

**Allegheny Township, Westmoreland County
Board of Supervisors Meeting
136 Community Building Road
Leechburg, PA 15656**

Minutes 05-09-2011

Kathy Starr, President
Joseph Ferguson, Vice Chairman
Douglas Custer, Supervisor

Meeting No. 5 of 2011

Gregory Primm, Township Manager
Steve Kanas, Public Works
John Fontaine, Police Department

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Starr at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call. Supervisor Starr asked if there was any good news to share by the board.

Good News

Supervisor Ferguson praised the Township personnel in having quality safety practices over the past year which resulted in a significant dividend from the Insurance trust totaling approximately \$37,000.

Supervisor Custer spoke about Allegheny Point opening and his attendance. He spoke at the event and welcomed them to the community.

Supervisor Starr also spoke at the Allegheny Pointe Grand Opening and complimented the event.

Minutes of April 11, 2011

The minutes of the April 11, 2011 meeting were presented for approval. Seeing no additions or corrections Supervisor Starr asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Ferguson and passed.

Police Department/Public Safety – Chief Fontaine

Chief John Fontaine presented the Police Report for April 2011.

Public Works Department – Steve Kanas

Public Works Director, Steve Kanas presented the Public Works Report for April 2011

Emergency Management Report – Lee Schumaker

EMA report for April 2011 given by Greg Primm

Managers Report.

The Auditor General's Office began our Pension audit on April 26, 2011 to Audit the years 2008, 2009, and 2010, she will return to finish the week of May 9, 2011.

I attended the quarterly meeting of the Municipal Employers Insurance Trust on 4/28/2011. This meeting was also the public meeting where participants could attend. A great deal of discussion was held regarding a wellness program for 2011 for trust

members, as well as the performance of investment accounts. Strategic plan updates were given in regards to the patient protection and affordable care act, alternate carriers and the possibility of self insurance.

The WEDIG executive Board meeting was held on April 28, 2011 and our primary discussion was the future of the committee's planning effort. A.J. Schwartz of Environmental Planning and Design met with the board to discuss the differences between a Strategic Plan and a Comprehensive Plan. He suggested that the easier route for the board at this time and with the economy being a problem, we pursue a Strategic Plan initially. After a great deal of discussion the Board agreed this was the direction to move forward toward. Mr. Schwartz felt it might be important to meet with Denny Puko of DCED to discuss any funding possibilities un the MAP (municipal assistance program) that might be available. He agreed to contact Mr. Puko to try and set up a meeting with him.

Municipal Risk Management Dividends were awarded to Allegheny Township in April 2011 which totaled \$7,446.67 for Property and Liability Insurance and \$29,590.69 for Worker's Compensation. Premiums for 2011 were \$40,503.00 for Property and Liability and \$62,042.64 for Worker's Compensation, our total package of \$102,545.64 was reduced by \$37,037.36 or 36% due to excellent safety practices and lower claim submittals. Congratulations to the employees of Allegheny Township.

The recent UCC Law that went into effect on January 1, 2011 that would require sprinkler systems be installed in all newly constructed residential housing became the first law to be repealed and subsequently signed by Governor Corbett under his new tenure as governor last 2 weeks ago.

The annual PSATS Conference and Trade Show was held in Hershey in April 17-20. The conference did not disappoint this year with many training opportunities for elected and appointed officials alike. We were able to attend sessions on Marcellus Gas, roads and storm water, pension update, legislative update, energy costs and emergency preparedness to name a few.

Correspondence – The following correspondence was presented by the Township Manager.

MAAT, May Agenda, Minutes for April, Income and Expense Statement

Westmoreland County Association of Township Officials meeting to be held on May 19, 2011 at the Unity Township Municipal Building at 9:00 a.m.

Seminars –The Township Manager presented the following seminars for approval.

-6th Annual Emergency Management Seminar for Elected Officials, June 1, 2011, 8:30-3:00 p.m

Treasurer's Report- The Twp Manger presented the financial reports for approval which included the following: Invoices paid and pending, Revenues received, Treasury report fund totals/financial report and Budget report. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Supervisor Starr, second by Supervisor Custer and the motion passed

Department Reports – The following reports were presented to the board for the month of April 2011: Zoning report, Police report, Fire Department report and Public Works report. A motion to approve the departmental reports including the public works and police reports was made by Supervisor Starr, seconded by Supervisor Ferguson and the motion passed

Public Relations and Announcements

- Senior Discussion Group, May 25, 2011, 1:15 p.m., Community Building. Subject: The New State Budget: What it Means to Your Community, Speaker: Greg Primm, Township Manager, Allegheny Township
- Allegheny Point Grand Opening on May 9, 2011 at 1:30 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Supervisor Custer, second by Supervisor Ferguson to approve the “Excess Maintenance Agreement” for Oil and Gas Drilling as it relates to protecting the Roadways of Allegheny Township. Motion passed

Motion by Supervisor Custer, second by Supervisor Ferguson to approve and execute the revised Benefit Amendment to the Joinder Agreement with the Municipal Employers Insurance Trust. Motion passed

Motion by Supervisor Ferguson, second by Supervisor Custer to approve Resolution #06-2011 setting the employee contribution to the Police Pension Plan for 2011 at 0 percent for the year. Motion passed

Motion by Supervisor Ferguson, second by Supervisor Custer to approve the quoted price of Senate Engineering to stake out the new addition to the Treadway trail at a cost of \$4,100.00 to be paid from the Recreation Fund. Motion passed

General Citizen’s Comments**

Supervisor’s Comments

Adjournment

Seeing no more business, motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Ferguson, seconded by Supervisor Custer, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:

Gregory A. Primm, Township Manager/Sec.
Allegheny Township
Township

Kathryn Starr, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors, Allegheny