

**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 7, 2021
MEETING OF VENANGO TOWNSHIP**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Present for roll call were Scott Barbour, Don Merritt and Ron Dunlap. Also present were those signed in on the attached listing. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and Scott motioned to accept the minutes as read; seconded by Ron and vote was all approved. The Treasurer's Report was read and the Bill List was presented. Scott motioned to accept the report and approve payment of bills; seconded by Ron and vote was Scott-yes, Don-no and Ron-yes and vote was approved. Dave Roach questioned why Don voted no and Don would not elaborate on his vote. The Building/Septic Reports were read.

Public Comment

None

Old Business

Jill discussed the receipt of the first installation of APRA Funds in the amount of \$50,607.56 and the requirement for public input such as using the Planning Commission or other options to discuss specific use of the funds for items such as broadband expansion, fire department or non-profit donations, payments for essential employees or loss of revenue due to the COVID 19 Pandemic. All agreed further discussion will take place once additional guidance is provided.

Lightsource BP has bought the solar development leases from Pattern Energy. They will be invited to attend the next meeting.

New Business

Stephanie Thauer, on behalf of the Planning Commission, noted they have been working on updating the Comp Plan which was done in 2005 and intend on sending out a survey to all residents. Don indicated he would provide his comments directly to Dave Roach and preferred the survey be considered at the meeting next month. Dave Roach had hoped the Board could discuss the draft version at this meeting. Stephanie also provided an update on the Sustainability Class being taught at Penn State.

Correspondence

Venango Borough Newsletter for Summer of 2021 was emailed.

LTAP Class schedule was sent.

Annual Crawford County SCUBA team information was received.

Crawford County Association will hold the Fall Convention on September 23, 2021.

PSATS Proposed Bylaw Changes and Resolutions for consideration at the 2021 Business Meeting were received.

Census estimates for the Township show a decrease from 997 in 2010 to 946 residents in 2020.

Peggy Tucci had requested a refund of bank fee charges on her recent tax payment but that is not normal procedure by the Township and no refund was issued.

A complaint had been filed with DEP against the Township, stating millings and wood chips were being dumped in a suspected wetlands area behind the Township building. Don Merritt stated he turned the Township in to document it for his benefit so he knows what to do with his own personal gravel pit. Report from DEP stated materials were not in or encroaching on any wetlands area and the two investigators who visited the site found no issues.

Adjourn

Scott motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m.; seconded by Ron and vote was all approved.

Jill Dunlap, Secretary