

MONONGAHELA TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

MAY 1, 2023

9:00 AM

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER:

Bill Monahan

ROLL CALL:

Lou Kovach, Bill Monahan, Joe Kovach

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April Regular Meeting

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Nancy McIntire, Secretary
Approval of April 2023 Treasurer's Report
Approval to pay all bills

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

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CALL TO ORDER: Bill Monahan

ROLL CALL: Lou Kovach, Bill Monahan, Joe Kovach

ATTENDING: Lou Kovach, Bill Monahan, Joe Kovach, Nancy McIntire, Robert Kelly, Denny McIntire, Trudi Monahan, Ed Gluvna, Brian Lake, Chad Smitley
Bill Monahan called the regular meeting to order at 9:00 am.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Joe Kovach made a motion to approve the minutes from the March regular meeting. Bill Monahan seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER REPORT: As of March 28, 2023

100.00 · GENERAL FUND - CHECKING	Bank	478,487.36
100.01 · GENERAL ACCOUNT - SAVINGS	Bank	63,723.85
100.06 · STATE FUND - COMMUNITY BANK	Bank	92,203.31
100.07 · PAYROLL ACCOUNT	Bank	751.77
100.09 · ESCROW ACCOUNT	Bank	11,554.68
100.10 · IMPACT FEE ACCOUNT	Bank	415,892.17
100.11 · CDBG MONIES	Bank	2.00
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE:		1,062,615.14

Joe Kovach made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and to pay all bills. Bill Monahan seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Brian Lake reported that FEMA has released re-mapped flood plain information that shows no differences for Monongahela Township topography.

NEW BUSINESS AND PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joe Kovach made a motion to adopt resolution 1-2023 allowing the sale of personal township property with a fair market value of less than \$2000 at a public auction facility. Bill Monahan seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Kevin O'Malley gave the following legal report: The sale of the Community Center has been approved by the Greene County solicitor. The County wants to retain the ability to approve the final settlement statement. Bill Monahan made a motion to advertise the sale. Lou Kovach seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Lou Kovach made a motion to adopt resolution 2-2023 which released an un-opened, un-used alley in Hillman. Bill Monahan seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Kevin reported that he sent a letter to West Penn Power requesting that several township street lights be replaced. Nancy has been reporting these outages to West Penn Power several times and been given work order numbers each time, but no action has been taken by West Penn.

Kevin reported on the following property maintenance issues: The Gallatin property has a magistrate hearing date set for April 21. The Wood property owner is in the process of cleaning up. The Sellers property owner has resolved his issues. The Stout and Rhome properties will need to be secured and boarded up.

Brian Lake reported that the Twigg property issue is now in the hands of the magistrate.

Chad Smitley asked about a donation of pipe for the Greensboro Youth Baseball League and for some help with rolling the outfield areas. Lou Kovach made a motion to purchase the pipe, Joe Kovach seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The supervisors agreed to roll the outfield areas on their own personal time, after township business hours.

Several residents wanted to address some false information that is circulating by mail and by social media sites in the township. Trudi Monahan read a letter addressing the "failure of the Community Center by the township supervisors". She wanted to stress that the Community Center was closed due to covid 19, and the closure and sale of the center were definitely not the fault of the township supervisors. She thanked all of the volunteers, businesses, and agencies that supported the center and made it a success for the five years that it was in operation. Trudi asked that a complete copy of her letter be attached to these minutes. Trudi also addressed the allegation that her husband, Bill Monahan, appointed her to the Sewage Board. She pointed out that all township minutes are available on-line on the township website and, in the January 2018 minutes, it reflects that Bill Monahan abstained from her appointment vote.

Bob Kelly asked about grants received by the township. Bill Monahan responded that a \$700,000 CDBG grant was received for the Stoney Hill water line replacement project. Bill also mentioned that several Conservation District Dirt and Gravel grants were received for work on Creek, Robena, and Leslie Roads. Bob also questioned the 2022 deficit that was mentioned in the circulated flyer. Nancy explained that the deficit is misleading because the 2022 audit only reflects income and expenditures for one year only. The tar and chip project was undertaken in 2022, and used monies that were saved from previous fiscal years. The township maintains a \$1,000,000 bank balance, even after the tar and chip 2022 project.

Resident Denny McIntire wanted to clarify his qualifications to be on the Sewage Board that were also questioned in the circulated flyer. He explained that he has 44 years of experience in the coal mining industry, including work at the mine's preparation plant and harbor facility. Several residents remarked that it is extremely hard to get anyone to serve on volunteer boards, especially qualified volunteers.

Secretary Nancy McIntire wanted to address comments made about her position on social media. Nancy is a full-time secretary treasurer for the township. Her hourly wage is the average amount for that position listed on the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors Salary Survey. Her pension, along with the 3 supervisors', is paid for by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, not by the taxpayers of Monongahela Township.

Ed Gluvna asked about several property issues in Penn Pitt, including a stagnant swimming pool and a neighbor burning garbage. Kevin O'Malley will research these problems.

The supervisors announced that Spring Clean Up Day will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2023 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Bill Monahan and seconded by Joe Kovach to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 am. The motion passed unanimously.