

# PULASKI TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

LAWRENCE COUNTY  
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December 19, 2023

As advertised in the legal section of the New Castle News on December 8, 2023 the Board of Supervisors held an end of the year meeting on December 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. to conclude 2023 business, adopt the 2024 budget and take care of any other business brought before the Board. The meeting took place in the Township Municipal Building, 1172 SR 208, Pulaski, PA 16143.

Members present were Keith Stowe, Kelly Smith and Lewis Grell.

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

This meeting is being recorded for the purpose of transcribing minutes at a later date.

Public comment: Dan Abramson advised he is interested in the Zoning Hearing Board appointment. Cathy Sabol also expressed interest in the position on the Zoning Hearing Board.

A motion was made by Kelly Smith and second by Lewis Grell to approve the minutes of the meeting held on December 4, 2023, with all Board members present, and presented to the Board on December 6, 2023. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

A motion was made by Kelly Smith and second by Lewis Grell to approve the payment of bills:  
General Fund \$8,936.47 Fire Fund \$4,537.13 State Fund \$6,970.03  
The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

A motion was made by Lewis Grell and second by Kelly Smith to authorize participation in the drug and alcohol pool for CDL employees with On Demand Drug Testing for the year 2024. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

A motion was made by Lewis Grell and second by Kelly Smith to adopt Resolution No. 14-2023 setting the following taxes for year 2024: A Tax Levy setting the General Tax at .8 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation, setting the Fire Tax at .9 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation and fixing the Street Light Tax rate at .51 cents for improved footage and .17 cents for unimproved footage and setting the Equipment Tax at .1 mills. When the budget was prepared for 2024 there was no increase in taxes. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

A motion was made by Lewis Grell and second by Kelly Smith to re-enact the a \$5.00 Per Capita Tax for the year 2024, under Act 511 on each person over 18 years of age; exemption for the provision of the Township Per Capita Ordinance are those persons whose income from all sources is less than \$3,200.00 per year, such person to include marital entities. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

A motion was made by Kelly Smith and second by Lewis Grell to re-enact the 1% Earned Income Tax for the year 2024 on all residents and non-residents, of which  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the 1% is shared with the Wilmington Area School District. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

A motion was made by Lewis Grell and second by Kelly Smith to re-enact the \$52.00 Local Services Tax for the year 2024, of which \$5.00 is remitted to Wilmington Area School District, for residents and non-residents whose annual income is \$12,000.00 or more per year. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

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A motion was made by Kelly Smith and second by Lewis Grell to re-enact the 1% Real Estate Transfer Tax for the year 2024, which is equally shared with Wilmington Area School District. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

A motion was made by Lewis Grell and second by Kelly Smith to adopt the 2024 budget as follows:

GENERAL FUND	\$1,398,083.00
STATE FUND	\$300,238.46
FIRE FUND	\$632,000.00
LIGHT FUND	\$24,425.00
EQUIPMENT FUND	\$48,000.00
PARK FUND	\$1,500.00
GAS FUND	\$855,000.00

TOTAL 2024 BUDGET----- \$3,259,246.46

(NOTE: The above amounts are subject to change because interest earnings will not be posted to the interest bearing accounts until December 31, 2023. Equipment, Park and Gas funds are capital reserve funds).

The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

As advertised in the legal section of the New Castle News on December 8, 2023, Notice of Intent to Adopt Ordinance No. 02-2023. An Ordinance regulating the procedure, use and maintenance of mobile home parks in Pulaski Township. No public comment was made on the Ordinance. Chairman Stowe advised it was brought to the Board's attention a couple months ago that Heritage Hills Mobile Home Park was in bad shape and we received several complaints so the Board went and did a drive thru of the Park and sent out a letter and it started the process to get this Ordinance adopted. We'll need to adopt a Resolution to set a fee for the annual permit. A motion was made by Lewis Grell and second by Kelly Smith to adopt Ordinance No. 02-2023. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

As advertised in the legal section of the New Castle News on December 8, 2023, Notice of Intent to Adopt Ordinance No. 03-2023. An Ordinance establishing requirements for solar energy systems. Cathy Sabol asked about what the regulations would be. The Board explained the Ordinance would limit commercial use to the Industrial Zoning District and personal use of solar panels and what happens once they are decommissioned. There are two (2) different options there is a commercial use which would be selling the energy produced and personal use would be someone installing panels just for use at their home and there is a size limitation on that. A motion was made by Lewis Grell and second by Kelly Smith to adopt Ordinance No. 03-2023. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

A motion was made by Kelly Smith and second by Lewis Grell to approve park rentals for December 30th and January 28th. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

## Items for discussion:

Auditor Appointment - Dave Whiting was seeking re-election during the last Election and unfortunately he passed away and now his position is vacant. We only have one individual interested, Stacy Morse she was an Auditor before.

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The Auditors meet once a year to set the wage rate for the Supervisors. Adam Whiting and Amanda Taylor are the other Auditors who were elected. Supervisor Grell asked if this had to be advertised to the public that there is a vacant position? Vice Chairman Smith advised the Solicitor advised it does not have to be advertised and the Board has the right to make the appointment to fill the vacancy. A motion was made by Kelly Smith and second by Lewis Grell to adopt Resolution No. 15-2023 appointing Stacy Morse as Township Auditor to fill the vacancy. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

Zoning Hearing Board Appointment - The Board opted to table this matter until letters of interest were received by the interested parties.

Sale of Road Grader/2013 Ford Explorer - We haven't used the road grader in several years it's just been sitting in the building. The 2013 Ford Explorer is an old police car that the Road Department has been using to run errands. The board discussed advertising both pieces of equipment for sale on Municibid to see what we can get out of them. Dan Abramson asked if we cut berms? Vice Chairman Smith advised we use the backhoe and a truck to berm now. We haven't used the road grader for years for berming. A motion was made by Keith Stowe and second by Lewis Grell to list both pieces of equipment on Municibid for sale. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

Purchase of Fuel Cell and Pump - Called around for pricing on a fuel cell, pump, tool box and bed mat for the new pick-up truck. The quotes haven't come back yet so we'll table this matter.

## Public Comment -

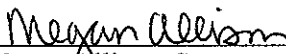
Dan Abramson - Do we have still have a logging Ordinance that requires a permit to do logging on their property? The Board thought it was part of the Zoning Ordinance but we'll take a look and see if a permit is required. Mr. Abramson explained there is logging going on right now on Topper Hill and they don't have the road bonded. Megan explained Topper Hill Road has been bonded. Another thing the structural steel on the salt shed needs to be painted before the salt ruins it. Vice Chairman Smith stated we've cleaned up and hauled a bunch of scrap from down back, we've contacted a company about hauling out tires and old oil that's in barrels to be reclaimed.

Virginia Zinza - Thank you to Mr. Grell for his service the last couple months and stepping up he's done great work and we appreciate your efforts.

Next meeting will be January 2, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. that will be the reorganizational and regular monthly meeting.

A motion for adjournment was made by Kelly Smith and second by Lewis Grell. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

Adjournment time – 6:23 p.m.

  
Megan Allison, Secretary