

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

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

Wednesday February 14, 2024

**Members Present:** William Burba, Kevin Penrose and Ed Freno

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Diane Ford – Township Auditor, Patty Goodlin – Township Tax Collector, Mark, Trish, Brooke and Brianna Riva – Commodore Volunteer Fire Department, 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 Berkheimer of price increase for postage due to USPS raising the price of stamps. Received thank you cards for donations from the Alice Paul House, Humane Society, VNA, ICCAP, and Home Nursing Agency. Received a request from Peoples Natural Gas for a 2024 Roadwork schedule. Received Commodore Volunteer Fire Company's 2023 Fire Tax Report. Received from the Department of Environmental Protection a notice that Rose Bud Mining has applied for an underground mining permit. Received a letter from PSATS outlining their insurance and retirement services. Received a letter listing the National Bridge Inspections Standards.

**Minutes:** Ed motioned to accept the Reorganization and Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes for January, second Kevin, carried.

**Amended Treasury Report:** Ed motioned to approve the December Amended Treasury Report because of late deposit from Berkheimer, second Kevin, carried.

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

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

## **Old Business:**

**ATV Signs:** The board is still waiting for the signs to be delivered.

## **New Business:**

**2024 Paving and Roadwork Schedule for Peoples Gas:** Bill will get a list written to send to Peoples Gas.



**Resolution 2023 Hazardous Mitigation Plan:** Bill made the motion to adopt the Resolution #05-2024, second Kevin, carried.

**CoStars Salt Contract:** Ed motioned to renew the contract and to order 40 ton of salt, second Kevin, carried.

**Fell Township Request for Funding:** After a discussion, Bill motioned to not offer support in funding for their legal defense, Ed second, carried.

**Emergency Medical Services Authority Project:** Bill will attend the meeting on February 21 and provide a report at the next meeting.

**Compensation for Auditors, Secretary and Tax Collector for Mandatory Meetings:** Ed motioned to compensate these elected and appointed officials \$50.00 per meeting, second Kevin, Bill abstained.

**Citizens Ambulance Request for Funding for 2024:** Ed motioned not to send funding, second Bill, carried.

**Police Report:** Chief Scherf read the January report. Conducted security checks on open and closed businesses, conducted a traffic stop with a verbal warning, followed up on drug investigations at several locations, attended several summary hearings. Hours worked 50 at \$40.00 per hour for a total of \$2,000.00.

## **Announcements**

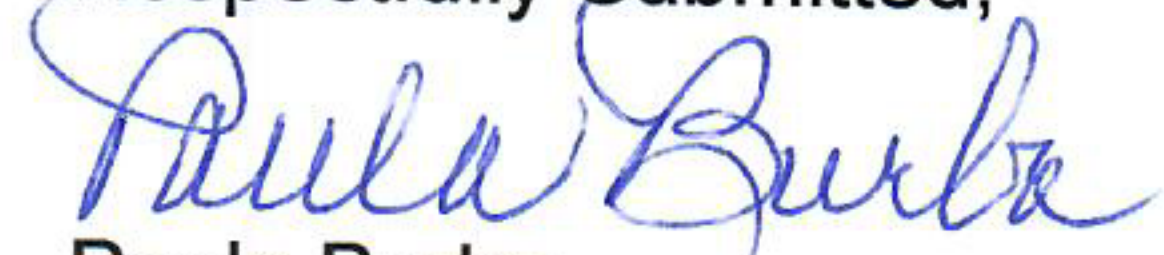
**Food Pick Up:** March 12 2024

**Next Meeting** – Wednesday, March 13 2024 Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building, 1220 Cush Creek Road, Cherry Tree, PA 15724.

**Public Comment:** Patty Goodlin stated that the Register Recorder has flyers with instructions on registering your property to prevent it from being sold without your permission or knowledge. Diane Ford presented the completed Audit Report for 2023 and said everything was good with continued gains and she also present the Reorganization Meeting Minutes. Mark Riva presented the Fire Reports for 2023, Quick Response Reports for 2023 and information on a Lucas Chest Compression System. He mentioned Dietman's Catering in Clymer will hold a takeout dinner on March 13 with all proceeds going to help defray the cost of the Lucas System.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Paula Burba  
Secretary/Treasurer