

MONONGAHELA TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 3, 2012
7:00 PM

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER:

Bill Monahan

ROLL CALL:

Jim Rumble, Lou Kovach, Bill Monahan

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November Regular Meeting
Budget Workshop Meeting

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Nancy McIntire, Secretary
Approval of November 2012 Treasurer's Report
Approval to pay all bills

OLD BUSINESS:

On-going Review of Floodplain Maps

NEW BUSINESS:

Bid for International Truck

Adopt Proposed 2013 Budget

CORRESPONDENCE:

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

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NOVEMBER 5, 2012
7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER: Bill Monahan

ROLL CALL: Jim Rumble, Lou Kovach, Bill Monahan

ATTENDING: Jim Rumble, Lou Kovach, Bill Monahan, Nancy McIntire, Phillip Michael, Larry Rogerson, Jim Minor, Trudi Monahan, Bob Watson, Jack Keener, Minda Adams, Ralph Adams, Lorraine Adams, Ed Cech, Winnie Cech, Mike Rudolph, Margie Rudolph, Gary Tedesco, Tom Cumpston, Lisa Rumble-Miller, Curt Miller, Bobbi Neighbors, JoAnn Rumble, Cindy Bailey, Joe Kovach, Joe Kovach Jr., June Hellen, Vera Kamenos, Rita King

Bill Monahan called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Bill Monahan made a motion to approve the minutes from the October meeting. Lou Kovach seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: As of October 31, 2012

100.00 · GENERAL FUND - CHECKING	Bank	\$ 158,513.28
100.01 · GENERAL ACCOUNT - SAVINGS	Bank	\$ 62,844.20
100.06 · STATE FUND - COMMUNITY BANK	Bank	\$ 68,959.67
100.07 · PAYROLL ACCOUNT	Bank	\$ 1,918.51
100.09 · ESCROW ACCOUNT	Bank	\$ 15,500.00
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE:		\$ 307,735.66

Bill Monahan made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and to pay all bills. Lou Kovach seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Supervisors are continuing to review the Township's Floodplain Maps. Maps are available for the public to review at the Township Building by appointment.

Bill Monahan wanted to clear up some statements made by Lisa Miller in previous meetings. In September's meeting, Lisa claimed the supervisors were owed \$1900.00 in retroactive pay from 2011. After the secretary reviewed the timesheets, one had been inadvertently overlooked. The amount of money owed was \$500.00 before taxes. After consultation with the head auditor, Larry Lapana, and Lou Kovach; it was determined that the books were closed and audited for 2011 and, that by signing the retroactive paychecks, the supervisors consented to the amount owed them. Therefore, no further

monies are due them. In the October meeting, Lisa Miller questioned the gas and fuel savings figures. Bill responded that his figures were correct, and if Lisa has any figures or records to the contrary, he would like to see them. Lisa responded "That's not a problem" and that she would get them to the Supervisors. Lisa stated in a past meeting that Lou Kovach said he was threatened and would be terminated if he did not vote a certain way. Lou denied he ever made that statement. It was also stated in a previous meeting that gasoline had been stolen from the Township in 2011. Bill clarified that that claim was not true.

Jim Minor asked if the meetings were being tape-recorded. Bill Monahan responded that they were.

NEW BUSINESS & PUBLIC COMMENT:

The Township received an invoice for \$9,965.69 from the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Systems (PMRS) for back pension contributions owed for the secretary, Nancy McIntire. Bill informed the audience that every secretary and every part-time employee of the Township before Ms. McIntire received pension benefits. Nancy informed the audience that she was told by Jim Rumble when she was hired that she was not eligible for any benefits. When Nancy recently phoned PMRS and inquired about another issue, she was informed that not only was she eligible, but that it was mandatory that she be enrolled in the plan. PMRS then calculated the amount owed Ms. McIntire from her date of hire (March 2010) to present and sent the Township the invoice, which will be paid as soon as possible.

A discussion ensued about changes to the personnel policy that prohibited part-time employees from receiving benefits. Bill Hook sent a letter stating that he did not prepare that personnel policy; a third party wrote it.

Bill Monahan made a motion to get prices on conducting a forensic (investigative) audit in the Township. Lou Kovach seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Bill Monahan made a motion to contact the Pennsylvania Auditor General about several discrepancies in the Township records. Lou Kovach seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Trudi Monahan asked if an exit audit is mandated by the Township Code when a secretary leaves her job. Bill replied that it is. Trudi asked if an exit audit was done when Lisa Miller stopped doing the secretarial work at the Township when Nancy McIntire was hired (March 2010). Jim Rumble said that no exit audit was done because Lisa was never hired as the secretary.

Bill Monahan made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1-2012, which sets the quarterly pension contribution rate at \$900.00 per person. Lou Kovach seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Lori Beth Adams asked why the Floodplain Maps are mentioned on the agenda. Bill explained that the County is constantly monitoring them. Lori Beth asked if the Township had any issues with the recent storm – Hurricane Sandy. Bill said there were none.

Bobbi Neighbors asked how many Township trucks are available for winter maintenance. Bill responded that we have 3 trucks available. There was a question about winter work. Bill explained that part-time workers can be hired if there is a need.

Jim Minor commented that the Township now has 2 Roadmasters and 3 Supervisors. The Roadmasters control the workload of the Township.

An audience member questioned the duties of a supervisor. Bill explained that these are many and involve the health and well-being of all residents of the Township.

Larry Rogerson asked if the Township had received its impact money. Bill said we have not yet received the check, but the amount will be \$201,222.69. Bill explained that plans for spending the funds will be discussed in future meetings, and that the supervisors are thinking of purchasing some equipment (skid loader, trailer). Bill reported that the Township will receive additional funds in June or July of 2013.

Jim Rumble presented a spreadsheet explaining his 4th quarter 2011 overtime hours "to the best of his recollection". The supervisors said they would review it and a letter that was faxed from Jim's attorney, which was received today.

Jim Minor asked if Jim Rumble recalled a meeting between himself, Jim, Jack Keener, and Don Humbert at the Hartley Inn when Bob Cumpston was Chairman and Larry Lapana was a supervisor at the Township. Jim replied that he did not remember any such meeting.

Jack Keener questioned Jim Rumble about painting over the Township gas meters in the past. Jack stated that Jim promised to keep track of his gas usage. Jack was checking it also, and noticed that 50 gallons were gone in 1 day.

Vera Kamenos wanted to publicly thank Bill Monahan and Lou Kovach for helping her with a nuisance house next to hers in Glassworks. Bill and Lou had the property cleaned up and are trying to get it exterminated. Vera explained that she had called Jim Rumble 20 times over the last 2 years begging for his help, and he had lied to her about helping her with the situation and having no Township ordinances.

Bill Monahan said that when he took office in January 2012, Jim Rumble insisted that the Township had no ordinances. Larry Rogerson said that Jim Rumble gave him the Township ordinance books 2 years ago, and he had made copies of nuisance ordinances. Jim responded that the Township had the ordinances, but no enforcement officer to enforce them. Jim Minor asked if the ordinance book had ever left the Township Building. Jim Rumble replied "Don't ask me". Jim Minor explained that would be a Township Code violation.

Trudi Monahan asked if any Township records had ever left the Building. Jim replied "not to his knowledge". Trudi asked Jim if he remembered telling her and Bill that he had taken the records home and to the Ice Plant Restaurant, and that he "would take people down" with those records.

Bob Watson asked about the condition of the Ganocy property in Mapletown. Rita King explained that there are currently 4 mortgages on the property, and that she is trying to get it turned over to HUD and back on the tax rolls. Ralph Adams said he is willing to cut the grass but needs a liability release from the bank that owns it.

Phil Michael reported that the Township can adopt the International Maintenance Book as an ordinance update. The book can be obtained from K-2 Engineering.

Trudi Monahan asked if the Township can repair roads with the impact money. Bill responded that we can, and that the supervisors want to hear everyone's opinions before making any decisions. He reported that the supervisors have worked on Kiger and Penn Pitt Roads this month, and have hauled 464 ton of ashes. They have also repaired equipment and shoveled several ditch lines.

Lori Beth Adams asked if the supervisors can prepare a monthly work report. Bill explained that the daily work reports are listed on the timesheets.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Bill Monahan and seconded by Lou Kovach to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm. The motion passed unanimously.