

COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

STOWE TOWNSHIP MEETING

February 9-10, 2026 6:00 pm

STOWE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING

555 BROADWAY AVENUE, MCKEES ROCKS, PA 15136

MEETING ATTENDEES: Commissioners J. Paul; S. Rippole;
T. Kochirka; Police Chief M. Preininger; Fire Chief M. Chapman; Solicitor B. Matta; Engineer K.
Creagh

ABSENT: Workshop Meeting; Commissioner C. McDermott; D. Chestnutt

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Doug Black- 849 Hober Ave- Would like the board to consider waiting a year before allowing 't any data centers to be built. Not because he doesn't want to see progress but because he wants to research and get more information on the data centers. President Paul reiterated that all the board did was vote to have the wording changed in the ordinance to allow the development of data centers. Also mentioned that he is the owner of TripleNerdScore and works on websites. Commissioner Rippole mentioned that she is looking for someone to redo the township website as it is ugly and confusing.

Sara Rivera – 637 Broadway Ave- Similar concerns as Doug, comforted by the answers that was given by the board to Doug's questions. Wanted to know if there is a way to fix the miscommunication.

Shawn McCune- 700 7th Street- Thankful that things seem to be moving in the right direction. Two meetings in and the new board has a different feeling to it than before. Earth Day Clean- Up this year April 18th

REPORTS

FINANCE – Commissioner Kochirka gave report, January revenues \$240, 765.00, expenses were \$645,000.00, obviously had the snow fall that caused some extra expenditures. Payroll that had some overtime added to it, public works had to rent some equipment to remove snow. Reconciliation discrepancy for \$152,000 that added to expenses. Jen, can you look into it? Just to be clear not that it's missing we just need to allocate it. Did get the signatures updated at PNC.

PUBLIC WORKS – Commissioner Kochirka read the updated report prepared by S. Gregory. Unfortunately, primary roads do take precedence over alleys. Even though they were shorthanded they did a great job.

POLICE – Presented by Chief Preininger summarizing report he sent to board.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Presented by M. Chapman summarizing report dept sent board on service calls, fires

ORDINANCE – no report at this time

PLANNING COMMITTEE –Nothing current.

SOLICITOR – Solicitor Matta spoke about the bond interest and what it could be used for.

ENGINEER – Engineer Corrigan gave update on open and awarded grants.

COG- Brought Commissioner Rippole to her first COG meeting. Not much to report on.

A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. [APPROVED/ DENY] motion to approve meeting minutes for January 12-13, 2026

Motion to approve Unfinished business was made by S. Rippole; 2nd by t. Kochirka

Roll call – Commissioners Kochirka, Paul, Rippole approved
3– Yes 0– No 0 – Abstained

NEW BUSINESS

- A. [APPROVED / DENY] motion: to vote on hiring a website design company to redesign the township website**
- B. [APPROVED / DENY] motion: to vote on attending Seven Springs summit meeting, open to all commissioners**
- C. [APPROVED/ DENY] motion: to begin sheriff sale proceedings on delinquent properties (commercial first, then residential)**
- D. [APPROVED/ DENY] motion: to offer full time police officer position to Angelo Peluso, pending MPOTEC regulations and approval. One (1) year probationary period to begin on the first day scheduled work.**
- E. [APPROVED/ DENY] motion: ratify email vote sent out on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, to offer full time police officer position to Angelo Peluso pending MPOTEC regulations and approval. One (1) year probationary period to begin on the first day of scheduled work.**
- F. [APPROVED/ DENY] motion: to accept the resignation of Tom Turino and begin the process of advertising and hiring a new township code enforcement officer**
- G. [APPROVED/ DENY] motion: to vote on the franchise agreement for Comcast cable franchise renewal proposal**
- H. [APPROVED/ DENY] motion: to vote on the franchise agreement for Verizon franchise renewal proposal**

Motion was made to Amend agenda to add Item I:

- I. [APPROVED/ DENY] motion: to change meeting dates to first Tuesday and second Tuesday of the months.**

Motion to approve New Business Items was made by T. Kochirka; 2nd by S. Rippole

Roll call – Commissioners Kochirka, Paul, Rippole approved
3 – Yes 0 – No 0 – Abstained

Motion to approve Amendment was made by S. Rippole; 2nd by T. Kochirka

Roll call – Commissioners Kochirka, Paul, Rippole approved
3- Yes 0- No 0- Abstained

RECEIPTS

	SOURCE	DESCRIPTION
\$ 680.00	Rentals	Rentals
\$ 295.00	Occupancy Permit	Occupancy permits
\$ 300.00	Municipal Lien Letter	Municipal lien letters
\$ 120.00	Police Accident Report	Accident Reports
\$ 225.00	Zoning Board Fees	Advertising Fees

\$ 1,000.00	Junk Yard Permits	Junk permits
\$ 862.47	DUI Fines	Allegheny County
\$ 70.00	Misc Revenue	Restitution, police app fees
\$ 1,205.10	PNC Merchant Deposit	Credit card sales
\$ 6,477.63	Keystone Collects	Delinquent Real Estate
\$ 30,509.59	Jordan Tax Service	Local Earned Income Tax
\$ 14,909.61	Jordan Tax Service	Real Estate Tax Collections
\$ 185,913.95	PAMS	Utilities Collections
\$ 3,856.95	Interest Earnings	Interest Earnings from Bank Accounts
\$ 32,716.19	Comm of PA	Comm of PA
\$ 8,015.54	Corporate ACH	Allegheny Admin 274
\$ 158.10	Creditech	Delinquent Sewage

[APPROVED/DENY] motion to approve receipt of January funds Totaling **\$287,315.13**

Motion to approve Receipts for January was made by T. Kochirka; 2nd by S. Rippole

Roll call – Commissioners Kochirka, Paul, Rippole approved

3 – Yes 0 – No

0 - Abstained

LISTS OF BILLS

	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
\$ 429.63	A. V. Lauttamus	Communications
\$ 467.32	Aflac	Supplemental insurance
\$ 100.00	Allegheny League	Dues
\$ 228.15	Allegheny County	Dues for tax collector
\$ 8,170.17	American Rock Salt	Salt for roads
\$ 221.04	Auto Zone, Inc	Parts for PD & PW vehicles
\$ 44,228.13	BNY Mellon	General Bond Fee
\$ 27,234.54	Cleveland Brothers	Backhoe Repairs
\$ 328.95	Colker Janitorial	Supplies for buildings
\$ 1,410.00	Columbia Gas	Utilities for township buildings
\$ 73.88	Comcast	Cable services for VFD
\$ 40.00	Complete Blue HMO	Insurance
\$ 67,650.00	Creative Enterprises	Catch Basin Repairs (Sewer Fund)
\$ 602.50	Embroidery Pittsburgh	Patches for PD
\$ 383.35	Fire Fighter Sales	Sprinkler Inspection
\$ 620.16	Flynn's Tire	Tires for PD & PW vehicles
\$ 744.00	Freedom Blue PPO	Insurance
\$ 2,209.73	Full Service Network	Phone service for cars and building
\$ 1,055.52	Gannett Pennsylvania	Advertising fees
\$ 135.00	Glick Fire Equipment	KME Pumper parts
\$ 211.34	Hei-way LLC	Paving materials
\$ 85.89	J. C. Ehrlich	Pest Control
\$ 8,048.46	Jordan Tax Services	Collection fees
\$ 56.90	Kenmawr Plaza True Value	hardware supplies
\$ 4,420.00	KLH Engineers, Inc	Engineer services
\$ 155.00	Lexis Nexis Risk Solutions	Police Reports
\$ 145.66	Matthew Bender	Updated road laws for PD
\$ 1,567.63	MEIT	Dental/ Vision insurance
\$ 29.39	Napa Auto Parts	parts for PW vehicles

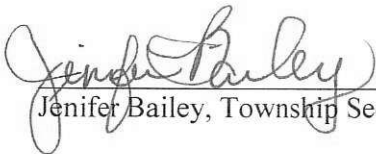
\$ 92.97	PA Dept of Labor & Ind	Elevator License
\$ 540.75	Palco Power Systems	Work on generator
\$ 150.00	Penn Waste- Pittsburgh	Dumpster at PW
\$ 2,830.79	PA Municipal Services	Sewage bill
\$ 31.28	PA One Call	one call emails & notifications
\$ 1,050.00	PA Chief of Police	Dues
\$ 411.00	Police Consulting	Civil Service Counsel
\$ 460.46	PSAB U/C Plan	Unemployment Comp
\$ 10,305.00	RHH Contracting	Sewer work
\$ 1,150.00	Rusnak Plumbing	Water Heater for PW
\$ 422.93	Schneider Trucks	Parts for Trucks 2&3
\$ 1,560.00	Sciullo Electric	Lights in Municipal building
\$ 205.00	Secure Technical Services	Communications
\$ 1,561.00	SWIF	Workman's Comp
\$ 10,449.31	Teamsters Local Union	Union Dues/ Premium
\$ 119.99	Thompson Safety	First aid
\$ 445.00	Traffic Systems	Signs
\$ 124.15	Tri State Hose	Supplies for VFD
\$ 1,698.82	Washington National	Life Insurance
\$ 149.71	West View Water	Water bills for municipal buildings

[APPROVED / DENY] Motion to approve payment of January bills Totaling **\$213,313.62**
Motion to approve Bills Paid for January was made by T. Kochirka; 2nd by S. Rippole
Roll call – Commissioners Kochirka, Paul, Rippole approved
3 – Yes 0 – No 0 – Abstained

FINAL COMMENTS: President Paul closed workshop meeting with an announcement that the board would be going into executive session not to return. The time was 6:53 PM. President Paul closed voting meeting with the announcement that they will be going into executive not to return. The time was 6:05 PM.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by S. Rippole; 2nd by T. Kochirka to adjourn. All approved.


 Jenifer Bailey, Township Secretary


 Jeff Paul, President
 Stowe Township Commissioner