

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

112 Municipal Lane
Prosperity, PA 15329
December 15, 2021

MEETING MINUTES

Walter Stout, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

In attendance were Supervisors Walter Stout, Charles Hickman and Troy Smith, Secretary Diane Headlee and township residents Jason Rosa and Debra Harris.

I. Requests to Address the Board/Public Comment

There were no requests to address the Board.

II. Correspondence and Reports

1. Received Correspondence:

- Received the 2022 Certified Summary Tax Assessment roll from the County Assessment Office showing a total taxable assessment of \$48,728,283 in the township. This is a decrease of \$1,301,805 in tax assessment from 2021 due mainly to the depletion of coal owned and actively mined by Consol, PA. The change equates to a decrease in tax revenue of approximately \$4,800.
- We were advised that our application for a Dirt, Gravel and Low Volume Road grant to be used for raising the height of a portion of Hickory Lane was approved by the board of the Greene County Conservation District. We will begin to work on this project in the Spring of 2022. All work will be done in-house.
- Consol Energy has advised the township that the DEP is reviewing their application for a mine permit to perform underground Development mining (Enlow Fork Mine H6-H10 panels) within an area of approximately 3,184 acres, partially located in Washington Township, from the Swartz area in a northeasterly direction along Dille Road toward Tower Road.

2. Planning Board: The Board did not meet in December due to the lack of any items needing attention or action; however, there are three Lot Split plans that are being reviewed at this time by the township Engineer and Zoning officer for approval.

3. There was no action needed by the Zoning Hearing Board in November. As such there was no meeting.

4. Park Board: No meeting

5. Roadmaster's Report: The road crew continued removing trees and limbs from the township roads. They prepared the trucks for snow removal and did equipment maintenance. They worked on the Porter Street and Greene Valley waterline project. The Porter Street section has been completed and they have started on the Greene Valley section.

6. Solicitor's Remarks: Continuing work on the Y- B Logging complaint.

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III. Discussion & Action Items

A. Routine

1. The Chairman asked the Board for a motion to approve the agenda without an addendum. The motion was made by Charles Hickman and seconded by Walter Stout. Motion carried.
2. The Chairman asked the Board for a motion to approve the Minutes of the November 9, 2021 regular meeting as presented with no additions or corrections made. The motion was made by Troy Smith and seconded by Charles Hickman. Motion carried.

B. Specific

1. Business Operations

a. Approval of Treasurer's Report for period ending November 30, 2021

	<u>General</u>	<u>Liquid Fuels</u>	<u>Machinery</u>	<u>ARPA</u>
Beginning Balance	\$ 309,209.13	\$ 53,243.87	\$ 8,897.71	\$ 52,346.21
Revenues	27,796.34	4.89	592.51	5.97
Expenditures	<u>-30,256.16</u>	<u>-7,989.65</u>	<u>-100.00</u>	<u>-0.00</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 306,749.31	\$ 45,259.11	\$ 9,390.22	\$ 52,352.18

	<u>Fire Fund</u>		<u>Impact Fee</u>
Beginning Balance	\$ 11,958.80	Beginning Balance	\$ 2,031,452.91
Revenues	308.80	Revenues - Interest	218.13
Expenditures	<u>-50.00</u>	Other	0.00
Ending Balance	\$ 12,217.60	Expenditures	<u>-171,675.62</u>
		Ending Balance	\$ 1,859,995.42

The Chairman asked the Board to consider a motion to approve the Treasurer's report for the period ending November 30, 2021, and direct that it be filed for audit. The motion was made by Troy Smith and seconded by Charles Hickman. Motion carried.

b. Bills & Transfers for Approval for All Funds – November 2021

The Chairman asked the Board to consider a motion to approve the payment of the monthly bills, payroll, and intra-fund transfers, as listed (see Minute Book file), from the following accounts:

General Fund	\$ 29,351.04
Liquid Fuels Fund	8,317.76
Machinery Fund	100.00
Impact Fund	163,702.12
Fire Fund	<u>50.00</u>
Total Bills & Wages for Approval	\$ 201,520.92

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The motion was made by Charles Hickman and seconded by Troy Smith.
Motion carried.

2. Operations, Buildings, Grounds & Highways

a. Use of Park Ball Fields – Revolution Fast Pitch & Nitro Fast Pitch

The Chairman asked the Board to consider a motion to enter into a 3-year agreement (2022-24) with the Revolution Fast Pitch Softball Association and Nitro Fast Pitch, independently and/or jointly, for the use of the park ball fields and rest rooms on Monday through Thursday evenings from April 1st through October 31st of each year. Any scheduled township activities (rental of park) shall have priority with advance notice. Both associations will provide the necessary labor, equipment and materials to maintain the playing fields to a safe playing condition and will also provide in-kind service for park clean-up day.

The motion was made by Charles Hickman and seconded by Walter Stout.
Motion carried.

3. Township Supervisors

a. Ordinances, Resolutions

1. Adoption of Resolution #6 of 2021 - Transfer of Funds – Impact to General

The Chairman asked the Board to consider motion to approve the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that \$35,000 be transferred to the General Fund from the Impact Fee Fund pursuant to the 2021 General Fund Budget as adopted on December 8, 2020.

The motion was made by Charles Hickman and seconded by Walter Stout. Motion carried.

2. Adoption of Resolution #7 of 2021 - Transfer of Funds - Fire Companies

The Chairman asked the Board to consider motion to approve the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2021 contribution of \$11,900 be paid to the Waynesburg-Franklin Township Fire Company and to the Amwell Township Fire Company in the appropriate percentages (79% and 21% respectively) from the Fire Fund, pursuant to the agreements with those fire companies.

The motion was made by Troy Smith and seconded by Charles Hickman. Motion carried.

3. Adoption of Resolution #8 of 2021 - Approval of 2022 Final Budgets

The Chairman asked the Board to consider motion to approve the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2022 Final Budgets be approved for the various township accounts, with minor changes to the proposed budgets which were approved at the budget workshop meeting on November 24, 2021. See Minute Book file for a copy of the full budget package.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
General Fund	\$ 700,400	\$ 474,250
ARPA	104,723	104,723
Machinery Fund	31,910	28,975
Fire Fund	12,180	11,800
Liquid Fuels Fund	175,000	145,000

The motion was made by Charles Hickman and seconded by Troy Smith. Motion carried.

4. Adoption of Resolution #9 of 2021 – Tax Levies for 2022

The Chairman asked the Board to consider motion to approve the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the following tax rates for the General, Machinery and Fire Funds be established for the year of 2022, with said rates for 2022 remaining the same as they were for 2021. In accordance with Sections 3205 and 3208 of the Second Class Township Code, the millage on each \$1,000 of assessed value, and the cents on each \$100 of assessed value are as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Millage/\$1000</u>	<u>Cents/\$100</u>
General	2.91	29.10
Machinery	0.50	5.00
Fire	<u>0.26</u>	<u>2.60</u>
Total	3.67 mills	36.70 cents

The motion was made by Charles Hickman and seconded by Walter Stout. Motion carried.

5. Amendment to Resolution #2 of 2016 – Rules & Regulations for Holding Tanks

The Chairman asked the Board to consider a motion to approve amending Resolution 2-2016 changing the fee charged for Holding Tanks at Gas Well Drilling Sites (Section 8E, see attached), to read:

Section 7(D) shall be modified with the cash or bond being:

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- (1) \$1,700.00 each for two (2) tanks (no matter the size);
- (2) \$500 per tank (no matter the size) thereafter.

The motion was made by Troy Smith and seconded by Charles Hickman. Motion carried.

b. Agreements, Contracts

1. Heavy Hauling Agreement – EQT Production Co.

The Chairman asked the Board to consider a motion to approve a one-year Heavy Hauling Agreement, with EQT Production Co. for Morris Road (T-414), with an effective date of December 1, 2021 to November 30, 2022, for a fee of \$300.00 pursuant to the approved Schedule of Fees.

The motion was made by Charles Hickman and seconded by Troy Smith. Motion carried.

IV. New Business

V. Information & Announcements

- The installation of the water line on Porter Street Extension is nearly complete. The Green Valley water line construction was started on December 7th.

- Upcoming Meetings

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- Supervisor’s Reorganization, Monday, January 3, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.
- Township Auditors’ Reorganization, Tuesday, January 4, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.
- Supervisor’s Regular Meeting, (day/time to be established at Reorganization)
- Planning Board, Thursday, January 6, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.
- Zoning Hearing Board and Park Board meets as needed.

VI. Public Comment/Questions

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m. on a motion by Troy Smith, seconded by Charles Hickman, with all voting ‘aye’.

_____ s/ Walter S. Stout _____ Chairman

_____ s/P. Diane Headlee _____ Secretary/Treasurer