

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

EDWARD BARZESKI  
ROY SHAFFER  
ROBERT AMISTADI  
PAUL PIOLI  
SCOTT HUNT

**OTHERS PRESENT**

ROBERT SHAHADE - SOLICITOR  
KEN MESKO - ENGINEER  
GARY SERBALL - ROAD SUPERVISOR  
POLICE CHIEF DON HESS  
MARY KAY MAHER-TWP SECRETARY

**OTHERS:** Gary Selders, Jim Peters, Pete Long, Charles Snyder, Rick Chimiak

**CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:59 P.M. WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPT. 21, 2017**

Scott moved, Ed seconded to approve the minutes as submitted. MOTION CARRIED 3/0/2 with Roy and Paul abstaining stating they did not attend the last meeting

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**JOSEPH FISHER, 137 FISHER LANE**

Mr. Fisher thanked the Board and Solicitor for having the trees removed that were ready to fall so quickly. He said it is a lot safer now that they have been removed. He presented pictures of the brush that was dumped into the creek from properties that reside beside and above his property. He stated the homeowners on Rosemary Lane and/or Robinson Avenue dump their brush into the creek and the creek becomes blocked up. Ed stated this would be considered a violation of the Nuisance Ordinance and the Zoning Officer will be informed. Mr. Fisher also added the homeowners above his property have their downspouts directed into the creek which is causing a lot of damage and will eventually bring the hillside down. Mr. Fisher stated the guys working on the Sell Street stormwater project are doing a good job. He would like to see more work done on the creek besides what is in the contract. Ken pointed out the Township is restricted to the work as specified as allowed by DEP by their permit since it is a recognized-named creek. DEP will do an inspection and if they see additional work done without proper authorization, the Township would be subject to fines. The current permit only allows work to be done 25 feet above and 25 feet below the designated project. To do more work than allowed, another permit would have to be obtained. Ken did note that a ground cover could be planted to help stabilize the embankments. Solicitor and Chairman will inspect the stormwater project and creek over the weekend to see what can be done.

**APPROVAL OF REPORTS – SECRETARY'S, INCOME, PAYROLL, FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Roy moved, Bob seconded to approve the reports as submitted. MOTION CARRIED 5/0

**APPROVAL OF GENERAL FUND BILLS - \$220,901.88**

Paul moved, Bob seconded to approve the general fund bills in the amount of \$220,901.88.  
ROLL CALL VOTE: Roy-aye, Ed-aye, Bob-aye, Paul-aye, Scott-aye MOTION CARRIED 5/0

**APPROVAL OF OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES - \$62,915.37**

Bob moved, Scott seconded to approve the Other Fund Expenditures in the amount of \$62,915.37. ROLL CALL VOTE: Scott-aye, Paul-aye, Bob-aye, Ed-aye, Roy-aye MOTION CARRIED 5/0

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**SELL STREET STORM SEWER PROJECT UPDATE**

Ken reported the project should be done by the end of the month. The crew will finalize the cleanup and do the restoration work and paving. Snyder Excavating has the equipment to do their own paving.

**BERKLEY ROAD UPDATE**

Ken reported that job is completed. Ken stated he wanted to talk to the property owner to see if anything else needed to be done.

**GIANT EAGLE STORM SEWER PROJECT UPDATE**

Ken reported he is meeting with them next week to inspect their storm water retainage pond and to see if it could be tied into the Township's storm water system.

**ROAD PAVING UPDATE**

Gary reported the sealcoating is completed, the paving is done and everything looks good, with the exception of the portion on Sell Street to be done by Snyder Excavating.

**AFSCME NEGOTIATIONS**

Solicitor noted with the AFSCME negotiations, it was suggested the Township enable Section 125 of the IRS code for pre-tax contributions for healthcare costs. This would be a savings to the employees who contribute towards the premiums of healthcare and also lower the costs for the Township in its share of matching payroll taxes. Solicitor forwarded information to the Township office on the plan with the expectation of obtaining templates to initiate the plan for the Township employees and to obtain samples of authorization forms for the employees to sign for those who wish to participate.

**HEALTHCARE/EYE COVERAGE RENEWAL**

Solicitor pointed out the healthcare and eye coverage is due to be renewed in December and the new premiums presented indicate an increase of 2.4% in healthcare and a reduction of 2.44% in the eye coverage. Solicitor explained that the current plan is "grandmothered" and it was recommended by the insurance agent to retain current coverage since it is no longer offered as a new plan. Solicitor strongly recommended the plan be renewed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 924** – Ed moved, Roy seconded to renew the healthcare/eye coverage plan known as the Highmark PPO Blue Sharing and Fashion Advantage Option I plans, as it is "grandmothered" with the new premiums as presented for the new year effective 12/1/17. MOTION CARRIED 5/0

**AFSCME NEGOTIATION MEETING**

Scott moved, Ed seconded to ratify the meeting with the AFSCME Union members on Oct. 12, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. for the attendance of the Supervisors that were present at this meeting. MOTION CARRIED 5/0

**BUDGET WORKSHOP**

Scott moved, Ed seconded to schedule another workshop meeting for budget purposes at 6:00 p.m. on November 16, 2017 before the Township's regular meeting at the Municipal Building. MOTION CARRIED 5/0

### **FALL ROAD INSPECTION**

Scott suggested the Board have a fall road inspection to see what roads will be addressed in the 2018 Road Paving Program. A preliminary list can be prepared in anticipation of advertising the contract earlier in the year, which will save the Township money. Quaker Sales informed Scott, had the Township advertised the current contract earlier this year, it would've saved the Township approx. \$8.00/ton. Roads could also be added to the listing in the spring if any winter damage may have occurred on a particular road.

Scott moved, Paul seconded to have a Fall Road Inspection on Saturday, Nov. 4, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. MOTION CARRIED 5/0

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Hess informed the Board the police officers have been undergoing training sessions recently such as "how to interview victims of crime" and the Annual Criminal Justice Symposium.

"Coffee with a Cop" will be held at St. Mary's Church on October 23, 2017. Everyone is invited to attend to discuss any issues with the policemen that will be present.

The Police Department will be partnering with the Vol. Fire Department on October 24<sup>th</sup> to learn how to stop bleeding training for tramatic injuries in the field.

Chief informed the Board that the Police Department obtained a piece of equipment under a grant that has been rarely used, if at all. (the Enrad equipment) Another Police Department has offered to purchase this equipment from Upper Yoder. The Chief would like to purchase additional safety equipment for the officers to use in the field in the case of an active shooter. Current bullet-proof vests will stop a handgun but not a rifle bullet. This new heavy vest will stop a rifle shot.

Ed moved, Paul seconded to authorize the Chief to sell the Enrad Equipment to another Police Department and to authorize the purchase of an Active Shooter's Kit to carry in the car for the police officers in the field. MOTION CARRIED 5/0

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **2020 CENSUS**

Correspondence has been received from the Census Bureau requesting the Township appoint a Liason to check the addresses and residences in the Township. Scott had done this verification before and Donna Cauffiel had done it also previously. Scott noted that any changes or corrections that were submitted were rejected by the Census Bureau on these two occasions. No action taken.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **NOTICE OF INTENT TO HIRE A CPA**

Roy moved, Ed seconded to authorize the ad "Notice of Intent to Hire a CPA" to audit the Township records for the year 2017 to be placed in the local newspaper 30 days prior to January. MOTION CARRIED 5/0

### **CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP SNOW REMOVAL CONTRACT**

Upper Yoder Township has charged Conemaugh Township for snow removal services for the section of Coon Ridge Road that lies within the borders of Conemaugh Township for \$2,000 per winter season.

Ed moved, Bob seconded to approve and issue a snow removal agreement to Conemaugh Township for the fee of \$2,000 for services rendered for the section of Coon Ridge Road that resides in Conemaugh Township for the upcoming winter season of 2017-2018.  
MOTION CARRIED 5/0

**RESOLUTION NO. 925** – Roy moved, Bob seconded to authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to execute the Automated Red Light Enforcement Program Project Funding Agreement (ARLE) grant for the upgrade of the Woodmont Road/Rt. 271 traffic signal signifying the Township's acceptance of this grant. MOTION CARRIED 5/0

**HOMEOWNER'S GUIDE FOR STORMWATER CONTROL BOOKLET**

A sample booklet was received from DEP on suggestions to the property owners on how to effectively handle and deflect storm water from their properties. DEP has given authorization to have this booklet duplicated and issued to the Township's residents. Quotes were obtained from two printing companies on different quantities to print.

Paul moved, Scott seconded to authorize RPM Printing to print 300 of the booklets to be available to the residents of the Township. MOTION CARRIED 5/0

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – none**

**ADJOURNMENT** - Motion by Scott, seconded by Paul. MOTION CARRIED 5/0

**ADJOURNED 7:25 P.M**

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Kay Maher  
Twp. Secretary

**THE NEXT BUDGET MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 6:00 P.M. ON NOVEMBER 16, 2017.**

**A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD AT 6:45 P.M. FOR ADOPTION OF THE ORDINANCE TO ENACT THE VOLUNTEER FIRE AND NON-PROFIT EMERGENCY SERVICE CREDIT PER ACT 172 OF 2016.**

**THE NEXT SUPERVISORS MEETING  
WILL BE HELD AT THE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING,  
NOV. 16, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M.**