

## WEST PIKE RUN TOWNSHIP

Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes, March 12, 2012

### CALL TO ORDER

The West Pike Run Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Monday, March 12, 2012. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Chairman Richard Molish.

### PLEADGE & ROLL CALL

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

### PUBLIC DISCUSSION

The Chairman asked the public to state their name prior to speaking.

Jack O'Neil inquired about Steve Hijdu's restitution. The Solicitor informed that he has been in communication with the township's bonding agent and they are working on recouping the money. The bonding company is prepared to allow for \$40,000; however Mr. Bigi informed them that we have documentation that it was \$90,000. Once that documentation is provided to the bonding company, the township should have no problem getting that amount.

Erin Sakalik, secretary, informed that Mr. Hijdu has paid restitution thus far in the amount of approximately \$580.

Ken Folle asked about the mileage expense for the township convention. He asked if three vehicles were going to be taken or would we be traveling together. He also asked if we would be staying in one room. Rick asked Erin to address Mr. Folle. Erin explained that the convention in Hershey is provided through PSATS and provides the necessary training for the township officials to effectively serve their community. The expenses are allowable in the Second Class Township Code. The money was budgeted for 2012. Rick explained that this will be a huge educational experience for your township officials. Laura added that the attendees are assigned hotels by a lottery. We do not know at this time if we are in the same hotel.

Mr. Folle next stated that the Township added vision and dental for the part-time police. He said that California Borough has never heard of that before. Even the mayor of Long Branch has never heard of that. Rick stated that the police officers started out at \$9 and \$9.50 per hour. They wanted raises. The township gave them a .50 cent raise. The officers asked for dental and vision. It was cheaper to give them the benefits so that is what we did.

Mr. Folle then inquired as to who the road master answers to. Rick directed Mr. Folle to the code book for the definition of road master.

Dennis Hough stated that he has been a resident for 15 years. He stated that he has spent a lot of time around health facilities and has learned more about lead poisoning. He has learned of the HUD initiative and possible grants to help townships clean up lead paint issues. He presented to the Chairman information about a township lead based paint initiative.

Lettie Tregembo asked for an explanation on the bill list. Erin stated that American Rock Salt is for road salt, Chemung Supply was for tire chains, Jack Kruell is for antiskid, Tribune Review is for advertising; one for the conditional use for the gas well and the other was for the Planning Commission meeting last month, West Penn Power is for the streetlights for the entire township, and the other Verizon bill is for the township phones. Widmere is owed for the engineering costs on the Whitehall Bridge.

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION****Continued**

Cindy Hijdu wanted to know what the township does with the money recouped from Steve Hijdu. Herman informed her that it goes into the general fund.

Maryanne Molish stated that sometimes the residents do not get explanations on things.

Ken Folle inquired about the collections for delinquent accounts. Erin stated that PAMS has been collecting the township's delinquent fire, per capita and street light tax with success.

Cindy Hijdu conveyed her concern about the drug activity in the township. Rick informed that there are several places in the township where there are concerns. He stated that the township police and state police are aware of the activity and will be vigilant.

Rosemary Yurick inquired about talking to the zoning officer. Erin offered to provide Kerry Krider's phone number to Mrs. Yurick after the meeting.

Karen Karlosky informed that there was a drug bust by her home on Pike Run Drive. Mrs. Karlosky stated that her neighbor rents his house to whoever will give him rent money. She then asked if the township had an ordinance for a fire wall. Erin conveyed that at some point the township may implement a rental inspection program.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Molish asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 13, 2012, township meeting. Laura asked to take several minutes to review the meeting minutes before making a motion. During this time, several unidentified residents addressed the Board. Motion was made by Phil to approve the minutes from the February township meeting. The motion was seconded by Laura. RCV: Hough – Yes, Podroskey – Yes, Molish – Yes.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Motion was made by Phil, seconded by Rick to approve the correspondence for the month of February. RCV: Hough – Yes, Podroskey – Yes, Molish – Yes.

**REPORTS**

A police report was not filed for the month of February 2012.

The Chairman announced that the code enforcement report for February will be tabled.

Motion was made by Phil, seconded by Laura to approve the animal control report for the month of January. RCV: Hough – Yes, Podroskey – Yes, Molish – Yes.

Motion was made by Phil, seconded by Laura to approve the financial report for the month of January. RCV: Hough – Yes, Podroskey – Yes, Molish – Yes.

**BILLS & PAYROLL**

Motion was made by Phil, seconded by Laura to approve the payments of the bills and payroll for the month of January. RCV: Hough – Yes, Podroskey – Yes, Molish – Yes.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The Chairman informed that there was a public hearing on Monday, March 5, 2012, at 6 p.m. for the conditional use submitted by M3 Appalachia on the Tomsic property. He stated that the conditional use was passed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Chairman stated that the township needs a personnel policy as well as a health care policy. The personnel policy that has been located is outdated. There was no Board action taken on this matter.

Next, the Chairman asked for a motion to proceed with The Southwest Training Services Summer Youth Work Program. The program provides part-time summer help at no cost to the township. Laura asked for clarification about Southwest Training Services. The Chairman explained that that teens and young adults are enrolled in the summer program. Southwest pays their salary, work comp and insurance. Several unidentified residents made inquiries about the program. Several conversations ensued among the Board members and residents. Motion was made by Phil, seconded by Rick to apply for summer help through The Southwest Training Services. RCV: Hough – Yes, Podroskey – Yes, Molish – Yes.

The Chairman asked for a motion to authorize the solicitor to conduct a title search for property owned by the township along Scenic Drive. An unidentified resident inquired about the location. Motion was made by Laura to authorize Herman to conduct the title search for the township property along Scenic Drive. The motion was seconded by Phil. RCV: Hough – Yes, Podroskey – Yes, Molish – Yes.

Laura recognized Robbie and Karen Gallis. Laura then announced that she had compiled a lease in rough draft for the Gallis' to review. Laura opened the floor to Robbie Gallis to speak about the proposed lease. Robbie spoke about several revisions he had made to the proposed lease. He conveyed that he wanted a shorter term lease. It was at this time Laura explained Deems Park has a long history in the area. She stated that she has been talking to Robbie and Karen about improving what is there; i.e., adding a walking trail, a volley ball court, maybe a basketball court, and more pavilions. Laura referenced the web page. She informed that there will be several clean-up days to clean up the park. It is her hope to have it up and running by summer. Resident discussions ensued. Laura answered several questions brought on by the residents. Laura then recognized Karen and asked her to speak about the nonprofit organization that she is starting. Ms. Gallis explained a "brick donation system" that she is setting up. Laura summed up by stating that as soon as the nonprofit and the bank account is set up she will set up easy ways for people to make small donations through pay pal. She will also approach the drilling the companies and other companies for donations.

Unidentified residents blurted out comments and questions. Supervisor Hough answered the residents' questions.

Chairman Molish asked for a motion. The motion was unidentified. Phil motioned, the motion was seconded. RCV: Hough – Yes, Podroskey – Yes, Molish – Yes.

The Chairman next asked for a motion to appoint Erin Sakalik, Ronald Large, and Walter MacFann to the PA UCC Municipal Appeals Board. Laura made a motion; the motion was seconded by Phil. RCV: Hough – Yes, Podroskey – Yes, Molish – Yes.

Rick asked for a motion for a weight limit ordinance for Deems Park and McGirts Road. Phil motioned, seconded by Rick. RCV: Hough – Yes, Podroskey – Yes, Molish – Yes.

**NEW BUSINESS****Continued**

Rick presented the intent of the township to join the Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce for \$96 and to also become a member of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce at a cost of \$225 per year. An unidentified resident asked a question. Rick addressed the resident. Motion was made by Phil, seconded by Laura to join both chambers of commerce. RCV: Hough – Yes, Podroskey – Yes, Molish – Yes.

Chairman Molish asked for a motion for the Board to look into amending Ordinance 87-3; the Township's Burning Ordinance. Supervisor Hough made a motion; the motion was seconded by Supervisor Molish. RCV: Hough – Yes, Podroskey – Yes, Molish – Yes.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

The Chairman announced that the township plans to have an open house for the public. Random questions were presented from the audience. Several discussions ensued among the Board members and the public.

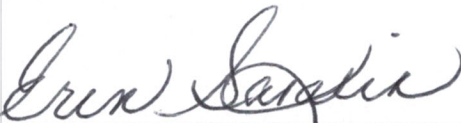
The Chairman next announced the township's clean-up day will be held Saturday, May 12, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Laura conveyed that there is a sign-up sheet for the event in the back of the meeting room and you can also register on the website. Supervisor Hough conveyed her displeasure with all of the litter around the area. She told of a story from when she was a little kid and was in the newspaper with her family because they had gone out and picked up trash for a similar event. Discussion between residents and the Board again ensued. The residents were not asked to identify themselves for the purpose of record.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman motioned to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Hough interjected, and did not allow the meeting to be adjourned at this time.

Laura addressed residents of Crescent Heights. Supervisor Hough stated that she wanted to let these residents know that she met with Commissioner Diana Irey-Vaughn and also the superintendent of parks and recreation for Washington County. She explained that she is going to submit a grant through the DCNR to get "that" rolling. She went on to explain that she was informed that it will take two to three years before it would actually happen. Laura addressed and made conversation with residents during this time. Laura suggested sitting down with the residents to consider other avenues.

Chairman Molish adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.



Erin Sakalik, Secretary