

**MEETING MINUTES – WEST BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING,
TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2023 @ 6pm**

Attendees: Tom Donahoo/Chairman-Roadmaster Supervisor, Lars Lange – V Chairman Supervisor, Dave Garland 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 of America, and to the Republic, for which it stands, one Nation, Under God, indivisible with Liberty and Justice for all.

6:05 PM REVIEW ONLINE AUCTION OUTCOME – MUNICIBID – amounts will be handwritten in (online auction doesn't end until 6-12-2023 @ 8pm) (each Motion will be individual)

- A) Motion:** to accept bid on Ford F550 \$2100.00
2ND Tom Donahoo M Lars Lange Dave Garland **All**
voted yeas; MOTION CARRIED
- B) Motion:** to accept bid on Gledhill Snowplow \$49.00 **NO SALE**
~~Tom Donahoo~~ ~~Lars Lange~~ ~~Dave Garland~~ **All** voted yeas;
MOTION CARRIED
- C) Motion:** to accept bid on Bush Hog 3-point mower \$2600.00
2ND Tom Donahoo M Lars Lange Dave Garland **All** voted
yeas; MOTION CARRIED
- D) Motion:** to accept bid on Huber Grader \$1300.00
2ND Tom Donahoo M Lars Lange Dave Garland **All** voted
yeas; MOTION CARRIED
- E) Motion:** to accept bid on Galion Roller \$650.00
2ND Tom Donahoo M Lars Lange Dave Garland **All** voted
yeas; MOTION CARRIED
- F) Motion:** to accept bid on Western Snowplow \$22.00 **NO SALE**
~~Tom Donahoo~~ ~~Lars Lange~~ ~~Dave Garland~~ **All** voted yeas;
MOTION CARRIED
- G) Motion:** to accept bid on Ford Bronco Utility Truck \$1775.00
M Tom Donahoo 2ND Lars Lange Dave Garland **All** voted
yeas; MOTION CARRIED
- H) Motion:** to accept bid on International Pumper Truck \$2800.00
M Tom Donahoo 2ND Lars Lange Dave Garland **All** voted
yeas; MOTION CARRIED
- TOTAL EARNINGS ON THE UNUSED EQUIPMENT SALE = \$11,225**

Citizens Participation:

~Betty Girdish – talk about the Park Board -Betty resigned from the Park Board -in her opinion the Park Board isn't needed any longer.

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~Kathy Williams – resigned from the Park Board

~Paulette Benard -voices the grass has been really looking good since Shawn Redmond has started cutting, he’s doing a nice job. She asked if we could place a garbage can in the dugout at the park.

Minutes from Previous Meeting

1) Motion: to approve the previous meeting minutes

Tom Donahoo 2ND Lars Lange M Dave Garland

All voted yeas; MOTION CARRIED

Bills paid since last meeting: SPWA, \$39.16 (Gen); West Penn Power, \$205.72 (Gen); West Penn Power, \$469.08 (Street Light); D & B Customized Apparel, \$1512.50 (Donation Fund); Lars Lange, \$1200.00 (Donation Fund) (cashd check to pay bands); Tri County Access, \$400.00 (Donation Fund); Rick Cross, \$275.00 (Donation Fund); Steve Pitzarella \$175.00 (Donation Fund); Lars Lange, \$259.39 (Donation Fund); Thomas E Donahoo, \$39.92 (Donation Fund) Sam’s Club Mastercard \$785.83 (Gen);Nusida Accounting \$200.00(Gen); Emerick Security Systems, \$170.00 (Gen); Highmark BC/BS, \$8713.50 (Gen); Consolidated Communications, \$288.34 (Gen); PSATS, \$45.00 (Gen); Betty Girdish/Tax Collector \$356.96 (Gen)-repayment from duplicate 2022 twp. tax payments to credit toward resident’s 2023 twp. tax)

New Bills to be paid: Coolspring Stone Supply, \$4825.48 (Act 13); Harshman CE Group, LLC, \$142.50 (Gen); UniFirst, \$254.51 (Gen); Dry Tavern Ace Hardware, \$64.99 (Gen); PSATS, \$240.00 (Gen);); Neiswonger Construction, \$4266.93 (Snow); Chemung Supply, \$2296.10 (Gaming); Bottled Gas Service, \$130.00 (Gen); Briggs Tire Service \$50.00 (Gen), Interstate Pipe, \$1863.00(Act 13); Observer Reporter \$270.70 (Gen); Bigs Sanitation, \$110.00 (Gen); MVFD, \$3250.00 (Gen); Zach & Malana Smith \$101.94 (Donation Fund)(reimbursement); MWBJSA, \$57.00 (Gen); Yablonski/Costello/Lecki, \$727.48 (Gen);

2) Motion: to pay bills

2ND Tom Donahoo M Lars Lange Dave Garland

All voted yeas; MOTION CARRIED

Correspondence:

~Brochures and Flyers received from the WCCD regarding the Spotted Lanternfly Grant Program. Packets avail at the Twp front desk- forwarded Grant opportunity information to Supervisors Lars.

Road Masters Report: working on roads, preparing for blacktop

Solicitors Report: Kennedy Property

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Old Business: ~slate dump project- meeting with DEP & Federal Office of Surface Mining held on May 30, 2023, to discuss project. Grant Award possibly in 8 weeks.

~ Mrs. Kennedy's property- Contract proposal sent to Kelly Stepp, Esquire.

~ need Park Board members

NEW BUSINESS:

- 3) **Motion:** to advertise for paving bids for Fisher Hollow, bids to be opened @ July 11, 2023, meeting. **Roadmaster Supervisor Tom** also mentioned 150 ft of roadway that needs some paving behind the Pizza Shop.

Tom Donahoo 2ND Lars Lange M Dave

Garland All voted yeas; MOTION CARRIED

- 4) **Motion:** to ~~rescind or accept~~ renewal membership into the Washington County Land Bank. (WBT has been a member of the Land Bank since July 26, 2021, and yet zero Township properties have been placed on their site to aid in eradicating any blight properties).

2ND Tom Donahoo M Lars Lange Dave

Garland All voted yeas; MOTION CARRIED

- 5) **Motion:** to renew the Marianna Volunteer Fire Company agreement from July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024 at a cost of \$3250.00.

M Tom Donahoo Lars

Lange 2ND Dave Garland All voted yeas; MOTION CARRIED

- 6) **Motion:** Park Board Bank account- Need new signatories for the checking account. Account will also need 3 signatures on checks, same as all the other accounts.

M Tom Donahoo Lars Lange 2ND Dave

Garland All voted yeas; MOTION CARRIED

- 7) **Motion:** to apply for the Multimodal Grant for Field and Stream Club Road Bridge.

M Tom Donahoo 2ND Lars Lange Dave

Garland All voted yeas; MOTION CARRIED

- 8) **Motion:** to hire Justin Cape, on a parttime basis, for Township.

2ND Tom Donahoo M Lars Lange Dave

Garland All voted yeas; MOTION CARRIED

- 9) **Motion:** to plan a summer community picnic with Fireworks, cost not to exceed \$4,000. **Additional pricing information to be brought to July 2023 Supervisors meeting**

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 M Tom Donahoo 2ND Lars Lange Dave
Garland All voted yeas; MOTION CARRIED

10 Motion: Investigate selling or trading the Red Dodge 1 Ton Truck in on a smaller truck.

Noted from Supervisor Tom, Costars must be used for pricing.

 M Tom Donahoo Lars Lange 2ND Dave
Garland All voted yeas; MOTION CARRIED

(*Note from Solicitor, investigating anything does not call for a Motion, simply a Discussion).

Request from **Supervisor Lars** to add 2 action items to the agenda.

No problems or issues from audience regarding additional motions being added to existing Agenda.

11)Motion: to investigate and obtain fair market value cost from appraisal on 2 lots on Whitehall Street to be sold by township enabling the Township to sell the lots to get back on the tax rolls.

 2nd Tom Donahoo M Lars Lange Dave
Garland All voted yea; Motion Carried.

12)Motion: Hiring of Mounts Engineering of a cost of \$1100.00 to survey the Kenney Property tract, enabling the Township to continue with the DCNR Grant for the Township Park.

 Tom Donahoo M Lars Lange 2nd Dave
Garland All voted yea; Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned: 6:52 pm

Betsy Benning
Secretary Treasurer

