

## Woodcock Township Supervisors Meeting Minutes of September 10, 2024

The Board of Supervisors of Woodcock Township met for their regular meeting on this date at 5:00 p.m. at the Township Building 16250 State Hwy. 86, Saegertown, PA 16433. Chairman William Winters opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Those in attendance were:

Supervisors: William Winters, Randall Chess, Jason Crawford.

Secretary: Renee Hayes

Guests: Charles Lawrence, Kevin Blair, Merle Spaid, Sarah Medvec, Richard Byham.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None

The Crawford County Association of Township Officials will hold their Fall Convention on Wednesday, October 23, 2024. RSVP by Oct 16.

**Volunteer Service Tax Credit Program** Charles Lawrence, Saegertown Boro & VFD, was present to discuss the Volunteer Service Tax Credit Program that the County (up to \$500) and Saegertown Boro (up to \$200) is considering adopting and Vernon Township (has already adopted). The Program would benefit volunteer fire fighters by refunding local (in our case, Township) portions of real estate taxes. Certain criteria would be required to be met, such as percentages of calls responded to, required number of hours of training, etc. Volunteers must own the property and be paid up to date on taxes and any other criteria that the Board of Supervisors would include in the Ordinance. The Board said they would wait to see what the County and others are doing. Hayes said that Woodcock has five fire departments that serve the township and that might increase the number of participants.

**Approval of Minutes** Crawford moved to approve minutes from the August 13 & Aug 16, 2024 meetings, seconded by Chess. Discussion: Blair asked if Mitchell's Milk Hauling had bonded the road for the weight limit, or how will the new road hold up under those heavy trucks? It hasn't been an issue in the past, we'll keep an eye on it. RCV: Winters Yes, Chess Yes, Crawford Yes.

**Payment of Bills** Chess moved to approve payment of the bills totaling \$ 90,303.98, seconded by Crawford. Discussion: None. RCV: Chess Yes, Winters Yes, Crawford Yes.

**Acceptance of Resignation** Brad Dutchkot resigned from the Sewer Authority; his resignation was accepted by motion from Crawford, seconded by Chess. RCV: Winters Yes, Chess Yes, Crawford Yes. A replacement is being sought.

**Tabled items** Broadband and Niagara spreader were discussed and remain tabled. The Niagara spreader was further explained that it is for a project like "tar & chip"- it has an auger and would spread the chip or could be used for tailgating stone in 8' widths. We borrowed West Mead's twice this year. They also have an oil applicator machine so if we had a spreader, they would work with us to apply the oil. This was tabled until February or March as it is not a needed item at this time by motion from Chess, seconded by Crawford. RCV: Winters Yes, Chess Yes, Crawford Yes.

### Department Reports

1. Road Foreman Jason Crawford- Mowed portions of township roads and mowed state roads for agility program; cleaned up downed trees from storm; cut berms & ditches; spot grade; clean

ditch & pipe the ditch along & near Byham's on E. Cole Rd.; installed stop signs in Woodcock Village; tar & chip & fog seal are completed on Dickson, Helen, Huson, Bl Val Cem Rd. & Mitchell as per bids.

2. Tax Collector Sarah Medvec August's reports totaled for Real Estate Collected \$267,574.29; Per Capita \$2206.75. 92.82% of real estate collected YTD. 21.94% of per capita collected YTD.
3. Zoning/Code Renee Hayes Four permits were issued totaling \$76124 in construction costs.

#### Public Comment

1. Crawford said Athens Township Road Foreman, Jesse Smith, had a stroke. Hayes will send a card.
2. Merle Spaid wondered why the door cost so much. It was explained that it was a commercial door, that the frame was in concrete, so it is harder to work with and that it is insulated, has a window and panic bar all adding to cost. (The price included installation)
3. Crawford said that municipal vehicles can now use a "green" light in addition to the amber lights already used. There are studies that show that the green light is more easily visible to the human eye.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:42 p.m. with a motion from Chess, seconded by Crawford.

Renee D. Hayes,  
Secretary