

Connellsville Township Supervisors
166 McCoy Hollow Road, Connellsville, PA 15425
Meeting Minutes February 11, 2021

- I. **Call to Order-** Chairman Miner called the monthly meeting to order on Thursday, February 11, 2021 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, Supervisor Robert Carson, Secretary Darla Hann, Treasurer Lindsay Zur and Solicitor Jack Purcell.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes-** A motion was made by Vice Chairman Hann to accept the regular and re-organization meeting minutes from January 4, 2021. Second by Supervisor Carson. All in favor. Motion carried.
- V. **Public participation-** Mr. Reilly voiced his concerns about the curve and Breakneck Road, suggesting a caution sign.
- VI. **Secretary's Report-** Darla Hann reported that Somerset Trust is sending out new credit cards to replace our current ones. There are additional benefits with this card, one being a discount for QB online, which we use. Received from The EADS group a notice that the Joint Sewer Authority will be applying for permits for the Swan Drive Sanitary Sewer Replacement project. If you would like to make any comments to the DEP concerning this it will need to be done by 2/20. Received from the U.S. Census Bureau the Annual Response and Contact Update form for the Boundary and Annexation Survey – Supervisors stated there were no changes. There is an FCC Rules and regulations for Private Land Mobile Radio services book for a cost of \$119.00. Supervisor Carson stated that all that information can be obtained from the government at no cost. Received from Widmer Engineering a letter stating that Allen Enterprises and Recycling, LLC is applying for a NPDES Permit. Received a call from the Election Bureau and along with one Supervisor position open the Township has two auditor positions open, a 6 year and a 4 year. Darla is currently compiling a list of businesses in the Township to send to Sheila Shea, recycling coordinator. GFL will now be sending out bills for garbage since their purchase of Advanced Disposal; they ask that residents continue to pay as usual. Letters are being printed to send out to landlords advising them of the new ordinance to register their tenants and explain the fee.
- VII. **Treasurer's Report** – read by Lindsay Zur. Motion to accept treasurer's report by Vice Chairman Hann. Seconded by Supervisor Carson.
- VIII. **Authorization to pay bills-** Motion made by Vice Chairman Hann to authorize payment of the monthly bills. Second by Supervisor Carson. All in favor. Motion carried. Motion by Vice Chairman Hann to accept reconciliation of bank statements (January, 2020). Second by Supervisor Carson. All in favor. Motion carried.
- IX. **Correspondence** – Secretary received the following – American Water is accepting application for its' annual Anvironment Grant Program, deadline is

March 31st. An email received from The Weaver Group, an organization that represents interests that are buying Cellular Towers throughout the US. PennDot – asphalt prices are changing monthly and the projection is we could see prices rise/fall by more than 10%. This could affect paving bids we receive.

X. Committee Reports-

***Fire Dept.** – Supervisor Carson stated that Fish Fry's will begin on Ash Wednesday and continue Fridays' through Lent. No word on Bingo yet.

***Emergency Management** –

***Roadmaster** – On file in the office.

***Code Enforcement Officer** – N/A Darla stated that he is following up on properties that he has been working with.

***Supervisors – Vice Chairman Hann –**

Supervisor Carson –

Chairman Miner – Chairman Miner: It will be \$1078.00 to have the furnace in the office working. It would make it more efficient and attaches to what we have now. Most of this cost is parts. Supervisor Carson stated that the electric baseboard heat was set up so that there are 2 zones. Chairman Miner will double check to see if this would be set up in zones. Motion by Chairman Miner to hire Mr. Knopsnider and up to three others through the Community Action Works Ready Program. This will be at no cost to the Township and they can work 24 hours/week for 10 weeks at \$10.00 hr. Second by Vice Chairman Carson. Asked that if anyone knows of anyone that would qualify for the program to let Darla know.

XI. Unfinished Business – Darla: The reimbursement for the truck through the DEP grant has been submitted and we are not to deduct the 10%; currently the DEP will pay that portion too. This will give approximately another \$4,0000 back to the Township. After that money is received, we can order the recycling bins. Darla is currently in the process of getting the Recycling brochures done and will show everyone a proof before printing. There has been an ongoing sewage problem with a property on Blake, after talking to the Sewage Officer (Dave Verbanic) it was suggested to have Code Enforcement site. We may possibly have to meet with Joint Sewer Authority to come up with a solution and the DEP may get involved. Todd asked Darla to check and see if we can possibly look into ordering the recycling bins sooner.

XII. New Business – Chairman Todd Miner made a motion to order 200 tons of salt through CoStars for the next contract. Second by Supervisor Carson. All in favor. Motion carried. Darla said that a representative from AT&T First Net program called her to explain more about the program. Our EMA, Bob Leiberger has been newly set up on this plan and the Representative stated that all employees can participate. Chairman Miner asked the Solicitor to look into the employees using it as a personal phone if the Township pays for it. The Township may be able to purchase the Cul-de-sac at the end of Demuth. Solicitor Jack Purcell said Mr. Luckey was interested in selling the property to the Township; he has to reach out to him again for more information.

XIII. Ordinances –

XIV. Resolutions –

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

Submitted by: *Donald Hann*

Approved by: *Todd Miner*
Todd Miner, Chairman

Donald Hann
Donald Hann, Vice Chairman

Robert W. Carson
Robert Carson, Supervisor