

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

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

Wednesday September 14, 2022

Members Present: William Burba and Kevin Penrose

Members Absent: Ed Freno

Others Present: Charlie Bootman, Jan Arford, Randy Watral, Don Conner, Patty Goodlin – Township Tax Collector and John Scherff –Chief of Police Cherry Tree Borough Police Department

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

Jan Arford notified the Board that the meeting was being taped.

Public Comment (Limited to Agenda Items): None

Request to be on Agenda: None

Correspondence: None

Minutes: Kevin motioned to accept the Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes for August, second Bill.

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

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

Old Business:

Security Cameras: Bill found a camera that fits the criteria and will order and install it.

ATV Ordinance: A discussion was held during Kevin is going to talk to some supervisors who already have an ordinance in place. Bill motioned to table until the next meeting, second Kevin.

FaceBook Page: Bill motioned to table until Ed is here to voice his opinion, second Kevin.

New Business:

Plowing 4/10 mile of Benzie Road for Burnside Township: A discussion was held and concerns were expressed on the dangers of taking over plowing this road. Bill motioned to not plow this road second Kevin.

Permit Fee for Loads under Five: A discussion was held. Kevin motioned to set the fee to haul loads of logs under five at \$50.00 and state in the Permit that any damages that occur will be paid by the logging company, second Bill.

Jan Arford Alley Way in Hillsdale: Jan asked if the Supervisors were going to do anything about opening the alley and the Boards response was the same as it had been a few years ago that the alley way is not a township road so the township does not have any control over it and they advised Jan to get an attorney and not take the law into her own hands. The letter in response to Jan's from the Township Solicitor was read by Kevin Penrose which stated that in order for the alley to be a public road it would have to be 33 feet wide and Jan had already stated in her letter that it was only 21 feet wide and that the Sections of the Township Code that Jan had referenced were for Public Roads not alley ways and the Township would have had to have maintained the alley for 21 years in order for it to belong to the township and since they didn't the township has no control over it.

Police Report

Chief Scherf read the report. Officer Zachary Killeen is certified as a police officer in Pennsylvania. He has completed 25 hours of patrol in the township and will be able to go out on his own in October. Cherry Tree Borough is paying for Officer Kileen's training hours. They are hoping to have the hours up to 50 in September. Numerous traffic stops were made which resulted in drug related arrests and citations. They responded to a domestic disturbance and made an arrest for simple assault. They responded to one Criminal Mischief report and made one criminal arrest. They worked a total of 25 hours for the month at \$30.00 per hour for a total of \$750.00. Chief Scherf also went over the method they use to issue speeding tickets. He stated that a stop watch is used and they give a 10 mile per hour cushion. No citations have been written for speeding this year.

Food Pick Up: Tuesday, October 11, 2022

Next Meeting – Wednesday, October 12, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building, 1220 Cush Creek Road, Cherry Tree, PA 15724.

Annual Fall Convention will be held on October 20, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Rustic Lodge in Indiana, PA 15701

Election Dates: November 08, 2022

2022 Recycling Dates – The dates remaining for 2022 are October 01 and November 05. Please note that April had two scheduled pickup dates this year and there will be no pickup for May, July or September.

Public Comment: Charlie spoke of Franklin (Sid) Payne's passing and all remembered him as a good man who had been a township supervisor a township employee and a regular at the monthly meetings. Sid will be missed by all. Charlie asked about setting a speed trap by his house.

Randy asked for a copy of the letter from the Solicitor the Board and Secretary were unsure if this was considered public knowledge or considered attorney/client privilege and will ask the Solicitor and if they can give the copy to Randy. The secretary will send a copy to Jan since she has her address on file.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Paula Burba


Secretary/Treasurer