

Connellsville Township Supervisors
166 McCoy Hollow Road, Connellsville, PA 15425
Meeting Minutes July 11, 2019

- I. **Call to Order-** Chairman Miner called the monthly meeting to order on Thursday, July 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, Supervisor Carson, Secretary Darla Hann and Attorney Jack Purcell
- IV. **Approval of Minutes-** A motion was made by Vice Chairman Hann to accept the regular meeting minutes from June 13, 2019. Second by Supervisor Carson. All in favor. Motion carried.
- V. **Public participation-** Robert Calisti, 223 Swan Drive: Asked why the ordinances and minutes are not on the website. Secretary Darla Hann explained that the website won't allow her to add anything else and she is in contact with someone to find out why. He also asked if the tar problem on Swan Drive is being addressed. Chairman Miner stated that it is being checked into and is on the list, he can't say exactly when. Tim Upton and Chairman Miner referenced the neutral wires missing out on Narrows and Bellview Road that were discussed last meeting, noting that West Penn has not seemed to concerned about it.
- VI. **Secretary's Report-** Secretary Darla Hann: The audits for 2016 & 2017 have been completed by Cypher & Cypher and will be contacting Singer Accounting to set up the 2018 audit. The Ordinances have been sent to Haggerty's office so code enforcement can enforce them. The agreement with Ford Business Machines has been signed for maintenance of the computers. The properties have been liened that the Township has done maintenance on. Darla also asked if dye tests should be required for everyone purchasing a home. Discussion followed and Solicitor Purcell will send samples of ordinances down and the different options can be discussed. Supervisor Miner asked how many times can a permit be issued to tear down a house. It has been over a year and still nothing done with one property. Josh Nypaver stated that we can work with The Redevelopment Authority to have property demolished also.
- VII. **Treasurer's Report –** Darla Hann stated the treasurer's reports is available to look at in the office. Motion by Vice Chairman Hann to accept the reconciliation of the bank statements for May. Second by Supervisor Carson. All in favor, motion carried.
- VIII. **Authorization to pay bills-** Motion made by Supervisor Carson to authorize payment of the monthly bills. Second by Vice Chairman Hann. All in favor. Motion carried.
- IX. **Correspondence –** Darla Hann stated a letter was received from PennDOT saying this year marks the 30 Year Anniversary of Adopt-A-Highway Program, the savings generated by these programs are over \$5 million annually. The DEP sent a final notice about the new rules for use of hazardous materials on dirt and

gravel roads statewide. We received notice that Fayette County Association of Township Supervisors Annual Golf Outing will be on Friday, August 16th. Flag Sponsors are \$100.00, Tee Sponsors are \$50.00. Supervisor Miner made a motion to sponsor a flag for \$100.00. 2nd by Vice Chairman Hann. All in favor. Motion carried. Solicitor Purcell mentioned that the Township Association of Supervisors next meeting is August 12th at Bullskin Township 7:30.

X. Committee Reports-

***Fire Dept.** – Supervisor Carson said a letter for donations from the community has been sent out by the fire department. Stated that 2 Sundays ago, there was a serious house fire on Cummings; entrance going into the house touching metal gutters. The owner noticed sparking prior to the fire but did not recognize where it was coming from. Vice Chairman Hann stated that he had called West Penn prior to the fire about the lines there in trees. Mr. Upton stated that West Penns position is that drop lines are the homeowner's responsibility.

***Emergency Management** - Cell phone broke and he had to replace it.

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

***Code Enforcement Officer** – Report read by Code Enforcement Officer Josh Nypaver: He has 7 open cases for property maintenance violations and report is on file in the office.

***Supervisors – Vice Chairman Hann** – Nothing at this time.

Supervisor Carson – Supervisor Carson stated that someone is cutting the grass at the house on Rogers Avenue and has been told that someone is buying the property.

Chairman Miner – Stated that he is on the Census Committee and asked that everyone please do the census as it affects funding for the community. The guys have been working up on Falcon Drive (dug ditch by church, pipe & drop put in). They are getting a lot done with the new equipment, everything is more efficient. He also wanted to inform everyone that Blake, between 119 & Crawford, will be closed until Friday sometime as PennDOT is putting in pipe, which should help the problems in that area.

XI. Unfinished Business – Chairman Miner stated that all equipment that was sold has been paid for and picked up. Darla Hann stated that we currently have a dump truck on Municibid. Darla also asked if the alley behind the Church on McCoy is public or not. Supervisor Carson said it is open and owned equally by the property owners but is able to be used by the public. Darla received a call saying the people from the Church won't let the public use it.

XII. New Business – Darla has checked phone prices with Verizon, currently we can save approximately \$40/month changing from Armstrong. There are still some questions so no decision made tonight. There are 2 grants available (CDBG & LSA) both due by August 16th. Chairman stated that Fay Penn has offered to help write the grants and it was decided that will work with them on one of the grants.

XIII. Ordinances –

XIV. Resolutions – Motion by Supervisor Carson to adopt Resolution 2019-6, disposition of records. Second by Vice-Chairman Hann. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Submitted by: _____

Approved by: _____

Todd Miner, Chairman

Donald Hann, Vice Chairman

Robert Carson, Supervisor