

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

Minutes 08-08-2011

Kathy Starr, Chairman

Douglas Custer, Supervisor

Meeting No. 8 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 Custer advised the Lions were giving rabies shots at the pavilion on Sunday from 10-2

Minutes of July 11, 2011

The minutes of the July 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 Custer and passed.

Police Department/Public Safety – Chief Fontaine

Chief John Fontaine presented the Police Report for July 2011.

Public Works Department – Steve Kanas

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

Emergency Management Report – Lee Schumaker

EMA report for July 2011 given by Greg Primm

Managers Report.

The water emergency that occurred on July 18 and 19 afforded us the opportunity to utilize our e-mail newsletter service to get information to our residents. It is a valuable service and I encourage all residents to sign up through the service on our home page at www.alleghenytownship.net. No e-mail addresses will be shared with any 3rd party vendor and will strictly be used for information coming from the township.

We met with Larry Earney of Atlantic Solution, Ltd. regarding the potential use of the Advantex/Orenco System as part of our Bagdad Road sewage malfunction solution. It appears this may be a viable option and he is moving forward to communicate with DEP in Greensburg on their “buy in” on its use. We believe it will be a cheaper solution to the spray irrigation systems currently being planned. In the meantime I am

getting in touch with PennVest and USDA to discuss assistance to help the residents obtain the financial resources they may need to get these systems installed.

Berkheimer Associates will be holding “Employer” Seminars in 4 locations this fall to help employers with their filing requirements in regard to Earned Income Tax in Allegheny Township and Act 32 compliance. One of these sessions will be held here at the Community Building on Thursday, October 6, 2011. There will be 2 opportunities to sit through their presentation, one at 10 a.m. and one at 2 p.m.

We are in the process of developing a “Snow Removal Ordinance” for the Board of Supervisors to consider for adoption, prior to winter. This Ordinance will address residents who deposit snow from their driveways out onto the street or who may also park their cars on the street obstructing the public works department’s ability to efficiently remove snow from the roadway. Once we develop a “draft” it will be forwarded to the board for comment.

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

PSATS News Bulletin
Comcast Internet Essentials
SPC Community Assistance Bulletin
MAAT Agenda for August, Minutes and treasurer’s report for July, 2011

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

None

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 July 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 Custer and the motion passed

Public Relations and Announcements

Senior Discussion Group, August 24, 2011, Update on Marcellus Shale, presented by Penn State Cooperative Extension, 1:15 p.m. in the auditorium.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Supervisor Custer second by Supervisor Starr to approve Ordinance #02-2011 authorizing an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with the Cities of Arnold, New Kensington and Lower Burrell and the Township of Upper Burrell for the purpose of completing a regional strategic plan. Motion passed

Motion by Supervisor Starr second by Supervisor Custer to approve McCrory & McCrory, CPA's of Indiana, PA to complete the 2010 Audit of the tax office and Christine Fuller, Tax Collector at a cost of \$1,200.00 The audit will cover Real Estate, Per Capita and Earned Income Taxes.

Motion passed

Motion by Supervisor Custer second by Supervisor Starr to approve the 2011-2012 Local Share Assessment Agreement with the Westmoreland County Transit Authority in the amount of \$1,045.00. Motion passed

Motion by Supervisor Starr second by Supervisor Custer to approve Lee Schumaker to make an official request to PennDot to close Pleasant Hill Road for a 2 hr and 30 minute span for the purpose of conducting an emergency drill at Pleasant Ridge Manor on August 20 at 11:00 a.m. (rain date August 21, 2011). Motion passed

General Citizen's Comments**

Joe Hessom thanked the Zoning office for helping his brother with a building permit. He would also like the Supervisors to get involved with the crisis in the country today in regards to the economy and jobs. They need to make their voice heard.

Mr. Sharick stated when Alter Road was tar and chipped, the oil spray splashed his vinyl fence, and he would like it cleaned. The Board did not feel it likely that his request would be granted due to his fence being located completely within the Township right of way.

Mr. Baybrook commented on a travel trailer parked in the Oaks plan. He stated the residents of the Oaks Plan have taken legal action against the owner. He would like to have zoning change to prohibit landowner to have a travel trailer parked at residence in R-1.

Jason Zimmerman commented on the issues in the Oaks Plan. He is the owner of the above mentioned property. He is highly upset about the actions of these residents in the Oaks Plan. He feels there is selective enforcement of the covenants and there are many covenant violations much more blatant than this supposed violation. He believes that the covenants are for trailers (mobile homes) and not for RV vehicles. He has been harassed and wants it stopped. Mr. Zimmerman was informed by the Board that he is not violating any Township regulations by having his RV parked at his home.

Mr. Framel spoke about Marcellus Shale ordinances.

Mr. Kanas informed everyone that Shawn Kuhn was selected as a home town treasure by the Valley News Dispatch.

Supervisor's Comments

None

Adjournment

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

Respectfully Submitted:

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

Kathryn Starr, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors, Allegheny