

# PULASKI TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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October 10, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Pulaski Township Board of Supervisors was held on October 7, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Township Municipal Building 1172 State Route 208, Pulaski, PA 16143.

Members present were Keith Stowe , Kelly Smith and Virginia Zinza.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and called to order by Keith Stowe.

This meeting is being recorded for the purpose of transcribing minutes.

Public comment regarding items listed on the agenda - None.

NOTE: The Board received a payment on September 25, 2024 from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, State Aid Pension Fund in the amount of \$17,998.35 for the 2024 Non-Uniform and Uniform Pension Plans.

A motion was made by Kelly Smith and second by Virginia Zinza to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 9, 2024, with all Board members present, as presented to the Board on September 12, 2024. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

A motion was made by Kelly Smith and second by Virginia Zinza to approve the payment of bills: General Fund – \$63,083.56 (\$22,000 will be reimbursed by County Aid); State Fund – \$40,858.82; Fire Fund – \$366.00 and Light Fund – \$408.62. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

As advertised in the legal section of the New Castle News on September 16, 2024, Notice of Intent to adopt Ordinance No. 01-2024. Ordinance 01-2024 an Ordinance amending Pulaski Township Ordinance 1983-1 and supplementing Ordinance #1997-12 and Ordinance #2000-4-11, providing for the establishment of vehicle weight limits on Hillsville Road and Villa Maria Road within the Township of Pulaski, providing for the penalties for violation thereof and providing an effective date. No public comments or questions regarding Ordinance No 01-2024. Motion was made by Kelly Smith and second by Virginia Zinza to adopt Ordinance 01-2024 setting a 10 ton weight limit on Hillsville Road and Villa Maria Road. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

A motion was made by Virginia Zinza and second by Kelly Smith to set budget working sessions for October 30, 2024 and November 7, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

The Board reviewed and considered the Final Plan Subdivision for Enos D. and Sarah D. Miller with Sewage Facilities Planning Module. Planning Commission gave an unfavorable review at their September 26, 2024 meeting. John Taylor was in attendance and explained the Planning Commission's concern was that it is a flag lot however the Township has approved flag lots in the past they are discouraged but not prohibited. The Solicitor explained the Township SALDO provides for requirements for a flag lot and John Taylor confirmed those requirements have been met with this plan. A motion was made by Kelly Smith and second by Virginia Zinza to approve the Final Plan Subdivision for Enos D. and Sarah D. Miller with Sewage Facilities Planning Module which will be submitted to the DEP for approval prior to recording of the Plan. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

The Board reviewed and considered the Final Vickie Litwinovich Plan of Lots - Lot 1 with Sewage Facilities Planning Module as previously approve by the Planning Commission at their September 26, 2024 meeting. This property is on

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Ridge Road they are subdividing a lot out of a 80+ acre farm to build a home. This also has a Planning Module that will need to be submitted and approved by the DEP. A motion was made by Kelly Smith and second by Virginia Zinza to approve the Subdivision and Planning Module. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

The Board reviewed and considered bids for sale of the road grader. No bids were received and this is the second time it was advertised and no bids were received. The Solicitor advised the Township can now proceed with a private sale. The Board discussed putting the machine out front with a for sale sign, there was a \$10,000 reserve on it previously. Motion was made by Virginia Zinza and second by Kelly Smith to proceed to try and sell it via private sale, no reserve set. The Board will accept written offers from people who are interested in purchasing the grader for review. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

The Board reviewed and considered the dumpster service contract for service at the Township Building and Fire Stations. Tri-County agreed to all changes as recommended by the Solicitor except for removal of "Township is liable for any damage caused to driveways, parking areas or enclosures". Vice Chairman Smith had a concern about Tri-County being able to increase the price after the first year of the contract. The Solicitor advised the deadline has passed for the right of First Refusal, Tri-County was given the option and they matched the price. There is no fuel surcharge noted right on the contract. A motion was made by Virginia Zinza and second by Kelly Smith to approve the contract with Tri-County Industries and the Solicitor will send the red-lined contract back for Tri-County's signature. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

The Board reviewed and considered allocating money from American Rescue Plan funds for Municipal Authority to purchase grinder pumps and other equipment necessary for operation of the public sewer system & Comcast broadband expansion proposals for un-served areas of High Hill Road and State Route 551. Comcast does not have the cost study completed yet for broadband expansion proposals. The Board discussed allotting money to the Municipal Authority for purchase of grinder pumps. The Board agreed to table the Comcast broadband expansion proposals until the cost study was received and reviewed.

A motion was made by Virginia Zinza and second by Keith Stowe to adopt Resolution 13-2024 approving allocation of funds from the American Rescue Plan in the amount of \$50,000 to the Municipal Authority to purchase of grinder pumps. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

The Board reviewed and considered the Memorandum of Understanding with Teamsters #261. The Board met with Teamsters and there was a Memorandum of Understanding drafted by Teamsters. The Solicitor reviewed it and had a few changes to clarify the classifications and wages and probationary period. A motion was made by Virginia Zinza and second by Kelly Smith to send the changes back to Teamsters for their review. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

## ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

Wood Chipper - We got a quote for repairing the wood chipper we currently have and we tabled until we could get another quote on repair or obtain quotes for a new chipper to compare. Vermeer sent over a quote for a new chipper and the cost is \$43,560.38 for gas, the diesel is more expensive. Vermeer if we purchase through them will include extra parts and will come up and train the crew on maintenance and use of the machine for safety. A motion was made by Virginia Zinza and second by Kelly Smith to add this to November's meeting agenda for discussion and consideration. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

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\*Fire Department Report for the month of September, 2024: Structure Fires - 0, MVA - 2, Auto alarms - 1, Service calls - 0, Trees/Lines down - 0, brush fires - 1, Mutual Aid - 4. Totals Fire calls - 8, Total EMS calls - 6. Man hours for fire: 33.12, Truck Hours for Fire: 10.5, Man Hours for EMS - 6 and Truck Hours for EMS - 5. The Department did traffic control for the 5K on 9/11. The Department applied for another State fire grant. They'll be hosting a pasta dinner at New Bedford Station on October 27th from 12-4 p.m.

Road Department Report for the month of September, 2024 given by Vice Chairman Smith: Tar and Chipped S. Stateline Road, Coffee Run Road, Ambrosia Road, English Road, North Street/North Street Ext., Heather Heights and Willowbrook; Street sweeping on tar and chipped roads; Patching on Marr Road, Nashua Road and Garner Road; Tree cleanup on Maple Lane; Removed two (2) truckloads of tires for recycling; Started fall mowing; General Maintenance and repair on equipment.

Police Department Report - Theft \$50 to \$200 (retail theft) - 1; Theft \$50 to \$200 (other) - 1; Driving Under the Influence (drugs) - 1; Mental Health - 1; Alarm - 1; Suspicious Auto - 1; Motorist Aid/Disabled - 1; House Check - 5; Warrant-Other Authority (criminal) - 1; Administrative Duty - 5; Training Received - 1; Citation (Non-Traffic) - 1; Citation (Traffic) - 6; Community Policing - 1; Meeting - 1; Roadway Hazard - 2; Request to Speak to Officer - 1; Traffic Detail - 1; Traffic Warning - 10. Total Calls - 42.

Park Committee Report - First meeting on September 30th. Virginia Zinza read a meeting report of attendees and items discussed. Dominic Johnjulio provided documentation and a presentation of files from previous committee and 501(c)(3) non-profit status. It was unanimously agreed that the 501(c)(3) be dissolved and the Committee will operate under the oversight of the Township. An existing park fund account is maintained by Dom Johnjulio and it is being discussed with the Solicitor what to do with those remaining funds. The Township passed an Ordinance in 2008 creating a Recreation Board of five (5) members. There is interest in acquiring the small parcel owned by Shawn Sheehan that used to be part of the School property. The Committee developed a wish list for the park area which include a walking trail, soccer field, dog park, outdoor kitchen area for pavilion, parking, splash park and updated playground. Plans to obtain quotes for these projects will be submitted to the Township for their input. Next meeting is set for Monday, October 28th at 6:00 p.m.

## Following is the report of taxes collected during the month of September, 2024:

Elected Tax Collector, Bradley Marshall:		Berkheimer:	
Real Estate Taxes:	\$821.40	Per Capita Tax :	\$1,047.86
Fire Taxes:	\$821.40		
Light Taxes:	\$93.13		
Wage Taxes received from Berkheimer September, 2024:			\$10,552.43
Local Services Tax received from Berkheimer September, 2024 :			\$0.00

Following is the report of zoning permits issued by the Zoning Administrator, Mourice Waltz and building permits issued by the Building Code Official, Pennsylvania Construction Inspection, Inc. during September, 2024:

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	<u>COST OF CONSTRUCTION</u>	<u>COST OF PERMITS</u>
2 extend roof over existing patio	\$16,400.00	\$299.00
Sign Replacement		\$80.00
Home Occupation		\$20.00
New Home	\$180,000.00	\$496.46
<b>Total Cost of Construction</b>	<b>\$196,400.00</b>	
<b>Total Cost of Permits:</b>	<b>\$895.46</b>	
<b>Total Amount Collected:</b>	<b>\$962.98</b>	

\*Difference in the total cost of permits and total amount collected is two (2) permits were issued in August, 2024 but not picked up and paid for until September, 2024.

**Following is the Treasurer's Report. All balances are as of October 7, 2024.**

	<u>Checking Accts.</u>	<u>Savings Accts.</u>	<u>PLGIT Accts.</u>	<u>CD's</u>
<b>General Fund</b>	\$100,341.95	\$222,487.72	\$162,461.40	\$116,510.76
<b>State Fund</b>	\$176,990.97			
<b>Fire Fund</b>	\$8,643.68	\$623,089.41		
<b>Light Fund</b>	\$21,562.53			
<b>Equipment Fund</b>		\$31,225.16	\$31,226.56	
<b>Gas Lease Funds</b>		\$523,067.16	\$412,690.90	
<b>Park Fund</b>	\$1,579.47			
<b>Police Fund</b>	\$1,050.87			
<b>ARPA Fund</b>		\$191,551.97		

**NOTE:** Balances do not reflect taxes collected from elected tax collector as they have not yet been deposited.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Jonathan Franko - He brought up his request for a receipt for the \$19 per capita tax payment made earlier this year. He explains that \$15 of that payment was mistakenly sent to Sharp Collections by the Township and he had no involvement with the mishandling of funds and he'd like his receipt. He has a police report as evidence of his payment and it was discussed with Lt. Adams who attempted to return the money to his house. Mr. Franko asked that this matter be resolved promptly. Attorney Jones explained that this matter has been resolved the money was given to Sharp Collections who handled the delinquent collections for that year and Sharp agreed to accept the payment. There was a lengthy discussion about the delinquent per capita. Mr. Franko continued with additional proposals. At a meeting earlier this year a comment was made that truck drivers not being able to read english was the cause of road damage in this Township which was followed by laughter and he found it offensive. Rather than making jokes he proposes that we post road signs in spanish and english. Second, police body cameras in trying to reconcile his tax issue he requested a copy of the recording of the interaction he had with Lt. Adams which was not available. To improve transparency and accountability he proposes that all Township officers be required to wear body cameras while on duty or interacting with residents. This will protect both officers and residents to ensure accurate records of all encounters. Third, he urges the Township to review the restrictions on solar farms particularly on agricultural land as solar farms can co-exist with livestock and

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expanding our renewable energy would benefit the Township. The Township should reconsider its stance to promote clean energy in our community. Final item is rural internet access, he's fortunate to have internet at his house this is not the case for the entire Township. At the last meeting he attended there was a request for an assessment for underserved areas but it was dismissed by Supervisor Kelly as being the internet provider's responsibility. If the Township is serious about improving the community it needs to know which areas have high speed internet areas and which are still lacking.

Next meeting is scheduled for November 4, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Kelly Smith and second by Virginia Zinza to adjourn the meeting. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Megan Allison  
Megan Allison, Secretary