

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

112 Municipal Lane
Prosperity, PA 15329
November 12, 2024

MEETING AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Requests to Address the Board/Public Comment
- V. Correspondence and Reports
 1. Received Correspondence:
 - The Washington Township Supervisors were recently notified by the Greene County Conservation District Director Lisa Snider that we have been selected for the 2024 Dirt, Gravel and Low Volume Road Program Municipality of the Year! We will be honored at the Conservation District's Annual Award Ceremony on December 11th. We have been awarded three DGLV projects during the last 3 years for road re-profiling on Hickory and Pisgah Ridge Roads, and most recently for a creekbank stabilization project on Pettit Road.
 - We have received the most recent (YE 2023) Financial Statements/Annual Audit from the Waynesburg-Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company. The report may be reviewed in the township office.
 - We were notified on October 11, 2024 by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) that the Township Park Project has been approved for the full requested grant amount of \$86,985 resulting in a forthcoming final payment of \$8,699.
 - Pursuant to the action of the Board previously approved, the Impact Fee Fund Certificate of Deposit held at Community Bank which matured on October 10th, 2024 was reinvested for the same principal amount (\$1,000,000) in a six-month certificate of deposit at First National Bank paying 4.50% interest at maturity (April 15, 2025) in the amount of \$22,191.12.
 2. The Planning Board did not meet on November 7th as there were no items on the meeting agenda.
 3. Zoning Board: No meeting.
 4. Park Board

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- 5. Roadmaster's Report
- 6. Solicitor's Remarks
- 7. BCO/Zoning Report – McMillen Engineering

VI. Discussion & Action Items

A. Routine

- 1. Approval of Agenda with/without Addendum.
- 2. Approval of Minutes – October 8, 2024 regular meeting, and the November 7, 2024 Budget Meeting.

B. Specific

1. Personnel

- a. Nicholas Eddy – Emergency Management Coordinator

Recommended Action

With the relocation of our former Emergency Management Coordinator Richard (Rick) Patton to Georgia, consider a motion to appoint Nicholas Eddy as the township's Emergency Management Coordinator, pursuant to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code. This is an unpaid position. Mr. Eddy is a resident of Washington Township, and previously served as the Fire Chief and as an EMT with the Perry Township VFD while living in Mt. Morris.

2. Business Operations

- a. Approval of Treasurer's Report for period ending October 31, 2024

	<u>General</u>	<u>Liquid Fuels</u>	<u>Machinery</u>	<u>Fire Fund</u>
Beginning Balance	\$ 260,012.68	\$ 41,004.54	\$ 47,962.11	\$ 11,927.79
Revenues	11,148.93	17.41	65.92	28.73
Expenditures	<u>-43,076.63</u>	<u>-0.00</u>	<u>-100.00</u>	<u>-50.00</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 228,084.98	\$ 41,021.95	\$ 47,928.03	\$ 11,906.52

Impact Fee

Beginning Cash Balance	\$ 627,552.11
Revenues – Acct. Interest	1,703.52

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CD Interest	26,457.89
Expenditures	<u>-278.17</u>
Available Cash Balance	\$ 655,435.35
Investments Held	<u>2,000,000.00</u>
Total Account Balance	\$ 2,655,435.35

Recommended Action

Consider a motion to approve the Treasurer's report for the period ending October 30, 2024 and direct that it be filed for audit.

b. Bills & Transfers for Approval for All Funds – October, 2024

Recommended Action

Consider a motion to approve the payment of the monthly bills, payroll and intra-fund transfers, as listed on the attached, from the following accounts:

General Fund	\$ 32,418.77
Liquid Fuels Fund	0.00
Machinery Fund	100.00
Impact Fund	0.00
Fire Fund	<u>50.00</u>
Total Bills & Transfers for Approval	\$ 32,568.77

c. Acceptance of UPMC Group Health Plan – 2025

Recommended Action

Consider a motion to approve and continue with the UPMC Gold PPO employee medical insurance plan for 2025 at the estimated monthly premium of \$3,739.37, which reflects an 3.2% increase over the 2024 plan cost, bringing the annual total cost to \$44,872. As a part of the plan, the township will continue to contribute to an Employee Health Savings Account pursuant to township Resolution 5-2021.

d. Acceptance of United Concordia Dental Insurance Renewal Rates – 2025

Recommended Action

Consider a motion to renew for 2025, the employee dental insurance plan with United Concordia for the

estimated monthly premium of \$315.07, which reflects no increase in premium over the current 2024 rates.

e. Acceptance of UPMC Vision Insurance Renewal Rates – 2025

Recommended Action

Consider a motion to renew the 2025 employee vision insurance plan with UPMC for the monthly premium of \$37.38 which reflects no increase in premium over the 2024 rates.

3. Operations, Buildings, Grounds & Highways

4. Township Supervisors

a. Ordinances, Resolutions

1. Stout Logging LLC Escrow Fund Status

Prior to the start of timbering operations on the Locy property off Breakneck Road, Stout Logging, LLC pursuant to Resolution #4 of 2021, placed \$3,000 in an escrow account to be used to pay for any expenses for damages caused by a logging company performing timbering operations in the township. The logging operation has been completed and upon inspection, no damages were noted to any township roadways. As required by the Resolution, the Board of Supervisors will vote, at a public meeting, on the amount to be returned to the operator from the special account.

Recommended Action

Pursuant to Resolution #4 of 2021, consider a motion to return to Stout Logging, LLC, the full \$3,000 previously placed in escrow by them, as there was no damage done to township property during recent timbering operations.

b. Agreements, Contracts

1. Excavator Rental for Hemlock/Dividing Ridge Water Line Construction

In accordance with the agreement with SPWA to construct the water line on Hemlock and West Dividing Ridge Roads, the township is required to backfill the excavated ditch. Quotes were solicited for a large excavator, as the one owned by the township is too small to adequately perform the necessary work. Two quotes were received for monthly rental as follows:

United Rentals	\$4,850.00/month
Black Diamond Equipment Rental.	\$5,850.00/month

Recommended Action

Consider a motion to approve the rental of an excavator from United Rentals at a quoted base monthly charge of \$4,850, to be used by township personnel to backfill the ditch as the Hemlock Road and West Dividing Ridge water lines are installed pursuant to the agreement with the Southwestern PA Water Authority.

2. Heavy Hauling Agreement - CNX

Recommended Action

Consider a motion to approve a one-year Heavy Hauling Agreement with CNX, for Pisgah Ridge Road (T-502), with an effective date of October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025 for a fee of \$300.00, pursuant to the approved Schedule of Fees.

3. Heavy Hauling Agreements – Peoples Natural Gas Co LLC.

Recommended Action

Consider a motion to approve Heavy Hauling Agreements with Peoples Natural Gas Co LLC., for Bailey Hollow Road (T-561), Boyd Road (T-406), Breakneck Road (T-404), Castile Ridge Road (T-546), Cemetery Road (T-553), Craynes Riun Road (T-551), East Dividing Ridge Road (T-657), Edgar Hill Road (T-560), Good Hill Road (T-406), Gray Run Road (T-555), Peach Tree Lane (T-4106), Pettit Road (T-409), Piper Ridge Road (T-623), Pisgah Ridge Road (T-502), and Wilman Hill Road (T-552) with an effective date of November 1, 2024 to October 31, 2025 for a fee of \$300.00 per roadway, pursuant to the approved Schedule of Fees. Peoples is replacing gas lines throughout the township as part of their Goodwin/Tombaugh Replacement Project.

4. Confirming Action – No Burning Restriction

Recommended Action

At the request of the Greene County Office of Emergency Management, due to the extremely dry conditions and the lack of any predicted measurable rain, the Washington Township Supervisors on

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Wednesday, November 6, 2024 enacted a No Burning Regulation in the township until further notice. It is recommended the Board of Supervisors re-affirm this action which was taken prior to the scheduled meeting of the Board.

VII. New Business:

With the recent interest being shown in purchasing large plots of vacant land for the installation of massive commercial solar arrays, the need has arisen to address the matter for the possible inclusion in the township's existing Zoning Ordinance, which is basically void of any mention of Solar Energy Systems. Before the existing Ordinance can be amended the following must occur:

- a. Discussion at a public meeting regarding the need to amend the Township Zoning Ordinance to include Solar Energy Systems.
- b. Consider a motion to grant permission to proceed with the preparation of the Washington Township Solar Energy Systems Ordinance and further, to submit it to the Greene County Planning Commission and the Washington Twp Planning Board for comments pursuant to the requirements of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code.

VIII. Information & Announcements

- The Flex-base paving on Breakneck and Boyd Roads was completed on October 14th. Russell Standard did an excellent job.
- The Fall Clean-up Day was held on Saturday, October 19th and just under 14 tons of miscellaneous rubbish was deposited in two dumpsters.
- The Park Board again sponsored the annual Trunk or Treat celebration for township children on Saturday, October 26. Even though there were fewer attendees this year, those children and adults alike had an enjoyable afternoon. We sincerely thank our Park Board members Tammy Smith, Terry Meek, Sarah Eddy, Shauna Tretinik, Walker Smith, Debbie Stephenson and Jody Craig for another job "well-done!"
- Upcoming Meetings
 - Supervisor's Regular Meeting, Tuesday, December 10, 2024, 6:30 p.m.
 - Planning Board, Thursday, December 5, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.
 - Zoning Hearing Board and Park Board meets as needed.

IX. Public Comment/Questions

X. Adjournment