

West Sadsbury Township Board of Supervisors Meeting

February 14, 2023

Vice Chairman, Ed Haas called the meeting to order.

In attendance were: Ed Hass, Vice Chairman; John Keeseey, Member; Helen Esbenshade, Solicitor, Jeff Bologna, Engineer, OIC Sgt. Ed Moore and Patti Piersol, Sec/Treas.

Comments of the agenda item: Mrs. Hosier asked about the item listed as November 30, 2023. Patti told her that was her last day of work, she is retiring.

Minutes of the January 3, 2023 were approved by a motion by Ed, seconded by John, motion carried. Ed said to wait on the January 4<sup>th</sup>- 9<sup>th</sup> until we can double check the figures on the budget.

Treasurer's report: Income for December 2022	\$57,514.66	January 2023	\$14,667.09
Expenses for December 2022	\$94,573.61	January 2023	\$88,317.77
Net Loss for December 2022	\$37,058.95	January 2023	\$73,650.68
Year to date Net Income 2022	\$1,659.50	January 2023	

(budget comparison is unavailable)

The annual Liquid Fuels report has been submitted. The Recycling report has to be submitted tomorrow.

Invoices to be paid: The SPCA annual bill is included. The General Fund account will be receiving a refund of approximately \$2,600.00 for bills that should have been paid by the Liquid Fuels account. Motion by Ed, seconded by John to pay the bills, motion carried.

Police Report: Ed Moore, Sgt OIC gave his January report. He told the Board that Officer Ryan Barr had resigned.

Zoning Officer's January Report was read by Ed.

Keystone Valley Fire & EMS January Reports were given by Fire Chief Brian Gathercole. Brian stated that Keystone Valley Fire District entered into a one-year contract ending 12/31/2023 with Westwood Fire Company for ALS service, a unit will be housed at Sadsbury's Fire House.

Road Master's January Report was read by Ed.

Tax Collector's December and January Reports were read by Ed.

Engineer's Report was made by Jeff Bologna of Becker Engineering.

Jeff read the request for extension for the property at 5791 West Lincoln Highway that Patti had given him. Ed made the motion to approved the extension until April 21, 2023, seconded by John, motion carried.

Jeff, then read a 75-day extension request from Freedom Life Church to make the deadline May 20,2023. A motion was made by Ed to approved the extension, seconded by John, motion carried.

Then, Jeff spoke about the Limeville bridge lengthy permit period. U.S. Fish and Wildlife had to review it and then DEP

### **Old Business:**

Police Department: Ed Moore spoke about needing a new server and 2 part-time Officers. Ryan Barr resigned effectively 1/16/2023. Also, Mike Sasso is resigning effectively y on March 17, 2023. The Board accepted both of the resignations. Ed Moore then told the Board about the Officers that he wanted to hire: Gerry Kavanaugh and Nicole Dec olet. Ed Haas made a motion to hire Gerry Kavanaugh and Nicole D----- as part-time officers, seconded by John, motion carried.

Ed Moore then explained that a new server was needed to be able to meet the Pennsylvania State Police standard requirements for virus protection. Ed Haas asked about the cost, he was told \$5,500.00 and that it should last for 5 to 7 years. Ed Haas made motion to approve \$6,000.00 for the purchase, seconded by John, motion carried. The Board agreed to use \$6,000.00 of the ARP funds for the purchase.

There is also the issue of needing car(s) for the Police Department. Ed Moore said that the cars are aging out. Ed Haas said that he thought that they wanted to wait until spring. Ed Moore explained that they have learned that all Dodges have to be pre-ordered, he is now looking at Fords and getting prices and finding out about the leasing programs. Ed Moore said that he will have the information for the next meeting.

The Township office needs new computer equipment, we can't access programs that we need to and it takes forever for programs to load. The Township is having to pay for Amy Beaudoin, Bookkeeper to sit and wait for Quick Books to load and perform the work that she needs to do. Patti said that she can't bring up the Township's website on her computer. Patti was told to get prices.

The Board will accept resumes for alternatives for the Planning Commission up to June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Imre and Debbie Gajari came to the meeting to find out when Limeville Road will reopen. As Jeff explained earlier everything has taken twice as long because of Covid. Once all the paperwork is done, it should not take very long to do the job. They also complained about Black Horse Road and the large pot holes.

The Supervisors said that they would meet with Jason, the Roadmaster, and discuss which roads to work on first.

Barry Edwards still hasn't received any relief from the lighting problems at International Paper. The lights are still shining into his home. Mr. Edwards quoted items from the Township ordinances of which Int. Paper is in violation of. Ed said that he talked to Cameron Rushing, site manager, Int. Paper is working on a solution, but there is a cost and it is not built into the project.

James Fuga, Tax Collector has asked for Berkheimer Tax Administrators to be named as the Deputy Tax Collector for West Sadsbury Township. The Deputy only takes over in the event of the Tax Collector's incapacitation and only then will they receive any income. Motion by Ed to appoint Berkheimer Tax Administrators as Deputy Tax Collector, seconded by John, motion carried.

Open Space loan payment: Patti called about the date on which to pay off without penalties and was told that there would be a pre-payment fee of approximately \$700.00. This was not the person that she had spoken to before, Patti plans to call again to confirm the information. Ed made a motion to pay the loan off, if the Township will not incur a penalty, seconded by John, motion carried.

Streambank restoration project: Townships are required to do an improvement project and it has to be of a certain size to get the credit needed. The Township applied with the help of Land Studies for a Growing Greener grant to fund part of the project. The project will be on the Jacob King property south of Strasburg Road between Swan and South Blackhorse. Corey Rathman of Land Studies was in attendance to answer any questions the residents had.

New Business:

Police Commendations: Officer in Charge, Sergeant Ed Moore wanted to recognize two officers for their professionalism in handling the attempted bank robbery on January 11 of the Woodforest Bank inside Walmart. Officer Frank Ruscio, was given his award with applause. Officer Joseph O'Keefe was not in attendance and he will receive his award later. OIC Moore stated they would also like to thank the assisting Police Departments.

Highway Materials credit application, Jason would like to have this account so it is easier to get the materials needed.

Statement of Financial Interest forms needed from all Public Officials, anyone that was in appointed position or an elected position with the Township in must complete the form.

Updates:

Patti gave the Board members a copy of an article about a lady in Parkesburg that works with Feral cats.

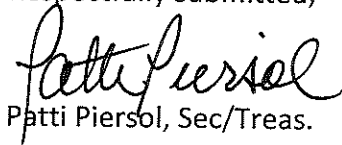
**Public Comments on non-agenda items:**

Joe Prekup had questions on the Liquids Fuels items from the print out that he requested before. On the traffic lights that are shared with Sadsbury Township, amount for diesel, the \$5,056.12 cost for the material used by the Falcon when patching roads and why Jason was paid, Patti said that it was something that Jason purchased for the Township and he put it on his own credit card.

Mrs. Hosier asked when the budget will be available for everyone to see.

Ed made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by John, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patti Piersol". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P".

Patti Piersol, Sec/Treas.