

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

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

Wednesday December 13, 2023

Members Present: William Burba, Kevin Penrose and Ed Freno

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Jan Arford, John Pittman and Chief John Scherf - 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.

Public Comment (Limited to Agenda Items): None

Request to be on Agenda: None

Correspondence: Received notification from Comcast of price increases and services no longer available beginning December 01, 2023. Received and thank you and a request for continued support from the Alice Paul House. Received a thank you for Wreath for Veterans.

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

Treasury Report: Ed motioned to approve the November Treasury Report, second Kevin, Carried.

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

Old Business:

ATV Ordinance: Representative Brian Smith's office called and said there would be a delay in getting the signs because they are out of stock.

2024 Budget and Tax Structure: The Board voted to approve the budget with no tax increase. Motion made by Ed, second Kevin, carried.

New Business:

Request for Increase in Police Wages: Kevin motioned to increase the wages from \$36.00 to \$40.00 per hour as requested by the Police Department, second Ed, Carried.

Grants: A discussion was held about starting to look for grants in order to build a new building, purchase radios that will work on the County System and purchase another truck. Kevin motioned to have the sewage system at the building checked to see if it is in working order, second Ed, carried. This would be the first step towards a new building. The supervisors will get some specs together for a truck and designs for a building so when the grants open up for submission, they will have some of the process done.

Real Estate Fire Tax Disbursement Agreement Renewal: Ed motioned to renew the Agreement for another three years, second Kevin, carried.

Police Report: Chief Scherf read the November report. Conducted security checks on open and closed businesses, patrolled primary and secondary roadways and followed up on complaints of ongoing drug activity and several locations. Hours worked 47.5 at \$36.00 per hour for a total of \$1,710.00. The Chief will reach out to PennDOT about the missing stop sign on Stiffler Road.

Announcements

Food Pick Up: January 09, 2024

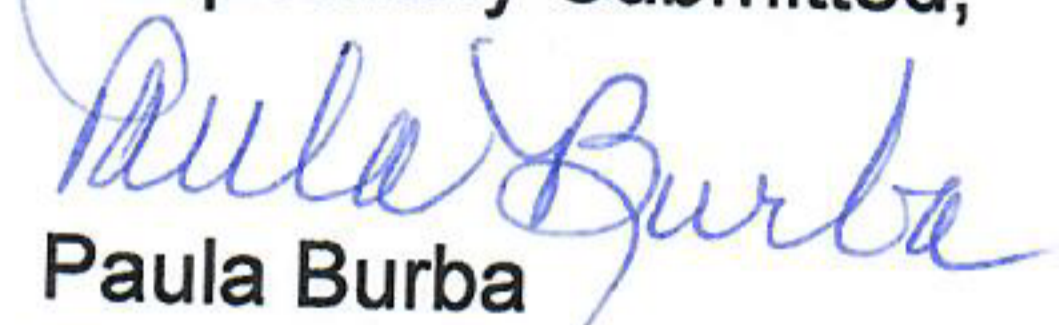
Next Meeting – Tuesday, January 02, 2024 Reorganization and Regular Monthly Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building, 1220 Cush Creek Road, Cherry Tree, PA 15724.

Auditor's Reorganization Meeting – Wednesday, January 03, 2024, at 7:30 pm at the Montgomery Township Building, 1220 Cush Creek Road, Cherry Tree, PA 15724

Public Comment: John Pittman brought up about a small SUV with a loud muffler that is driving fast through Hillsdale. Police will look into it.

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

Respectfully Submitted,


Paula Burba
Secretary/Treasurer