

Minutes: January 18, 2022 6:30 pm
Paint Township 1741 Basin Drive Windber, PA 15963

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Shaffer with the "Pledge of Allegiance". Other board members present were Meyers Vice-Chairman and Wright Secretary-Treasurer. Also present Wendy Senior, Office Secretary. The visitor list is attached.

At this time the meeting was turned over to Sergeant Patrick Bouch with the Pennsylvania State Police. Sergeant Bouch introduced himself to the Board and the those in attendance by giving a background of his service with PSP. He reported to the township the statistic of crime within Paint Township from January 2021 to January 2022. The Pennsylvania State Police responded to a total of 243 calls for the one year period. Out of those 243 calls there were 18 domestics; 69 criminal offenses of varying degrees and a total of 38 property crimes. The Troopers responded to 21 vehicle accidents; issued 125 traffic citations; 1 DUI arrest and 2 on view citations. PSP responded to over 8,000.00 calls throughout Somerset County. Sergeant Bouch stated that Paint Township was a small part of that statistic. Sergeant Bouch stated that manpower is always a need. He suggested a few things that the community can do to protect themselves and their property. He suggested things such as installing inexpensive security cameras on their property and lighting. Making sure that if persons are out of town to leave lights on. Have family and or neighbors check on their property. The township expressed their thanks to Sergeant Bouch for attending the meeting and providing an update. The township extended an invitation to PSP for the troopers to use the municipal building at anytime, they are most welcome. Sergeant Bouch expressed his thanks for the invitation and he will be passing that onto the Troopers.

Minutes: It was moved by Shaffer and seconded by Meyers to accept the minutes of the January 3, 2022 meeting as presented. Roll Call: Shaffer-yes; Meyers-yes; Wright-yes.

Bills: The bill list was reviewed by the board. It was moved by Meyers and seconded by Wright to pay the bills as presented. Roll Call: Shaffer -yes; Meyers - yes; Wright - yes.

Old Business: It was moved by Wright and seconded by Shaffer to remove David Zeglin from the townships corporate credit card account held with First Commonwealth Bank. Frank Meyers will be added to the account. Roll Call: Shaffer-yes; Meyers-yes; Wright-yes.

It was moved by Meyers and seconded by Wright to reappoint Robert Feather to another five year term to the Paint Township Planning Commission. Roll Call: Shaffer-yes; Meyers-yes; Wright-yes.

New Business: It was moved by Wright and seconded by Meyers to make a contribution of \$250.00 to the Windber Area Community Kitchen. Roll Call: Shaffer-yes; Meyers-yes; Wright-yes.

It was moved by Meyers and seconded by Shaffer to increase the part time winter labor hourly rate to \$18.00. Roll Call: Shaffer-yes; Meyers-yes; Wright-yes.

It was moved by Meyers and seconded by Wright to pay the union employees their full pay rate increase for 2022. Roll Call: Shaffer-yes; Meyers-yes; Wright-yes.

It was moved by Shaffer and seconded by Meyers to accept the minor subdivision plan of Robert Ditzler as approved and stated by the Paint Township Planning Commission on January 12, 2022. Roll Call: Shaffer-yes; Meyers-yes; Wright-yes.

Open Forum: J. Rugg held discussion and respectfully requested that the township express to Attorney Stofko the need to work in a more timely manner on items of business that need his legal attention on behalf of the township and the general public. General discussion was held regarding in house computer work needs. Wright gave an update that the office staff is working with Chris Burkey from the Comp Shop to update the postings to the Paint Township web-site.

Correspondence: The correspondence was reviewed by Wright.

Adjournment: It was moved by Wright and seconded by Meyers to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm. Roll call: Shaffer-yes; Meyers-yes; Wright - yes.

Next Township meeting is scheduled for, Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 3:30 pm. All township meetings are subject to cancellation and change.

Joanne C. Wright, Secretary-Treasurer