

Connellsville Township Supervisors
166 McCoy Hollow Road, Connellsville, PA 15425
Meeting Minutes September 12, 2019

- I. **Call to Order-** Chairman Miner called the monthly meeting to order on Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 7:00 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;
- IV. **Approval of Minutes-** A motion was made by Vice Chairman Hann to accept the regular meeting minutes from August 8, 2019. Second by Chairman Miner. All in favor. Motion carried.
- V. **Public participation-** Theodore Hays, 1306 Buttermore Blvd. voiced concerns about speeding traffic and people running stop signs on Crawford and Buttermore Blvd. One is a Fed Ex truck that runs stop signs regularly. Chairman Miner asked Darla Hann to call Fed Ex and speak to them about it. Chairman Miner stated that Supervisors have met with representatives from LTAP & PennDOT to address these concerns. Solicitor Purcell suggested talking to a State Police representative at the Convention tomorrow to see if they can give more attention to that area. Mr. Hays also inquired if there was an ordinance in the Township concerning discharging firearms in the Township. Code Officer, Josh Nypaver, said there is an ordinance and it is prohibited to discharge a firearm in a residential area.
Mr. Roy, Blake Avenue agreed with Mr. Hays about the traffic issues and would like to see a speed limit sign posted on Blake Ave. Chairman Miner agreed that it is an important matter and we are working on it.
Bob McConnell – end of Beals Lane, Asked the Townships intentions for Beals Lane. It was explained the Township has an agreement with the Sewer Authority to maintain that road and we are currently working with PennDOT to see if we can receive Liquid Fuels money for it. There is also a problem with a neighbor spinning tires, making holes in the road. Chairman Miner said he will speak with the neighbor and stated he would like to meet with Mr. McConnell to further discuss Beals Lane.
Mr. Hays questioned how late King's Racing is allowed to work. Code Officer stated it is a commercial property and we can't control their hours. Mr. Hays is also going to remove a broken terra cotta pipe in his yard and replace it.
- VI. **Secretary's Report-** Darla Hann reported the following: The magazine Governing will stop production some time this fall. A 3-year agreement has been signed with Armstrong for phone and internet service, there is a savings of approximately \$25-\$30/month from the previous contract. We received 4 notice of assessment appeals from the Assessment Office. The County Zoning office has sent out 1 notice of violation of building a deck without a permit. The Township's application to participate in the Federal Surplus Property Program has been approved. PennDOT is accepting applications for transportation improvement projects to enhance mobility statewide – to fund improvement projects; bicycle lanes, roadways, bridges, sidewalks, crosswalk safety improvements, etc. Widmer Engineering has advised condemning the properties

on Blake and I am currently checking into monies available for demo or advice on what we can do now. The 106th Annual Convention for Fayette County Association of Township Supervisors is Friday, September 13th. A representative stopped in from Bortek and dropped off information about street sweeping supplies. (Chairman Miner requested their info be kept on file as they also rent sweepers). There is a Stormwater Workshop on Thursday October 10, 2019; same time as Fall Forum in Washington; decided to send Jon Gilpin and Marvin Striner to the Workshop and the Supervisors and Secretary to attend the Fall Forum.

VII. Treasurer's Report – Darla Hann read the treasurer's reports and it is on file in the office. Motion by Vice Chairman Hann to accept the Treasurer's report. 2nd by Chairman Miner. Motion by Vice Chairman Hann to accept the reconciliation of the bank statements for June. Second by Chairman Miner. All in favor, motion carried.

VIII. Authorization to pay bills- Motion made by Vice Chairman Hann to authorize payment of the monthly bills. Second by Chairman Miner. All in favor. Motion carried.

IX. Correspondence – The Township was notified that The Early Intervention program is now the Strategic Management Planning Program. (STMP)

X. Committee Reports-

***Fire Dept.** – Nothing at this time.

***Emergency Management** – Nothing at this time.

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

***Code Enforcement Officer** – Report by Josh Nypaver: He stated that he has been away for a month so is catching up. He has posted 6 houses for high grass and will be addressing several other issues this weekend. Chairman Miner stated that Josh was off with the reserves for a month and thanked him for his service.

***Supervisors – Vice Chairman Hann** – Asked about paving, why we aren't doing anything. Chairman Miner stated that all the Supervisors are guilty of dropping the ball on the paving issued. He recently found out we have to have an ordinance and agreement with the Twp we are working with before we can pave. Also, asked why our guys are cutting grass around the fire station. Solicitor Purcell informed him that it is not unusual for a municipality to help out. Supervisor Hann asked what they are doing with black top up there.

Supervisor Carson – Not present

Chairman Miner – Stated that our guys were working on an area on Green Street Ext., Chairman Miner asked Widmer Engineering to check it out to see if it is Township Responsibility and it was found that it is not. No further work will be done in this area. There are two trees on Francis Avenue that need to come down that are on Twp. property. The city will be contracting with a company to cut trees down later this year, we may be able to work with them also. Darla Hann stated that Jon Gilpin talked to someone from Asplundh and they are looking into doing it because there are utility lines in the trees. Supervisor Hann asked why the resident on McCoy Hollow Rd. doesn't have to cut down her tree.

It was explained, again, that you can cut what is on your property but the Township has no authority to tell someone to remove it. It is a civil matter.

- XI. Unfinished Business** – Motion by Chairman Miner to purchase the sign (#3) with the Township name and address on it, from Helltown Concepts. 2nd by Vice Chairman Hann. All in favor, motion carried. First Energy informed the Township that it appears the lights on River Rd. are not being paid for by anyone. It will be looked into further to see if this is true.
- XII. New Business** – We received the form for the Tax Millage rate, this will be tabled until next meeting.
- XIII. Ordinances** – Vice Chairman Hann made a motion to introduce an Ordinance for on-lot sewage inspections. 2nd by Chairman Miner. All in favor, motion carried. Vice Chairman Hann made a motion to adopt the 2015 IPMC Code. 2nd by Chairman Miner. All in favor, motion carried.
- XIV. Resolutions** –
- XV. Adjournment**- Motion by Vice Chairman Hann to adjourn. Second by Chairman Miner. All in favor. Motion carried.

Submitted by: _____

Approved by: _____

Todd Miner, Chairman

Donald Hann, Vice Chairman

Robert Carson, Supervisor