

Connellsville Township Supervisors
166 McCoy Hollow Road, Connellsville, PA 15425
Meeting minutes April 11, 2019

- I. **Call to Order-** Chairman Miner called the monthly meeting to order on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 7:02 p.m.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance-** led by Chairman Miner.
- III. **Roll Call-** The following persons were present- Chairman Todd Miner, Vice-Chairman Donald Hann, Secretary Darla Hann and Attorney Jack Purcell. Supervisor Carson arrived 7:08.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes-** A motion was made by Vice Chairman Hann to accept the regular meeting minutes from March 14, 2019. Second by Supervisor Carson. All in favor. Motion carried.
- V. **Public participation-** Ron Gallo thanked Supervisors for raising his cable taxes. Chairman Miner explained that the Township does not have anything to do with the cable prices. Mr. Gallo asked why Allegheny County is getting fines from U.S. Steel and why don't we get anything; saying that is why we pay more for gas. He thanked the Supervisor for removing the poles at the old playground and wants to know when he can have his driveway back. Supervisor Carson asked if knows where the pins are for his property. Solicitor Purcell explained that the township does get a franchise fee from the cable company but that is all. Mr. Gallo also wanted to know why the Township cannot have free internet. It was explained that it isn't possible. Discussion followed concerning the broadband problem and how it is being addressed.
- VI. **Secretary's Report-** Darla Hann reported that she is working on delinquent garbage letters and that she will work on the sign design after Easter. The Workers Comp Audit is complete and we do have to pay \$1286.00. There was a discrepancy with the population on the report for the audit and she has filled out the forms to rectify the mistake. Just a reminder there will be a Hard To Recycle Event at the Fayette Co. Fairgrounds on April 27, 2019 from 9 AM to 2 PM. The Equipment and Shop Inventories are completed and in the office. There is a question about accessing a property to see if it is safe; it was decided the Code Enforcement Officer will look into this.
- VII. **Treasurer's Report –** read by Darla Hann and is available in the office. Motion by Vice Chairman Hann to accept the treasurer's report and bank reconciliation for February. Second by Supervisor Carson. All in favor, motion carried.
- VIII. **Authorization to pay bills-** Motion made by Vice Chairman Hann to pay monthly bills. Second by Supervisor Carson. All in favor. Motion carried.
- IX. **Correspondence-** Darla Hann stated the following correspondence came into the office: The EADS group invited attendees at the conference to stop at their hospitality room. Bortek Industries dropped off information about the street sweepers they sell and rent. The Dept. of Transportation sent a map of the area(by Advanced Auto) for planned repairs for 2019 Slide Repairs to look over.

X. Committee Reports-

***Fire Dept.** – Chairman Carson said there is a fish fry this Friday and Good Friday. The tanker was out of service but has since been repaired.

***Emergency Management** - The generator is in service.

***Roadmaster** – Report for the month was read by Chairman Miner and is on file in the office.

***Code Enforcement Officer** – Code Enforcement Josh Nypaver read the report and it is on file in the office.

***Supervisors – Supervisor Hann** – Stated that the Township should consider selling the street sweeper. Chairman Miner said he was told it is only out once a year and that is to keep it running. Supervisor Carson would like to talk to the guys about it.

Vice-Chairman Carson –

Chairman Miner – Informed all that PennDOT denied our request to deduct the newest batch of invoices from what we owe. He spoke with Rep. Warner and several other people who are supportive of our efforts; Darla Hann sent another request asking the request to be reviewed again. There is a possibility of sitting down and discussing it with them at the Conference next week. Chairman Miner went to a meeting with representatives from DCED last week and found that several grants are available. Darla is researching them. Jack Purcell stated that the Sewage Authority is moving forward with permanent financing; Chairman Miner said that he and Darla met with them and signed the paperwork. He also met with Mr. Keefer and an Eagle Scout who is working on cleaning up Connell's grave. The Township and City will do what they can to help (hauling debris, shrubs...), Mr. Keefer is trying to get it surveyed. The grants through the water company and for recycling have been submitted.

XI. Unfinished Business – The power washer was purchased by Sheldon Reed (Benton, PA) for \$201.00. The 1995 Ford F-450 was purchased by Daniel Curry (Hanover, PA) for \$4,800.00.

XII. New Business – Motion by Supervisor Carson to appoint McMillen Engineering as an option for Sewage Officer. Second by Vice Chairman Hann. All in favor. Motion carried. Motion by Vice Chairman Hann to donate \$100.00 to the Carpentry program at Vo-Tech for the window boxes they built for the office. Second by Supervisor Carson. All in favor. Motion carried. Motion by Supervisor Carson to be put on the Community Service Worksites List for Adult Probation. Second by Vice Chairman Hann. All in favor. Motion carried. Jon Gilpin obtained prices for a Stihl concrete saw: D&K \$1,259.96 and Best Line \$1319.95. Motion by Supervisor Carson to purchase a concrete saw from D&K for \$1,259.96. Second by Vice Chairman Hann. All in favor. Motion carried. The Township was asked to look into the possibility of putting a fire hydrant on the corner of Grandview and E. Cedar Ave. due to how much hose had to be run for a house fire out there recently. Supervisor Carson explained there was a closer hydrant and even if there was a hydrant put in it wouldn't change the low pressure. They never ran out of water; the issue was communication. Discussion followed and this will be tabled. Chairman Miner spoke with Melissa Tzan from Rep. Warner's office with information pertaining to the handicap entrance for the fire department. Their office is trying to obtain money for this project. There is a possibility of the Vo-Tech doing the work which would save on labor cost.

XIII. Ordinances – There was a question from a resident of why the ordinances were being changed. Chairman Miner explained that in order to get the recycling grant our ordinances have to be in compliance with the DEP. Supervisor Carson questioned shrub/yard debris collection. Right now, it would be scheduled, something similar to our leaf collection in the fall. Josh Nypaver explained the burning ordinance. Discussion followed on the ordinances. Motion by Supervisor Carson to adopt Ordinance 2019-1 (Recycling). Second by Chairman Miner. Motion by Supervisor Carson to adopt Ordinance 2019-2 (Burning). Second by Chairman Miner. Motion by Supervisor Carson to adopt Ordinance 2019-3 (Garbage). Second by Chairman Miner. Motion by Supervisor Carson to adopt Ordinance 2019-4 (amendment to Sweep Ord.). Second by Chairman Miner. Motion by Supervisor Carson to introduce an ordinance requiring working sewage disposal system, guidelines for construction, establishing fees, filing of applications. Second by Chairman Miner. Motion by Supervisor Carson to introduce an ordinance pertaining to the assessment of fire hydrants. Second by Chairman Miner.

XIV. Resolutions –

XV. Adjournment- Motion by Vice-Chairman Hann to adjourn. Second by Supervisor Carson. All in favor. Motion carried.

Submitted by: _____ **Approved by:** _____