

**West Bethlehem Township Meeting Minutes, February 11, 2020 @ 7:00 PM @  
West Bethlehem Township Building 247 Jefferson Ave. Marianna, PA 15345**

**Attendance:** Tom Donahoo/Chair-Supervisor-Roadmaster, Lars Lange/V Chair-Supervisor, Eric Betzner/Solicitor, Betsy Benning/Secretary Treasurer

**Announcement:** *This meeting is being audio and video taped as an aid to the Secretary only and is not to be considered an official record of business.*

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**Pledge of Allegiance:** *I pledge Allegiance to the flag of the United States, and to the Republic, for which it stands, one Nation Under God, indivisible, With Liberty and Justice for all.*

**Citizens Participation:**

**Motion: to accept the Minutes of the Previous Meetings:**

**Motion:** by 2nd Tom Donahoo M Lars Lange \_\_\_\_\_ Dave Garland – all voted yeas.  
Motion Carried.

**Bills Paid after Last Meeting:** PSATS, \$40.00; West Penn Power, \$514.91; Columbia Gas, \$296.55; George Cowley, \$4037.50; Houston & Associates, \$3825.26; Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge, \$695.34; Sam's Club, \$100.00; UPMC Health Plan, \$5907.20; USPS, \$110.00; Consolidated Communications, \$173.85; Observer Reporter, \$92.34; SPWA, \$25.73; Office Depot, \$271.29, Harshman CE Group, \$16892.28; West Penn Power (street lights) \$460.44; Widmer Engineering, \$90.00; Brownsville Hardware, \$224.52; Stephenson Equipment, \$1992.70

**Motion: to Pay New Bills:**

**Motion:** by 2nd Tom Donahoo M Lars Lange \_\_\_\_\_ Dave Garland – all voted yeas.  
Motion Carried.

**Correspondence:**

- ~Utility assistance Program available
- ~Street Light repaired @ 4 Rosewood Ave.
- ~Repository Auction property purchasing (min price for repository auction sales has been raised from \$500 to \$600.)
- ~Jobs available for census takers.
- ~PA Fish & Boat Commission has scheduled trout stockings for Ten Mile Creek & \_\_\_\_\_ March 4, and May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020, further information available @ (pull up fish & game commission website)

**Roadmaster:**

Per Roadmaster-work has consisted of snow, trees, gravel and roads.

**Solicitor:**

Nothing New – it's been quiet, per Solicitor.

**Old Business:**

Addressing Blight:

Twp is proceeding with the Washington County Land bank process.

# 1 Daisy Alley and # 10 First Street, the property owner will be razing the structures as soon as the weather allows.

Twp is considering purchase of repository sale properties to reduce blight and township is pursuing code violations regarding garbage.

**New Business:**

**Motion:** to purchase Microsoft Office software for the Township computer.

**Motion:** by 2nd Tom Donahoo M Lars Lange Dave Garland – all voted yeas,  
Motion Carried

**Motion:** to apply for the “ARLE” grant through PennDot.

**Motion:** by M Tom Donahoo 2dn Lars Lange Dave Garland – all voted yeas,  
Motion Carried.

**Motion:** to add Marcia Stauffer onto the Vacancy Board

**Motion:** by 2nd Tom Donahoo M Lars Lange Dave Garland – all voted yeas,  
Motion Carried.

**Motion:** to begin a quarterly newsletter beginning March 2020. The purpose of the newsletter is to make residents more aware of Township activities. Importance of Census.

**Motion:** by 2nd Tom Donahoo M Lars Lange Dave Garland – all voted yeas,  
Motion Carried.

Lars mentions Township information is not getting out to all the residents, the newsletter should help aid with this difficulty.

**Motion:** requesting Army Corp of Engineers to take back maintenance and flood control for Ten Mile Creek.

**Motion:** by M Tom Donahoo 2nd Lars Lange Dave Garland – all voted yeas,  
Motion Carried.

**Motion:** to move Township meeting times back to 6PM.

**Motion:** by M Tom Donahoo 2nd Lars Lange Dave Garland – all voted yeas,  
Motion Carried.

**Motion:** to pursue purchasing properties at the corner of Whitehall Ext and Rosewood Ave.

- (parcels numbers – subject to change)- parcels 660-03-02-00-0019-00 & 660-03-02-00-00-20-00

**Motion:** by 2nd Tom Donahoo M Lars Lange Dave Garland – all voted yeas, Motion Carried.

Lars mentions \$400.00 cost to purchase the 2 parcels under the repository sale.

Meeting adjourned: 7:20 pm