

PULASKI TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
December 13, 2023

The Pulaski Township Supervisors held their monthly meeting on Monday, December 13, 2023 in the Pulaski Township Fire Hall at 3401 Sunflower Road, New Brighton, PA 15066. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Casey Zachodni, Chairman. Mr. Zachodni led the pledge to the flag.

Those present for the meeting were Casey Zachodni, Ralph Flara, Mark Wagle, Chief Ron Walton, Matthew Drabick, Peggy Griffith, Attorney Joseph M. Budicak, Connie Wagle, Deb Hickman, Gary Pavlovich.

A motion was made by Mr. Zachodni and seconded by Mr. Wagle to accept the minutes from the meeting on November 13, 2023. Vote on the motion: Mr. Zachodni – yes, Mr. Flara – yes, Mr. Wagle – yes. The motion is carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Zachodni and seconded by Mr. Flara to accept the treasurers report For November 2023. Vote on the motion: Mr. Zachodni – yes, Mr. Flara – yes, Mr. Wagle – yes. The motion is carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Deb Hickman has nothing for the meeting currently.
Gary Pavlovich has nothing for the meeting currently.

CORRESPONDENCE

The office received a letter from Comcast regarding the costs of services will increase on December 20, 2023.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: Chief Walton was present with the report for November 2023. November was much quieter than October, there were 30 calls in November. The report will be placed on file in the office. Chief also stated soon he will be assigning someone to take care of any abandoned/uninspected vehicles which may be parked on the road or on the side of the road. He also added that the Police Department is losing a very valuable officer. Officer Steve Kelch is leaving, and his last day will be Friday, December 15, 2023, Chief asked if the township might send a letter of appreciation to him, he was a big part of solving many crimes in the township.

Fire Department: Matthew Drabick was present with the report for November 2023. There were no calls for Pulaski and there were 4 calls in Daugherty. The report will be placed on file in the office.

Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer: Mrs. Peggy Griffith was present with the report for November 2023. The report will be placed on file in the office. She states the Dollar General is moving along quickly now. She also passed on to the supervisors that Mitchol Pappan who is building the Dollar General would like to use a 3rd party inspector instead of Code-Sys.

Road Department: The roadmaster has been doing leaf pick up daily in November. Leaf pick up is now complete. He also has been getting the truck ready for the winter season. The report will be placed on file in the office.

Recreation: There were no minutes received for November 2023

OLD BUSINESS

The 2023 Leaf Recycling Program is complete.

DISCUSSIONS

Mr. Flara would like to make a change to the Budget which is ready to pass through the meeting tonight. He would like to add a line to keep overtime pay for road department separate, he feels the way it is listed looks like the roadmaster is getting a \$5,000.00 raise. Mr. Zachodni explained the \$5,000.00 is in the section of the road department and has been done this way in the past. Mr. Pavalinch commented when he was in office years ago this is how the overtime was included in the budget. The Roadmaster only earns overtime with ice/snow removal. Mr. Flara doesn't want to fire the roadmaster and praises him for the great job he does on the roads, he would like to keep overtime separate though. Mr. Zachodni states that we will consider doing this next year when work starts on the 2025 budget.

Attorney Budicak asked if we had thought about what we are doing with the millage with the final assessments being in, Mr. Zachodni had been informed nothing to change until 2025, however, Attorney Budicak explained it will need to be done and that we need to do resolution for the new millage, this will be tabled.

Discussion for the Dollar General is concern for 45th Street with tractor trailers causing damage to the road over time. The township asked that there be a bond for the road damage, however the township would only receive roughly \$6,400 dollars for repairs as needed. Mitchol Pappan the contractor & owner of building was offering \$30,000.00 up front to place in an interest yielding escrow account for any damage done to road by tractor trailers. However, Mr. Pappen phoned Mr. Zachodni during this discussion and Mr. Pappen was on speaker phone speaking with the solicitor to negotiate a better deal. Mr. Flara is concerned about what the township may need to spend in the future when the \$30,000.00 is depleted, looking ahead to. After much discussion it was decided upon by the supervisors and Mr. Pappan to pay \$45,000.00 up front and after 35 years, there will be fee of \$3,000.00 per year or renegotiate if another business should come in needing vehicle over 7½ ton they would renegotiate.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Mr. Wagle to approve a Christmas bonus for the Roadmaster, Mike Zachodni of \$200.00, Vote on the motion: Mr. Zachodni – abstain, Mr. Flara – no, Mr. Wagle – yes. Mr. Zachodni abstained initially but then needed to be tie breaker by voting – yes. The motion is carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Zachodni and seconded by Mr. Flara to approve a Christmas bonus for the Secretary, Connie Wagle of \$200.00. Vote on the motion: Mr. Zachodni – yes, Mr. Flara – yes, Mr. Wagle – abstain. The motion is carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Zachodni and seconded by Mr. Wagle to accept the budget for 2024. Vote on the motion: Mr. Zachodni – yes, Mr. Flara – no, Mr. Wagle – yes. The motion is carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Zachodni and seconded by Mr. Flara to accept the negotiated deal with Mr. Pappan to accept \$45,000.00 for 35 years up front for any road repairs needed due to tractor trailer deliveries to Dollar General. After 35 years the fee would be \$3,000.00 per year or renegotiated. Vote on the motion: Mr. Zachodni – yes, Mr. Flara – yes, Mr. Wagle – yes. The motion is carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminder – burning in the township is Tuesday – Saturday 10:00am – 6:00pm, all fires must be extinguished by 6:00 PM.

Reminder – parking will be enforced by the New Brighton Police.
Feel free to visit the website at pulaskitwpbeavercounty.org
The office email is pulaskitwp@comcast.net

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR, be safe and enjoy the holiday.

The meeting to close the books for 2023 will be Thursday, December 28, 2023 at 5:00 pm.
The reorganization meeting will be on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 5:00 pm.
The next regular meeting will be Monday, January 8, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Zachodni and seconded by Mr. Flara to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 PM. The motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Wagle