

MEMBERS PRESENT

EDWARD BARZESKI
ROY SHAFFER
ROBERT AMISTADI
PAUL PIOLI
SCOTT HUNT

OTHERS PRESENT

ROBERT SHAHADE - SOLICITOR
KEN MESKO - ENGINEER
GARY SERBALL, ROAD FOREMAN
POLICE CHIEF DON HESS
ALICE HUMMEL-ASSISTANT TWP SECRETARY

OTHERS: Larry Crespo, Kristen & Mike Kane, Jim Peters

CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – HEARING – November 16, 2017

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Scott moved, Paul seconded to approve both the Hearing and Township Minutes as submitted. **MOTION CARRIED 5/0**

PERSONS REQUESTING TO BE ON THE AGENDA:

Larry Crespo inquired as to why he was not chosen for Upper Yoder Township's 2018 wildlife and animal control, as he had been in the past. Mr. Crespo stated that he can forward reports to the Board showing how many animals he has assisted Upper Yoder Twp. and surrounding municipalities in regards to animal control within the past years. Bob questioned the \$1800 increase in Mr. Crespo's fee. Mr. Crespo stated the local shelter is not accepting any more animals from animal control, requiring him to travel a great distance to take an aggressive animal for confinement. Ed stated the Board did not wish to discuss the matter in a public meeting at this time and will table the matter for more in-depth review. Mr. Crespo stated that he would be willing to discuss any questions the Board may have, at any time.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

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

Roy moved, Scott seconded to approve the reports as submitted with discussion on the Secretary's Report, if necessary. **MOTION CARRIED 5/0**

APPROVAL OF GENERAL FUND BILLS - \$52,689.80

Bob moved, Scott seconded to approve the general fund bills in the amount of \$52,689.80. **ROLL CALL VOTE: Roy-aye, Ed-aye, Bob-aye, Paul-aye, Scott-aye MOTION CARRIED 5/0**

APPROVAL OF OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES - \$67,088.92

Scott moved, Bob seconded to approve the Other Fund Expenditures in the amount of \$67,088.92. **ROLL CALL VOTE: Scott-aye, Paul-aye, Bob-aye, Ed-aye, Roy-aye MOTION CARRIED 5/0**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2018 BUDGET FINAL APPROVAL

Scott moved, Bob seconded to approve the 2018 Final Budget, a balanced budget with the General Fund balanced for \$1,676,156, with all millage, fees and tax rates remaining the same as in 2017. **MOTION CARRIED 5/0**

AFSCME CONTRACT

Ed moved, Bob seconded to approve the 2018 – 2021 AFSCME CONTRACT as submitted.
MOTION CARRIED 5/0

ELECTED AUDITOR POSITION

Scott explained, it was discovered the November Election did produce candidates regarding the two vacancies for the Elected Auditor's positions. Donald Shovestull of Old Hickory Lane was the write in candidate that won and has chosen to take the six-year term. Mr. John Rossi of Haverford Street had also been listed on the ballot and had requested being appointed for the two-year term.

Bob moved, Ed seconded to rescind the prior motion from the November 2017 Supervisors Meeting, appointing Donna Cauffiel of 160 Cauffiel Lane and Susan Mesko of 275 Irvin Street to the positions of Township Auditors. MOTION CARRIED 5/0

Bob moved, Ed seconded to appoint Mr. John Rossi to the two-year term as Township Auditor, beginning January 2018. MOTION CARRIED 5/0

STREET LIGHTS – KRIDER STREET

Ed stated he had a request from two residents who live on Krider Street, requesting another light be installed, as the ones on their street are not very bright. Chief Hess will check and report back as to the necessity of an additional street light on Krider Street.

BOB AMISTADI – SUPERVISOR TERM ENDING

Bob stated it has been 12 years and an honor to work with everybody here at the Township. Solicitor added that Bob had served for 4 years prior to the 12 consecutive years as a Supervisor. The Supervisors each commended Bob for his dedication and commitment to the Township. Mr. Amistadi was applauded by those present.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Donald Hess stated his report has been submitted and is on file. He also indicated that the new evidence locker is in place and the prescription drug box is also in place for the residents to secure their unwanted prescription drugs at the Police Department.

ROAD SUPERVISOR – GARY SERBALL

Gary stated he had nothing to report. He also thanked Bob Amistadi for all his help and working with him and the Road Department.

CORRESPONDENCE:

LETTER OF RESIGNATION-BILL LONSINGER-ZONING HEARING BOARD

Ed moved, Bob seconded to accept the resignation of Bill Lonsinger from the Zoning Hearing Board, with the office to send a letter of confirmation and appreciation to Mr. Lonsinger. MOTION CARRIED 5/0

PSATS STATE CONVENTION, Spring 2018

Scott indicated he would like to attend the State Convention as he had approximately five years ago.

Bob moved, Paul seconded to approve Scott attending the PSATS State Convention in the Spring of 2018. MOTION CARRIED 5/0

ATLANTIC BROADBAND CABLE PROPOSAL

Scott had looked over the proposal and felt it was better to stay with what we currently have, as he was concerned that for 2 years it would be \$20 less, but what will happen after that two-year period. Chief Hess stated he was told there was no risk. Paul requested no action be taken until Chief Hess can further check out the program.

Paul also requested the office issue another request to Atlantic Broadband regarding the overcharges they had billed the Township, ever since moving into the Sunray Drive location.

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR

Ed moved, Scott seconded to re-appoint Maureen Clark, as the Upper Yoder Township Deputy Tax Collector. MOTION CARRIED 5/0

KATHY ZAMIAS SUBDIVISION – FENDER LANE

Roy moved, Bob seconded to approve the Zamias/Blackburn Fender Lane Subdivision as presented. MOTION CARRIED 5/0

ALTERNATE ZONING HEARING BOARD MEMBER

Paul moved, Scott seconded to appoint Bob Varner, as the Alternate Zoning Hearing Board Member. MOTION CARRIED 5/0

SCHOOL CHOICE PROCLAMATION

Ed moved, Bob seconded to participate in the School Choice Proclamation.
MOTION CARRIED 5/0

POLICE VEHICLE PURCHASE

Paul moved, Scott seconded based on an updated quote, to approve the purchase of a 2018 Ford Explorer for \$29,115.00 and equipment in the amount of \$9,145.65 for the Police Department, through the Co-Star/State Contract. MOTION CARRIED 5/0

Ed commended Chief Hess, stating he handled the recent Westmont Hilltop School threat in a very professional manner. Paul reported that both Town Hall meetings had a large attendance. He also acknowledged the fact that Chief Hess had put a lot of additional hours in and did a great job. A round of applause was given by those present.

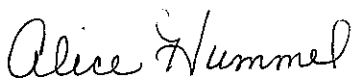
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

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

ADJOURNED 7:20 P.M

Respectfully submitted,



Alice Hummel
Asst. Township Secretary