

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

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

Wednesday March 08, 2023

Members Present: William Burba, Kevin Penrose and Ed Freno

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Officers John Scherf and Zach Kileen –Cherry Tree Borough Police Department, Indiana County Commissioner Sherene Hess, State Representative Brian Smith, Jan Arford and John Pittman.

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

Moment of Silence: A moment of silence was held in memory of Charles (Charlie) Bootman, former Building Permit Officer and regular attendee at monthly meetings.

Request to be on Agenda:

State Representative Brian Smith spoke about the benefits of opening township roads to ATV Riders. Dirt bikes and golf carts do not fall under this Ordinance. No liability to the township. Signs are free from DCNR. It does not include State Roads but he is working with PennDot trying to get them to open them and they have said they would consider opening State Routes with 4 digits but not roads like 286. Representative Smith also spoke about revising the Game Commission Law and putting hunting season to begin the Monday after Thanksgiving with no Sunday hunting.

Indiana County Commissioner Sherene Hess spoke about getting broadband in the township. Encouraged people to take the survey we need broadband. Offered help in finding resources for any projects the township may be considering. The Chairman brought up about the Commissioners doing away with the Per Capita Tax and how that loss of income will have to be made up somewhere and most likely it will be by increasing property taxes. Also, if the County was going to charge the township for continuing to do the Per Capita forms for us because if the County starts to charge the township starts losing money the township will be forced to do away with it too and asked how we are to make up that income because the only thing we could raise is property taxes? Commissioner Hess agreed that it would have to be made up somewhere. She was asked why a house in the township had been bought at a tax sale, resold for \$95,000.00 and the property taxes are only \$5.00 and the Tax Office said nothing they can do because the law states that that house cannot be re-assessed unless the owner does repairs. She will look into it and get back to the Board.

Correspondence None

Minutes: Ed motioned to accept the February Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes, second Kevin, carried.

Treasury Report: Kevin motioned to approve the February Treasury Report, second Ed, carried.

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

Old Business:

ATV Ordinance: Bill motioned to table until they can review the information given to them by Representative Smith and to do further research , second Ed, carried.

Building for Equipment: The Supervisors never had a chance to look into what could be done to protect the equipment being stored outside.

New Business:

Stone and Dust Oil Bids: Ed motioned to advertise for 400 Ton 2B Modified, 500 Ton #8 Washed Limestone, 400 Ton AS4 Anti-Skid all items more or less, 5,000 Gallons MC-70 and 15,000 Gallons CRS-2 all more or less and delivered and applied as instructed, second Kevin, carried.

Police Report

Officer Scherf read the report for February. Numerous traffic stops yielding one citation, one drug investigation, conducted security check on open and closed businesses, investigated illegal burning on Cherry Tree Road, responded to a brush fire to assist with traffic and closed out a complaint of theft for Dollar General. Hours worked 50 at \$36.00 per hour for a total of \$1,800.00

Announcements

Food Pick Up: March 14, 2023.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, April 12, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building, 1220 Cush Creek Road, Cherry Tree, PA 15724.

NEICECA Meeting – Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at 7:00 pm at Grant Township Building, 100 East Run Road, Marion Center, PA 15759

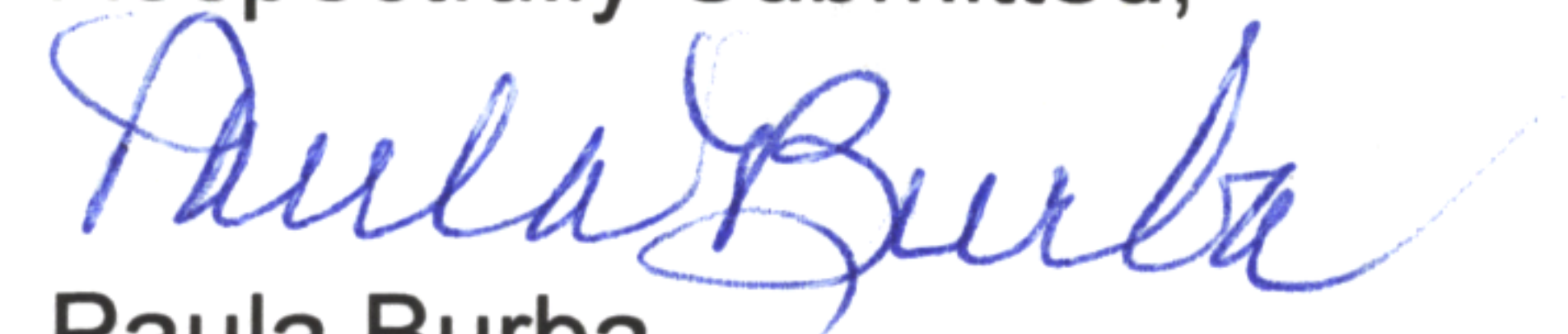
2023 Recycling Dates –April 01, April 29, June 03, August 05, September 30 and November 04. There will be no collections in May, July and October.

2023 Election Dates: May 16 and November 07, 2023.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: Kevin motioned to adjourn the meeting, second Ed, carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Paula Burba
Secretary/Treasurer