

MINUTES – Supervisors Meeting Tuesday, October 11, 2022 @ 6:00 PM – West Bethlehem Township Building

Attendees: Thomas E Donahoo/Chairman-Supervisor; Lars Lange/V Chairman-Supervisor; Dave Garland/Supervisor; Eric Betzner/Solicitor; Betsy Benning/Secretary Treasurer/RTK Officer

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

Citizen’s participation:

~~~Subdivision – Resident Mike Paul of 29 Paul’s Lane, Marianna, PA 15345~~ Delayed for now until resident obtains their 10-acre exemption from the Washington County Sewage Authority.

~John Sargent -attended – no comments

~Betty Girdish -attended – no comments

**Minutes from previous Monthly Meeting/s:**

**Motion:** to accept last month’s meeting minutes

\_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ Tom Donahoo \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Lars Lange \_\_\_\_\_ Dave Garland,

**All voted yeas, Motion carried.**

**Bills paid since last meeting:** West Penn Power, \$1036.59 (Gen); Columbia Gas, \$15.87 (Gen); Yablonski, Costello, Leckie, \$400. (Gen); West Penn Power, \$454.79 (Street Light); Sam’s Club Mastercard, \$798.99 (Gen); SPWA, \$59.82 (Gen); Consolidate Communications, \$75.09 (Gen); Consolidated Communications, \$105.26 (Gen); Consolidated Communication, \$98.23 (Gen);

**New Bills to be paid:** Yablonski, Costello & Leckie, \$400.00 (Gen); MWBJSA, \$49.00 (Gen); Sprague Energy, \$1876.93 (State); Suite Kote, \$3053.83 (Act 13); Smiths Auto, \$159.93 (Gen); Solomon Dodge, \$257.00 (State); Middletown Tractor \$405.66 (State); UniFirst, \$319.35 (Gen); Bigs Sanitation, \$110.00 (Gen); Harshman CE Group, \$5251.75 (Gen); Harshman CE Group, \$180.00 (Castile Ridge); Harshman CE Group, \$67.50 (F/S Construction);

**Motion:** to pay the bills

\_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ Tom Donahoo \_\_\_\_\_ Lars Lange \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dave Garland,

**All voted yeas, Motion carried.**

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**Correspondence:**

~PA Auditor General – State Aide Allocation received for the Marianna Volunteer Fire Relief Fund is \$8347.74.

~Thank you note sent to Linda Piatt for her initiation in collecting donations for West Bethlehem Township Christmas Lights.

~Amwell Township - DEP Wastewater Meeting Summary Minutes posted in lobby for resident review.

~Estimated liquid Fuels allocation for 2023 is \$126,056.83, turnback allocation remains at \$13,160.00.

~West Bethlehem Township would like to thank *Equitrans* and *EQT* for their donations toward the Community Day Event scheduled for 10-29-2022.

~Supervisor Lars Lange will be attending the PSATS Fall Forum on 10-25-2022.

~Supervisor Lars Lange has been unable to get in touch of Scott York of York Realty to appraise park properties for Park Grant.

~Discussion with Rick Skovensky/Municipal Services Supervisor regarding cross overs for Main Street near the Post Office.

~Nathan Voytek- Washington County Redevelopment Authority – meeting at the Township Building 10-13-2022 @ 9:30 am new employee introduction.

~Joe Evans – Iron Synergy – discussion regarding the Slate Dump reclamation.

**Roadmaster Report:**

~mowing along roads

**Solicitor Report:**

~nothing to report

**Old Business:**

~no old business

**New Business:**

**Motion:** to make a resolution adopting Act 57 of 2022 (Local Tax Collection Law) Resolution (As Required by the DCED)

\_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ Tom Donahoo \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Lars Lange \_\_\_\_\_ Dave Garland,

**All voted yeas, Motion carried.**

**Motion:** to adopt a resolution on Act 57, 2022. (Resolution created and attached)

\_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ Tom Donahoo \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Lars Lange \_\_\_\_\_ Dave Garland,

**All voted yeas, Motion carried**

**Motion:** to review Keystone Insurance Group information received from DeLucia and DeZomba.

\_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ Tom Donahoo \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Lars Lange \_\_\_\_\_ Dave Garland,

**All voted yeas, Motion carried**

**Motion:** to accept DeLucia and DeZomba Quote to retain Highmark BC/BS for Township Health Coverage beginning December 1, 2022, thru November 30, 2023. The New monthly rate for the Township is \$8713.40.

\_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ Tom Donahoo \_\_\_\_\_ Lars Lange \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dave Garland,

**All voted yeas, Motion carried.**

**Motion:** to review and accept the preliminary 2023 Yearly Budget as prepared by Supervisor Lars Lange\*.

\_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ Tom Donahoo \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Lars Lange \_\_\_\_\_ Dave Garland,

**All voted yeas, Motion carried.**

\*Supervisor Lars remarks a more complete 2023 Yearly Budget, and a Proposed 2023 Yearly Budget will be completed for the November 8, 2022, Supervisors Meeting. Lars indicates, the 2023 budget will be very similar to the 2022 Yearly Budget except for the addition of the American Rescue Plan Act funding.

**Motion:** to place a gate into the ballfield fencing to make it easier on the residents renting the Pavilion to gain access to use the outfield; as well as the ball team during picnics. ~~Gate to be installed by All Around Fencing Company.~~

\_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ Tom Donahoo \_\_\_\_\_ Lars Lange \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dave Garland,

**All voted yeas, Motion carried**

\*Supervisor Dave mentions the fencing needs repaired at the park and has concerns over the condition of the current fencing.

**Motion:** opened a new Northwest Bank account for *all* monetary donations made to the Township.

\_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ Tom Donahoo \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Lars Lange \_\_\_\_\_ Dave Garland,

**All voted yeas, Motion carried**

**Motion:** to agree to work with the DEP to remove slate and red dog from the 1456 Ten Mile Park (Slate Dump).

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\_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ Tom Donahoo \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Lars Lange \_\_\_\_\_ Dave Garland,

All voted yeas, Motion carried

Motion: to renew all insurance policies with Higbee Insurance.

\_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ Tom Donahoo \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Lars Lange \_\_\_\_\_ Dave Garland,

All voted yeas, Motion carried

Motion: ~~Possible Drone purchase for township (extensive insurance requirements need reviewed prior)~~ TABLED

\_\_\_\_\_ Tom Donahoo \_\_\_\_\_ Lars Lange \_\_\_\_\_ Dave Garland,

~~All voted yeas, Motion carried~~

Meeting Adjourned 6:32pm

*Betsy Bennett*  
*Secretary*  
*Master*

