

West Pike Run Township
Board of Supervisors
Meeting Minutes, October 8, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

The West Pike Run Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Monday, October 8, 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 and Laura Hough, Manager Erin Sakalik, and Solicitor Herman Bigi.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Ed Gregg of the Abraham Plan of Homes commented on the variance hearing for the Rossi's. He asked what the procedure was for approval of the variance. Supervisor Molish explained that all of the proper procedures were followed; however, the Zoning Hearing Board members failed to show up for the hearing. Mr. Gregg then inquired about his options as the adjacent property owner. Solicitor Bigi suggested that Mr. Gregg contact Attorney Dennis Paluso, the solicitor for the Zoning Hearing Board.

Mary Monkovich of 254 Whitehall Road conveyed her concern about a storm grate outside of her home. Chairman Molish said that he would look into it.

An unidentified woman informed the Board that there are tree limbs across her road.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Chairman Molish asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2012. township meeting. Supervisor Podroskey made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Molish. RCV: Podroskey – Yes, Hough – Yes, Molish – Yes.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

REPORTS

Police Report. Chief Hardesty was on hand to read the police / code enforcement report for the month of September.

Motion was made by Supervisor Podroskey, seconded by Molish to approve all of the monthly reports submitted. This included the police/code enforcement report, the animal control report, and the financial report. RCV: Podroskey – Yes, Hough – Yes, Molish – Yes.

As part of the road report, Rick Molish informed the residents that Rice Energy is going to be paving Cherry Street up to the impound for the water. They will also be paving McGirts Road from the intersection of South California to Beallsville Road. He also stated that Michels is going to put a leveling coat on Deems Park Road.

Rick next stated that the contract was signed for the Dirt & Gravel Road Program for Hickory Road, and the Redevelopment Authority is providing funds necessary to pave Oak Road.

BILLS & PAYROLL

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

OLD BUSINESS

Restitution Bond Money. Chairman Molish announced that the Township received \$84,103.66 from Travelers Insurance for Stephen Hajdu's bond. He thanked Mr. Bigi for his hard work in recouping the money.

OLD BUSINESS Cont.

Township Auditor Appointment. The Chairman next announced that there will be a hearing at the Court of Common Pleas on October 11 at 1:15 to appoint an auditor for the township.

Motion was made by Supervisor Podroskey to nominate George Morrell as a candidate for township auditor. Motion was seconded by Molish. RCV: Podroskey – Yes, Hough – Yes, Molish – Yes.

The two candidates nominated for the 6-year term as auditor are Chad Denike and George Morrell.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 2012-3 - Storm Water Management Ordinance. Motion was made by Supervisor Hough to adopt the ordinance. Podroskey seconded the motion. RCV: Podroskey – Yes, Hough – Yes, Molish – Yes.

Budget Workshops. Mr. Molish announced the Board's budget workshop dates. He informed that the dates have been advertised in the newspaper and are open to the public.

Zoning Hearing Board. Phil Podroskey made a motion to appoint David Rohaly to a two-year term on the Zoning Hearing Board (term ending 1/1/14). Rick seconded the motion. RCV: Podroskey – Yes, Hough – Yes, Molish – Yes.

Phil motioned to appoint Randy Patterson to a five-year term ending 1/1/17. Laura seconded the motion. RCV: Podroskey – Yes, Hough – Yes, Molish – Yes.

Phil motioned to appoint Dennis Hough to a 3-year term on the Zoning Hearing Board. (term ending 1/1/15). Rick seconded the motion. RCV: Podroskey – Yes, Hough – Abstained, Molish – Yes.

Motion was made by Phil, seconded by Rick to set a meeting pay of \$50 to each Zoning Hearing Board member per meeting. The motion was seconded by Rick. RCV: Podroskey – Yes, Hough – Abstained, Molish – Yes.

Loan Proposal Acceptance. The Chairman next asked for a motion to sign the loan proposal acceptance agreement for interim financing in the amount of \$120,000 for the Whitehall waterline project. The interest rate is 4 percent. The Chairman moved on without a motion or vote.

Vacancy Board. Rick expressed the need for a volunteer to fill the position of Vacancy Board Member. It is a one-member board whose duty it is to fill vacancies on our township boards.

Trick-or-Treat. The Board set the day and time as Saturday, October 27, 4 – 6 p.m.

Donation Request. The Daisytown Community Center asked the Township for treat bag donations for their Halloween and Christmas parties. Rick explained that the Township will once again donate Halloween treat bags to Grace Methodist Church, the Community Center, and the Daycare Center on Pike Run Drive. The amount will not exceed \$250. Supervisor Podroskey volunteered a personal donation of \$20.

Revision to Resolution 502. The Chairman indicated the following changes to township fees: Commercial plan review fees increase to \$480; Occupancy permits \$25; Gas and oil well drilling fees are new; rig hand trailer fees \$1,000 per month; well pad fees \$500; Minor subdivision applications \$350; police reports \$25.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Molish called an executive session with regards to the first three items under Other Business. Once the meeting reconvened, the Chairman tabled "A, B, and C" under Other Business. These topics were related to personnel matters.

Neighborhood Watch Program. Rick stated that the Neighborhood Watch Program is in operation. They had their first meeting last month, with about 30 people in attendance.

Michels Bond Release. The Board denied releasing any bonds for Michels until the roads are fixed.

Ross Subdivision. Motion was made by Supervisor Podroskey to adopt the Ross Subdivision as approved by the Planning Commission. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Molish. . RCV: Podroskey – Yes, Hough – Yes, Molish – Yes.

Prior to adjournment, the Chairman announced that the voting poll for the 2nd District has been moved from the Athletic Club to the Township Building.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned 6:42 p.m.

Erin Sakalik, Manager