

## MEETING MINUTES - West Bethlehem Township Supervisors Meeting of Tuesday, November 14, 2023 @ 6:00 pm

Attendees: Lars Lange/Vice Chairman-Supervisor, Dave Garland/Supervisor, Solicitor Eric Betzner, Betsy Benning/Secretary-Treasurer/RTK Officer, Tom Donahoo (absent)

Announcement: This meeting is being audio & video taped as an aide to the Secretary only and is not 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.

### Executive Session

~Peoples Natural Gas requesting revision to WBT Road Use agreement.

### Citizens Participation:

~Tina & John DeJuliis- Garret Road paving- would like to know what order the roads will be paved.

~Paul Crowe – Handicap entrance (lights and buzzer not working)-

~Zach Smith /President Marianna Volunteer Fire Company addressed donation needs specifically regarding SCBA units.

~Paulette Benard- (not present, sent request with Paul Crowe) would like to check into the possibility of speed bumps being placed on Central Ave.

~Mr. Midla queries stop signs placed on Laurel Ridge Road.

~John Sargent queries the stop signs placed on Laurel Ridge Rd.

### Minutes from Previous Meeting:

- 1) **Motion:** to accept previous meeting minutes.

\_\_\_\_\_Tom Donahoo \_\_\_\_\_2nd \_\_\_\_\_Lars Lange \_\_\_\_\_M \_\_\_\_\_Dave Garland, all voted yes, Motion carried.

Bills paid since last meeting: Columbia Gas, \$15.86 (Gen); West Penn Power, \$154.54 (Gen); Consolidated Communications, \$279.16 (Gen); Tom Donahoo, \$86.81(Convention attendance + mileage) (Gen); Lars Lange, \$86.81 (Convention attendance + mileage) (Gen); Dave Garland, \$86.81 (Convention attendance + mileage) (Gen); Betty Girdish \$86.81 (Convention attendance + mileage) (Gen); Betsy Benning \$86.81 (Convention attendance + mileage) (Gen); SPWA, \$38.36 (Gen); Lars Lange, \$92.00 (reimbursement softball purchase/community event)



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(Donation); Lars Lange, \$150.00 (reimbursement Umpire usage/community event) (Donation); Highmark BC/BS, \$12136.32 (Gen) Columbia Gas, \$68.58 (Gen);

**New Bills to be paid:** Unifirst, \$ 258.03(Gen); Dry Tavern Ace Hardware, \$182.82 (Gen); Stephenson Equipment, \$362.78 (Gen), Fleet Pride, \$402.96 (Gen); Curry Fluid Power, \$1206.36 (Gen); Suburban Propane, \$1474.43 (Gen); B B & T Heavy Truck & Repair, \$124.00 (Gen); AED Market, \$75.17 (Gen); Rte. 40 Aggregate & Feed, \$399.80 (Park); Chemung Supply, \$1097.86 (Gaming); Earthwise Environmental/Bigs Sanitation, \$110.00 (Gen); Harshman CE Group, \$105.00 (Gen); Harshman CE Group, \$1545.63 (J & E Hardwoods); Power Plan, \$ 655.53 (Gen); Observer Reporter, \$238.94 (Gen); Nusida Accounting, \$300.00 (Gen)Yablonski/Costello/Leckie, \$400.00 (Gen); Marianna Community Library, \$75.00 (Gen); MWBJSA, \$49.00 (Gen)Lowes, \$43.60 (Gen); PPC Lubricants, \$2205.66 (Gen); SPWA, \$43.76 (Gen); Richard Earnest, \$360.84 (Twp Tax refund due to Clean & Green missed by Washington Cnty) (Gen)

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

\_\_\_\_\_Tom Donahoo \_\_\_\_\_M \_\_\_\_\_Lars Lange \_\_\_\_\_Dave Garland, **all voted yes,**  
**Motion carried.**

**Correspondence:**

~Request for donation rec'd from Marianna Volunteer Fire Company (Zach Smith discusses under citizens participation)

~Dan Cohen – (Cohen Law Group) Broadband Expansion (**Supervisor** Lars discusses)

~Noise Complaints- **Supervisor** Lars discusses further and obtains info from the Solicitor.

**Roadmasters Report:**

~**Supervisor** Dave states the Roadmaster has been brush hogging trees and low branches and trees, new signs being placed on roads, and all winter preparations are completed on all necessary equipment.

**Solicitors Report:**

~Solicitors states **Supervisor** Lars will discuss Kennedy property and his recent communication.

**Old Business:**



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Old business continued:

~Park Grant- **Supervisor** Lars discusses the cost of the Kennedy's ½ of the paper alley located at \$7500.00. **Supervisor** Lars states the grant money may be returned if we don't use it shortly. **Supervisor** Dave requests this be tabled, saving the tax paying residents money, and simply reshaping the walking track at the West Bethlehem Twp Park to reverse instead of being oval. The **solicitor** suggests waiting to discuss further until all supervisors are present.

~Andrew Post tree planting- 22 blue markers identifying new trees.

~Township Maintenance Building (Shed) Ad placed – received 5 expressions of interest.

~Flagpole (**Supervisor** Dave reviewed)

~Road study Main Street due to speeding complaints – **Solicitor** shares historically a road study had been considered but was prohibited due to the cost. Further discussion touched on sharing of a regional police force -**Supervisor** Lars will investigate cost, contracting, etc.

New Business:

- 3) **Motion:** to review, accept and advertise the Proposed 2024 Budget as prepared by Supervisor Tom Donahoo.

\_\_\_\_\_ Tom Donahoo \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ Lars Lange \_\_\_\_\_ Dave Garland, all voted yes, Motion carried.

- 4) **Motion:** to purchase Air Compressor for the shed.

\_\_\_\_\_ Tom Donahoo \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ Lars Lange \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dave Garland, all voted yes, Motion carried.

- 5) **Motion:** to review and accept Road Encroachment Resolution (TABLED – NOT COMPLETED)

\_\_\_\_\_ Tom Donahoo \_\_\_\_\_ Lars Lange \_\_\_\_\_ Dave Garland, all voted yes, Motion carried.

- 6) **Motion:** to renew the Commercial and Workers Compensation through Higbee Insurance, at a yearly cost of \$29,478, and \$21,390, respectively.

\_\_\_\_\_ Tom Donahoo \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ Lars Lange \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Dave Garland, all voted yes, Motion carried.

- 7) **Motion:** to accept Cain Contracting's reduced scope of work bid to repoint the most worn portions of the Township Building and seal the gutters. The total amount will be limited to \$42,500.

\_\_\_\_\_ Tom Donahoo \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ Lars Lange \_\_\_\_\_ Dave Garland, all voted yes, Motion carried. MOTION FAILURE DUE TO NO 2ND



MODIFICATION TO AGENDA: Residents voiced no concerns over modification.

8) Motion: To open agenda for modification to discuss the Road Use Agreement

\_\_\_\_\_Tom Donahoo \_\_\_\_\_M \_\_\_\_\_Lars Lange \_\_\_\_\_2nd \_\_\_\_\_Dave Garland, all  
voted yes, Motion carried.

9) Motion: to reject the request from Peoples Natural Gas to revise WBT current Road Use Agreement.

\_\_\_\_\_Tom Donahoo \_\_\_\_\_M \_\_\_\_\_Lars Lange \_\_\_\_\_2nd \_\_\_\_\_Dave Garland, all  
voted yes, Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:48pm

*Bethlehem Township*  
*Secretary*  
*Treasurer*