hosting the October 18th Board of Directors meeting

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Parrilla; 2nd by Commissioner McDermott to adjourn. All approved. Meeting was adjourned at 7:12pm



Roberta L. Farls, Township Secretary



Darrell Chestnutt, III, Vice-President
Stowe Township Commissioners