

**West Pike Run Township
Board of Supervisors
Meeting Minutes, April 9, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER

The West Pike Run Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Monday, April 9, 2012. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Chairman Rick Molish.

**PLEDGE &
& ROLL CALL**

Present at the meeting were Supervisors Rick Molish, Phil Podroskey, Laura Hough, Secretary-Treasurer Erin Sakalik, and Solicitor Herman Bigi.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Lisa Lohr, professor at California University of Pennsylvania, introduced herself. She explained that her students have been doing work on Pike Run stream and are having a community night to share what they have found in Pike Run stream and its tributaries from gas wells, coal mines and other factors. She said they will also be talking about trout. Chairman Molish asked Ms. Lohr to hold her speech until after the public meeting.

Tom Basi inquired about a time frame for a waterline extension to Woodland Road. Mr. Molish explained that we will be closer to Woodland at the end of this year than we ever were before.

Marylou Collins of Crescent Heights complained about the condition of the alley. Mr. Molish conveyed that it is on the "to do list."

Gwen Bailey, of Crescent Heights inquired as to when they are going to clean out the ditch in front of her house. Mr. Molish told Ms. Bailey that they will prioritize things and it will go on their list.

Bob Mastriani, One Glad Street, stated that for over two years he has been fighting over getting his ditch fixed. He stated that he was fined for piling stuff up. Mr. Mastriani went on to explain that Phil partially fixed it. He said the water company said that it's the township's problem; the township says it's the water company's problem. Mr. Molish stated that the problem will be addressed. The conversation ensued for several minutes.

The Chairman next called upon Ken Folle to speak. Mr. Folle asked if he could get a schedule of the employees' hours. Supervisor Hough interceded by explaining to Mr. Folle that under the Sunshine Act, he could come into the office and make a formal request for the information and within five business days the township is required to respond to his request. Supervisor Molish agreed. Mr. Folle next commented about Mr. Hijdu's house. He also inquired about the decision of the court in the Hijdu case. Solicitor Bigi informed that all the damages sustained by the township by Mr. Hijdu have been submitted to the bonding carrier. Mr. Bigi stated we will eventually get our money. Laura asked Erin for clarification of the money being received on behalf of Mr. Hijdu. Erin conveyed that the township is receiving Mr. Hijdu's fine money in increments from the County. Mr. Folle then asked if the township froze his pension. Mr. Molish confirmed.

Chairman Molish stated that the township is moving forward and does not want to bring up the past and Mr. Hijdu.

Dennis Hough, Route 40, brought up safety issues he was concerned with, primarily, on Beallsville Road. He presented a photo. Both Supervisors Podroskey and Molish directed him to direct his concerns to PA Dot as it is a state road.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION**Continued**

Bob Mastriani asked about liability insurance for the township for third party contractors.

Barbara Mastriani asked if volunteers are permitted to assist in plowing the roads.

Gene Hepple inquired about road repair on Whitehall Road.

Pastor Prescott asked if the township receives a revenue for parks and recreation. Supervisor Hough stated that there were no funds currently dedicated to recreation. The pastor next conveyed concern over the hazardous equipment at the playground in Crescent Heights. Supervisor Molish informed him that the equipment will be removed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Molish asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2012, township meeting. Supervisor Hough asked if a roll call was taken at the last meeting. Supervisor Podroskey made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Molish. RCV: Podroskey – Yes, Hough – No, Molish – Yes.

CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Podroskey motioned to approve the correspondence. Supervisor Molish seconded the motion. RCV: Podroskey – Yes, Hough – Yes, Molish – Yes.

REPORTS

Police Report. Motion was made by Supervisor Molish to approve the police report. Podroskey seconded the motion. RCV: Podroskey – Yes, Hough – Yes, Molish – Yes.

Code Enforcement Report. Podroskey motioned to accept the code enforcement report. Molish seconded the motion. RCV: Podroskey – Yes, Hough – Yes, Molish – Yes.

Animal Control Report. Molish motioned to accept the animal control report. Hough seconded the motion. RCV: Podroskey – Yes, Hough – Yes, Molish – Yes.

Financial Report. Supervisor Podroskey motioned to approve the financial report. Podroskey seconded the motion. RCV: Podroskey – Yes, Hough – Yes, Molish – Yes.

No road report was presented for approval. Supervisor Molish reported on future road repair plans.

No zoning report was presented for approval.

BILLS & PAYROLL

Supervisor Molish motioned for the payment of the bills and payroll for the month of March. Motion was seconded by Podroskey. RCV: Podroskey – Yes, Hough – Yes, Molish – Yes.

OLD BUSINESS

Clean-up Day. Laura stated that a dumpster will be located at the township building for residents to dispose of large items. Photo ID will be required. Supervisor Hough suggested adopting a section of road to clear litter from. Vests, gloves and bags will be provided to the residents. Another way to help would be to clean up your own property. A sign-up sheet is in the back. The time is May 12, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Rain date is June 7.

Suzy Lane_Supervisor Hough indicated that Suzy Lane is washed out.

NEW BUSINESS

Rules and regulations for conducting public meetings. Supervisor Molish announced that Roberts Rules of Order is to be followed when conducting the township meetings. No vote was required with regard to this topic.

Personnel Restructuring. Chairman Molish explained that the Board is entertaining restructuring two personnel positions. He asked for a motion to promote Mike Hardesty to full-time with full benefits. His salary will be set at \$12.75 per hour. Supervisor Podroskey made the motion, seconded by Supervisor Hough. RCV: Podroskey – Yes, Hough – Yes, Molish – Yes.

NEW BUSINESS Cont.

Supervisor Molish next made a motion to make Erin Sakalik full-time. Supervisor Hough seconded the motion. RCV: Podroskey – Yes, Hough – Yes, Molish – Yes.

Supervisor Molish asked for a motion to accept the resignation of Dave Simon as the chief of police. Motion was made by Podroskey, seconded by Hough. RCV: Podroskey – Yes, Hough – Yes, Molish – Yes.

Resolution 506. Supervisor Molish asked for a motion to accept Resolution 506 implementing Act 192 of 2004 concerning collection of ACT 511 taxes. Podroskey motioned RCV: Podroskey – Yes, Hough – Yes, Molish – Yes.

Meeting Time Change. Supervisor Molish asked to table the vote to change the time of the township meetings to 6:30 p.m. Supervisor Hough asked that a vote be taken tonight. Motion was made by Molish to change the meeting time. There was not a second motion. RCV: Podroskey – No, Hough – Yes, Molish – No.

Budner Subdivision. The Chairman asked for a motion to approve the Budner/Greenwood subdivision. Podroskey motioned, Molish seconded. RCV: Podroskey – Yes, Hough – Yes, Molish – Yes.

Ordinance 1-2012. Solicitor Bigi presented and read Ordinance 1-2012 establishing weight limits on Deems Park Road. Motion was made by Podroskey, seconded by Molish. RCV: Podroskey – Yes, Hough – Yes, Molish – Yes.

OTHER BUSINESS

Deems Park. Supervisor Hough gave an update on Deems Park. She explained that a lease is being drafted to be given to Herman for review. She stated that they are planning to rebuild the pavilion. She also gave an update on her search for a grant for the Crescent Heights Park.

Mon Valley Co-op. Supervisors Hough and Molish explained the intent of the Board to join the Mon Valley Co-op (Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement) this will enable communities to combat blighted properties.

Newsletter. Supervisor Molish gave an update on the status of the progress of the township newsletter.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Supervisor Molish made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Hough seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned 6:55 p.m.

Erin Sakalik, Secretary