

Montgomery Township
1220 Cush Creek Road, Cherry Tree, PA 15724-7728

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

Wednesday February 10, 2021

Members Present: William Burba and Kevin Penrose

Members Absent: Edward M. Freno

Others Present: Charlie Bootman, Franklin Payne, Sherry Decker, Patty Goodlin-Tax Collector, April Boyer and Diane Ford- Township Auditors, Ron Fulton and District Magistrate Christopher Welsh.

Meeting Called to Order: William Burba called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment (Limited to Agenda Items): None

Request to be on Agenda: None

Correspondence: Received Annual Homeless Survey; Thank you cards from ICCAP, VNA, Alice Paul House, Home Nursing Agency for January Donations; Letter from the Alice Paul House Campaign to Raise Funding for Completion of New Facility; Received 2020 Call Out and Fire Tax Reports from Commodore Volunteer Fire Company and the Brown Bridge Inspection Report from the Department of Transportation.

Minutes: Kevin motioned to accept the Reorganization and Regular Monthly Meeting minutes for January, second Bill.

Amended Treasury Report: Kevin motioned to approve the Amended December 2020 Report, second Bill.

Treasury Report: Kevin motioned to approve the January Treasury Report, second Bill.

Payment of Bills: Kevin motioned to pay the bills, second Bill.

Old Business:

Hazelet Road Culvert: Bill met with Keller Engineering and a Proposal of Service Contract has been received. The total for a Topographic Survey - \$1,900.00; General Permit 11 - \$3,500.00; Construction Plans - \$1,800.00; Bid Documents - \$2,700.00 and Bidding Assistance - \$1,000.00. The Right-of-Way Research for \$1,000.00 was removed because the Township Solicitor completed that portion. Total cost - \$10,900.00. Kevin motioned to proceed and sign the proposal, second Bill.

Employee Policy Handbook: The Township Solicitor has the book and is making some changes.

New Business:

Raise for Elected Tax Collector: Bill made the motion to increase the percentage from .06% to .07%, second Kevin.

Raises for Employees A discussion was held expressing concerns with the waiving of penalties for property taxes for 2021 that individuals may hold off on paying their taxes what that may do for income for the Township. Bill suggested only a \$0.50 increase now and wait to see what the income looks like over a few months, the discussion continued with input from Patty Goodlin the Tax Collector. Kevin motioned to increase all employee's wages by \$0.50 skipping this payroll and starting with the next pay period, second Bill.

Resolution to Waive Penalty on 2021 Real Estate Property Taxes: Kevin motioned to waive the penalty, second Bill.

2020 Annual Audit and Financial Report: Chairman of the Auditors Diane Ford presented the report to the Supervisors. The Report showed an increase in both funds, the General Fund \$96,661.00 and the State Fund \$37,644.00 for a total of \$134,305.00.

Auditor's 2021 Reorganization Meeting Minutes: Diane Ford - Chairman of the Auditors presented the minutes to the Supervisors.

Police Report: The January 2021 report was read by Bill Burba. Officer Airgood has completed his training and is now patrolling on his own. Officer Berkin has been deployed to Philadelphia to assist with COVID-19 Vaccinations and will be gone for 30-90 days. Call volume remains low in all municipalities which is typical for the winter months. Hours worked: 25.5 at \$30.00 per hour for a total of \$765.00.

Announcements:

Retirement: John Poprock announced his retirement from PennDot.

Free Covid-19 Testing - February 13-17 at the former Bon Ton Parking Lot, Indiana, Pa 15701 from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Food Pick Up: Tuesday, March 09, 2021

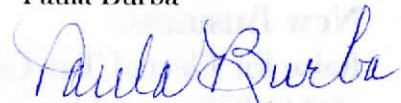
Next Meeting - Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building, 1220 Cush Creek Road, Cherry Tree, PA 15724.

2021 Recycling Dates: March 06, April 03, May 01, June 05, August 07, October 02, and November 06. There will not be any pickup for July and September because these dates fall on National Holiday Weekends and it is difficult for them to conduct off site collections due to limited staffing.

Public Comment: District Judge Christopher Welch who is in his 4th year as a Magistrate for Northern Indiana County since elected in 2018. He is seeking the position of Common Pleas Judge to fill the seat of Judge William Martin. Information sheets were distributed. Charlie Bootman questioned why Sherry Decker was not wearing a mask and felt it was endangering all of us by her not putting on a mask and requested it be documented in the minutes.

Adjournment: Kevin motioned to adjourn the meeting, second Bill.

Respectfully Submitted,
Paula Burba



Secretary/Treasurer