

February 8, 2023

Business Meeting Minutes

The Potter Township Supervisors held their monthly Business Meeting on Wednesday February 8, 2023 at the Potter Township Municipal Building. Ms. Matsco called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

In attendance were:

Supervisors: Rebecca Matsco, Earl Shamp and Al Cwynar

Secretary/Treasurer: Mark Czarnecki

Citizens: Caroline Czarnecki, Pam Petrella, Lauren Patton, Ron Lyle, Debra Smit, Dr. Clifford Lan, Terrie Baumgardner, Thaddeus Popovich, Tim Wetzel and Jim Gabel

Meetings:

On February 1, 2023 Ms. Matsco, Mr. Shamp and Mr. Cwynar held a Work Session.

On February 8, 2023 Ms. Matsco, Mr. Shamp and Mr. Cwynar attended a meeting with SGA regarding the Rocky Bend Blending Barn Project.

READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE TOWNSHIP REORGANIZATION MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 3, 2023.

MOTION: Earl Shamp

SECOND: Al Cwynar

MOTION CARRIED

READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 1, 2023.

MOTION: Al Cwynar

SECOND: Earl Shamp

MOTION CARRIED

CITIZENS:

Terry Baumgardner from Clean Air Council and BCMAC spoke regarding the Lighting Study that was to be completed for the Shell Plant. It was her understanding that under Shells permits the study was to have been completed by December of 2022. However, when she had spoken to a Shell representative last year, she was told that no further studies were being done. She forwarded to Shell a copy of Potter Township Resolution 3-2017 requiring a Lighting Study be completed. Ms. Baumgardner asked if Potter Township was still requiring the Lighting Study and what actions the township was taking.

Ms. Matsco noted that the township had not been given a completion date for the Lighting Study by Shell but the township will hold Shell accountable for the study.

Mr. Fedeles said he had spoken with an attorney for Shell and was waiting on a projected completion date for the Lighting Study. He confirmed that the township was going to hold Shell to the conditions of the permit and Resolution 3-2017 for the Lighting Study.

Ms. Baumgardner inquired if once the Lighting Study was completed if it would be made public.

Ms. Matsco and Mr. Fedeles confirmed that it would be made available.

Thaddeus Popovich from BCMAC spoke about the climate and air pollution issues including the Shell plant. He stated that half of the regions pollution still comes from industry. Mr. Popovich stated that Shell will be the 2nd highest hazardous air polluter in the state and would release 2.2 million tons of carbon dioxide emissions in a year. Mr. Popovich recommended the formation of a regional Climate Commission.

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Deb Smit from Breath Project spoke about the risk of transporting hazardous materials by rail. She referenced the recent derailment in East Palestine Ohio. She also noted that there had been 8 rail derailments in the area since 2018. She inquired if the Township had an evacuation plan in place.

Ms. Matsco noted that the township has an evacuation plan, especially due to the township's proximity to the nuclear power plant. Ms. Matsco asked if Breath Project had been in communication with the Federal Regulators since rail transportation is regulated at the federal level.

Ms. Smit stated they are working with a group called Rail Pollution Protection Pittsburgh and are awaiting terms of a federal lawsuit.

Dr. Clifford Lark asked if anyone at the township had heard what caused the loud noise in the township on January 20th around 8:30 PM.

Mr. Czarnecki stated he had spoken to a couple people and no one knew the cause.

OLD BUSINESS:

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2-2023 TO ENTER INTO INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF CENTER, AN ADJOINING MUNICIPALITY, TO PROVIDE POLICE SERVICES FOR POTTER TOWNSHIP

MOTION: Al Cwynar

SECOND: Earl Shamp

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS: No New Business

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: No Written Report Submitted

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mr. Sell reported that a Speed Limit study had been requested from PennDot on Montgomery Dam Rd. related to the Army Corp of Engineers project.

PLANNING COMMISSION: No Written Report Submitted

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Mr. Gabel stated that they had finished work on the upstairs of the fire hall. He also stated that the Fire Department had assisted in the operations related to the train derailment in East Palestine, including large animal rescue.

RECREATION BOARD: No Written Report Submitted

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ROAD DEPARTMENT:

Mr. Shamp informed the Board that the delivery of the block for the salt shed had been delayed.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: No Written Report Submitted

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR:

Victoria Leininger submitted the 2023 January Real Estate Tax Report to the Supervisors

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Account	Balance	Total Bills per account
General Fund Account	\$2,262,183.48	Bills for this account totaled \$143,768.39 \$94,690.38 is earmarked for MDIA permit fees
State Liquid Fuels Account	\$3,681.18	Bills in this account totaled \$6,478.33
Capital Equipment Account	\$52,363.29	No bills.
Escrow Money Account	\$94,690.44	Bills in this account totaled \$5,246.00
Public Safety Account	\$1,644,034.23	No bills.
DCNR Grant Fund Account	\$75,554.78	No bills
Recreation Board Account	\$343.04	No Bills

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills for the month of January 2023.

MOTION: Earl Shamp

SECOND: Al Cwynar

MOTION CARRIED

THERE BEING NO FURTHER DISCUSSION THE WORK SESSION ADJOURNED AT 6:40 P.M.

MOTION: Al Cwynar

Second: Earl Shamp

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Czarnecki
Secretary/Treasurer