

**MEETING MINUTES - West Bethlehem Township Supervisors Meeting Tuesday,
August 8th, 2023 @ 6pm**

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

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to be considered an official record of business.

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record of business.

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.

Citizens Participation:

~Jeremy Berardinelli – Marianna Borough- would like to discuss 2 parcels that are owned by
WBT, located in Marianna Borough -

~Steve Ziats – concerned with another tree leaning badly on Meadow Lane

~Paulette Benard – directed questions to Supervisor Lars Lange regarding his personal Laptop
computer and any West Bethlehem Twp documentation (on his personal Laptop computer)
should be visible to residents according to the Sunshine Law- Paulette stated. Paulette desires
clarification on Supervisor Lars' working hours. **Supervisor Lars** responded he will speak to the
Solicitor regarding his personal computer. **Supervisor Lars** states he is willing to have another
meeting with Paulette, but the computer is his personal computer and is not owned by the
Township.

~Paul Crowe- brought concerns over feral cats.

Minutes from Previous Meeting

1) **Motion:** to accept minutes from previous meeting:

2nd Tom Donahoo, M Lars Lange Dave Garland, all
voted yeas, Motion carried.

Bills paid since last meeting: West Penn Power, \$38.66 (Gen); Columbia Gas, \$16.80 (Gen);
SPWA, \$50.95 (Gen); Consolidated Communications, \$273.18 (Gen); Security Systems, \$150.00
(Gen); Betsy Benning, \$36.94 (reimbursement-mileage) (Gen); Pyrotechnic Artists, \$3500.00
(Donation); West Penn Power, \$ 502.52 (Street Light); Highmark BC/BS, \$8713.50 (Gen)

New Bills to be paid Scott Jones Design & Photography, \$100.00 (Donation); JCB Finance,
\$59,837.98 (Equipment); UniFirst, \$191.28 (Gen); KLH Engineering \$75.00 (Gaming); Sprague,
\$2207.86 (State); Higbee Insurance, \$275.00 (Gen); William B McKelvey (reimbursement,

overpayment Twp Tax- \$3.22 (Gen); Harshman CE Group, \$7548.63 (Act 13); Dry Tavern Hardware, \$124.33 (Gen); Keith Specialty Store, \$358.00 (Park), Fleet Pride, \$219.08 (Gen)

Napa Auto, \$45.17 (Gen); Sprague \$745.95 (gasoline) (Gen); Bigs Sanitation, \$110.00 (Gen); Nusida Accounting, \$225.00 (Gen); Lars Lange, \$160.00 (-reimbursement lottery tickets for softball team) (Donation); MWBJSA, \$49.00 (Gen); Cool Spring Stone, \$11,903.86 (Act 13)

2) **Motion:** to pay the bills

2nd Tom Donahoo, _____ Lars Lange M Dave Garland,
all voted yeas, Motion carried.

Correspondence:

~sign improvements have been completed at the Highland Ridge Rd and Hainer Rd intersection according to Penn Dot.

~ Code enforcement issues (grass cutting)– 2289 Beallsville Rd- property posted.

Roadmaster Report:

~working on Fisher Hollow and Grable roads.

~**Supervisor Tom** states a water leak by the old bank building has destroyed the road and would like the Secretary to phone the water company and see when paving will commence. – Southwest water phoned. Paving to commence 8-21-2023.

Solicitors Report:

~Nothing to add.

Old Business:

~have communicated requesting an appraisal from Appraising Greene for the two lot properties owned by the Township on Whitehall Street.

~have attempted to communicate with Kelly Stepp, (Fran Kennedy's daughter) regarding the Township's intent to purchase Fran Kennedy interest in the paper alley between her property and the park.

~slate dump grant – Natural Streams Foundation is communicating with PA Dep regarding technical aspects of the project.

New Business:

3) **Motion:** to pave Grable Rd.

M Tom Donahoo, _____ Lars Lange 2nd Dave
Garland, all voted yeas, Motion carried.

4) **Motion:** Advertise for Township building repointing Project

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 M Tom Donahoo, 2nd Lars Lange Dave Garland, all voted yeas, Motion carried.

- 5) **Motion:** Set date for 2023 Fall Community Day of October 28, 2023

 Tom Donahoo, M Lars Lange 2nd Dave Garland, all voted yeas, Motion carried.

- 6) **Motion:** Set date for the 2024 Ten Mile Regatta of May 11, 2024.

 Tom Donahoo, M Lars Lange 2nd Dave Garland, all voted yeas, Motion carried.

- 7) **Motion:** to use the donation fund to stock Ten Mile Creek with fish for the Fall of 2023.

 Tom Donahoo, Lars Lange Dave Garland, all voted yeas, Motion carried. **NO MOTION**

- 8) **Motion:** to set Park rental rates for members of the Marianna VFC at \$50.00

 Tom Donahoo, M Lars Lange Dave Garland, all voted yeas, Motion carried. **NOT SECONDED**

- 9) **Motion:** to sign the proposed cable franchise agreement with Comcast

 2nd Tom Donahoo, M Lars Lange Dave Garland, all voted yeas, Motion carried.

- 10) **Motion:** to approve letter of support to Comcast for the grant application to the state and for Capital Projects Fund to build a \$28million broadband expansion that will include West Bethlehem Township.

 2nd Tom Donahoo, M Lars Lange Dave Garland, all voted yeas, Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:35pm

Betty Banning
Secretary
Treasurer