

Minutes August 15, 2023 6:30 pm
Paint Township 1741 Basin Drive Windber, PA 15963

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Shaffer with the "Pledge of Allegiance". Other board members present were Meyers Vice-Chairman and Wright Secretary-Treasurer. Also present Wendy Senior, Office Secretary. The visitor list is attached.

Minutes: It was moved by Shaffer and seconded by Meyers to accept the minutes of the August 1, 2023 meeting as presented. Roll Call: Shaffer-yes; Meyers-yes; Wright-yes.

Bills: The board reviewed the bill list. It was moved by Meyers and seconded by Wright to pay the bills Roll Call: Shaffer – yes; Meyers- yes; Wright – yes.

Open Forum: Nikki White and Angela Blough held discussion with the Board regarding the condition of the Huston property located at 1341 Hillsboro Road. The property has been vacant for several years. The property owners are both deceased and the son is in a nursing facility. He is to be a ward of the state. The property is in deplorable condition and attracts wild animals and snakes. White and Blough requested help and guidance from the Township in having the structure taken down. The Board advised that the Township will research the status of the real estate tax payments and legal ownership of the property. The Township will get in contact with White to give an update as to the findings. They (White & Blough) also expressed concern of the lack of internet service in the Hillsboro neighborhood. The Township is aware of the lack of internet service in the Hillsboro area. The Board advised them to contact the Somerset County Commissioners regarding the lack of internet service. The County Commissioners have been working on the issue which is County wide. White and Blough stated that they have completed the County survey regarding internet service. White also stated that she has a water problem coming into her basement from Hillsboro Road. The culvert flow from the state road is coming directly onto her property and into her basement. The water flow from the state culvert is adding to the excessive water in her basement from natural springs. White stated that her basement drains cannot properly handle the excessive water flow.

D. Zeglin questioned why the office staff payroll checks differ in amount from the road department. Zeglin who was a past Paint Township Board Chairman stated that the hourly wage rate is the same by union contract. The Board stated yes, he is correct that the hourly wage rate is the same for both departments (Zeglin was a signatory to the union contract with the International Machinist and Aerospace Union). At the Township meeting held on December 7, 2021, board members attending (D. Zeglin; R. Shaffer and J. Wright) it was a unanimous board motion to compensate the office staff for additional clerical duties due to the retirement of the full-time employee whose position was not being replaced.

Old Business: It is noted that the Board received all financials for all Township accounts for the month of July.

New Business: The Township will be purchasing salt through the Costar program contract #6100053321 for the winter season 2023-2024.

It was moved by Meyers and seconded by Wright to accept the minor subdivision plan of Berwind Corporation – Rosebud Mining. Roll Call: Shaffer- yes; Meyers-yes; Wright-yes. The Paint Township Planning Commission approved the plan on August 9, 2023.

The board discussed the purchase of a lawn tractor. Motion was made Meyers and seconded by Wright to purchase a lawn tractor. Roll Call: Shaffer-yes; Meyers-yes; Wright-yes.

Motion was made by Meyers and seconded by Shaffer to accept Resolution #2023-5 Promulgation updating the Emergency Operation Plan for the Township. Roll Call: Shaffer-yes; Meyers-yes; Wright-yes.

The annual Somerset County Township Supervisors convention will be held on September 28, 2023. Those wishing to attend may do so.

Correspondence: The correspondence was reviewed by Wright.

Adjournment: It was moved by Shaffer and seconded by Meyers to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm. Roll call: Shaffer-yes; Meyers-yes; Wright – yes.

Next Township meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 3:30 pm. All township meetings are subject to cancellation and change.

Joanne C. Wright, Secretary-Treasurer