

PULASKI TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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February 5, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Pulaski Township Board of Supervisors was held on February 3, 2025 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.

A motion was made by Kelly Smith and second by Virginia Zinza to approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 6, 2025, with two Board members present, as presented to the Board on January 10, 2025. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

A motion was made by Virginia Zinza and second by Kelly Smith to approve minutes of the special meeting held on January 24, 2025, with all Board members present and presented to the Board on January 27, 2025. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

A motion was made by Virginia Zinza and second by Kelly Smith to approve the payment of bills: General Fund \$25,001.28 State Fund - \$11,164.12 Fire Fund - \$8,206.63 Light Fund -- \$304.69 The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

A motion was made by Kelly Smith and second by Virginia Zinza to bid 600 tons of salt through COSTARS for the period of August, 2025 through July, 2026 season. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

A motion was made by Virginia Zinza and second by Kelly Smith to set the hourly rate for Megan Allison, Township Secretary/Treasurer at \$22.25 per hour retroactive to January 1, 2025. We did not give Megan a pay increase at the re-organizational meeting. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

A motion was made by Kelly Smith and second by Virginia Zinza to adopt Resolution No. 04-2025 setting the Elected Tax Collector's compensation, effective January 1, 2026 at 5% of collected taxes for all four (4) years of the term. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

The Board reviewed and considered offers/bids on the sale of the Model 1250 Vermeer Wood Chipper that was posted on Municibid. The winning bid on Municibid was \$1,000 from Austin Dunkel. A motion was made by Kelly Smith and second by Virginia Zinza to accept the \$1,000 bid from Austin Dunkel. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

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The Board reviewed and considered offers/bids on the sale of the Wabco Road Grader. Michaels Mercer Raceway verbally made a \$9,000 offer but did not submit a written offer. A motion was made by Keith Stowe and second by Kelly Smith to accept the verbal offer of \$9,000 pending receiving a written offer. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

Review and consider information on repair of the 2016 Ford F-550 truck. Chairman Stowe explained we're looking at buying the truck from the insurance company, repairing it and getting an R-title to try and sell it. We've had a couple people interested in it as is so we're going to let it sit for right now and hopefully we'll have more information at the next meeting. A motion was made by Kelly Smith and second by Keith Stowe to table this until the next meeting. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

A motion was made by Virginia Zinza and second by Kelly Smith to approve the radio installation for the 2024 Ford F-550 in the amount of \$320 to Lowry Mobile Communications. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

A motion was made by Virginia Zinza and second by Kelly Smith to approve lettering on the 2024 Ford F-550 Truck in the amount of \$500 to Signs by Sam. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

Supervisor Zinza stated that recently the State passed Act 94 increasing the Supervisor's compensation for the first time in many years. This wouldn't go into effect until new terms for Supervisors. For Township's with under 4,999 residents the new cap would be \$3,145 per year which would be \$262.08 per month. In order to adopt this new increase the Supervisors must adopt an Ordinance. A motion was made by Virginia Zinza and second by Keith Stowe to advertise notice of intent to adopt Ordinance No. 01-2025 for Supervisor's compensation increase. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

The Board discussed the Sheehan property donation and subdivision/lot consolidation at the Township Park. Right now the park has three (3) lots and Mr. Sheehan who bought the old school property owns a small parcel that used to have the sewer treatment plant for the old school, it has since been taken down and filled in and he wants to donate it to the Township if we incur the cost of the Subdivision. Taylor Engineering advised they could do a subdivision and lot consolidation on one plan for \$2,600 with fees for County review and recording the total cost would be \$3,130. A motion was made by Keith Stowe and second by Kelly Smith to approve moving forward with the subdivision and lot consolidation to be paid from the general fund. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

A motion was made by Virginia Zinza and second by Kelly Smith to approve park rentals for January 26th (received after January meeting), February 16th and February 22nd. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

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ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION: None.

Fire Department Report for the month of January, 2025 given by Chief Morse: Structure Fires – 0, MVA – 3, Auto alarms – 1, Service calls – 0, Trees/Lines down – 1, brush fires - 0, Mutual Aid – 3. QRS Calls -- 5; Totals calls – 14, man power hours for Fire was 30.28, Truck hours for Fire was 10.5; Man hours/Truck hours for EMS: 5. Vice Chairman Smith asked if the ambulance has been posted for sale? Chief Morse advised it has a for sale sign on it, they had someone contact them last week interested in purchasing it they're hoping to get it sold. The old brush truck was sold and the Department is using the money from that sale to up fit the new brush truck.

Road Department Report for the month of January, 2025 given by Vice Chairman Smith: Treated roads during snow and pushed back drifting areas; Ordered Salt and Mixed Material; Undercoated Trucks; Tree cleanup on Deer Creek; Patching on Cotton Road, Heather Heights, Brown School, Deer Creek, Thornhill, Marr, Cherriwood and Evergreen Road; General Maintenance and repair on equipment. Chairman Stowe brought up the complaint about the tree on Marr Road at Topper Hill. Did we notify the property owner that there was an offer from a tree company to take the tree down if the Township would clean up the wood and help with traffic control? Guy did talk to the property owner but isn't sure if he told him the price. Vice Chairman Smith advised he spoke to the property owner and advised that the Solicitor's advice was the tree is out of the ROW and the Township isn't liable. The Township is willing to have the road crew help clean up the wood and handle traffic control. We also got a complaint about milling out the hump in the road. Guy explained it gets worse in the winter and he thinks water is getting under the road and freezing because it's right where Victoria Heights Lane drains down Marr Road. Guy advised we will probably have to mill it out and put french drains in to handle the drainage.

Police Report - Burglary - 1; Theft Retail (\$50-\$200) - 1; Theft (under \$50) - 1; Fraud - 1; Harassment - 1; Motor vehicle Accident - 2; Suspicious Auto - 1; Assist Other Police Agency - 1; Follow-Up Information - 1; Administrative Duty - 6; Training Received - 2; Citation (non traffic) - 2; Citation (traffic) - 4; Check Welfare - 1; Court Hearings - 2; Domestic Non-Violent - 1; Drug Task Force - 1; Roadway Hazard - 2; Recovered Stolen Property - 1; Request to Speak to Officer - 2; Scam/Phone Call - 2; Traffic Warning - 1. Total calls 36.

Park Committee Report - No meeting was held in January next meeting is scheduled for February 24th at 6:00 p.m.

Following is the report of taxes collected during the month of January, 2025:

Per Capita Taxes received from Berkheimer January, 2025:	\$864.50
Wage Taxes received from Berkheimer January, 2025:	\$15,396.91
Local Services Tax received from Berkheimer January, 2025 :	\$1,002.42

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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 January, 2025:

	<u>COST OF CONSTRUCTION</u>	<u>COST OF PERMITS</u>
Residential Addition	\$155,000.00	\$75.00 (Zoning only)
Ag Pole Building	\$45,000.00	\$177.00
Residential Addition	\$143,369.00	\$267.70
Mobile Home	\$15,000.00	\$274.50
Total Cost of Construction	\$358,369.00	
Total Cost of Permits:	\$794.20	
Total Amount Collected:	\$613.50	

Following is the Treasurer's Report. All balances are as of February 3, 2025.

	<u>Checking Accts.</u>	<u>Savings Accts.</u>	<u>PLGIT Accts.</u>	<u>CD's</u>
General Fund	\$100,075.37	\$256,477.08	\$165,021.38	\$118,277.18
State Fund	\$123,537.43			
Fire Fund	\$716.33	\$630,338.84		
Light Fund	\$21,252.80			
Equipment Fund		\$32,427.75	\$31,584.26	
Gas Lease Funds		\$405,741.31	\$419,337.22	
Park Fund	\$1,581.95			
Police Fund	\$1,050.87			
ARPA Fund		\$99,668.22		

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Shane Santiago - When he moved to the Township in 2012 he was told his property was zoned Residential/Agricultural and to his surprise he discovered that it was changed to Residential years prior. He was served a letter from Township due to sheep being on his property and he contacted an attorney and found it was not a violation of the Zoning Ordinance. He has 10 acres and a barn and he pushed for the hobby farm amendment to the current zoning. He recently inquired about wanting to put a farm stand on his property and was told by the Zoning Officer that wasn't permitted in the R-1 Zoning District which limits residents ability to sell goods and these laws stand in contrast to the Pennsylvania Right to Farm Act. He is here today to ask for an exception to the Zoning processes for a small farm stand to serve the community and provide free products to those who are struggling. He asks that the Township consider the positive impact of allowing farm stands. The Solicitor advised that the process if the Township wants to consider they could draft an amendment to the Ordinance. Other communities in the area have done similar revisions. The Township could review a proposed

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Ordinance and before it could be adopted it would need to be advertised in the paper to have a public hearing. Mr. Perrotta's office drafted something similar for Wilmington Township not too long ago so we can send that over for your review. The Township has the ability to put restrictions in the amendment if they wish to do so. There was a lengthy discussion about possible size of the structure, parking, will this be seasonal or year round, did he talk to neighbors about this, etc. The Board advised they will take a look at some potential language and put this on next month's meeting agenda for discussion and review. Bill Beck asked if this just applies to this gentleman's property or is it all over the Township? The Zoning Ordinance does not permit road side produce stands in the R-1 residential zoning district which is what his property is zoned.

The Board discussed the possibility of sitting down and updating the Zoning Ordinance that was last done in 2002. It needs to be updated and it's a long process to get completed. This needs to be added to the next meeting agenda for discussion.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 3, 2025 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 7:43 p.m.



Megan Allison, Secretary