

APRIL 23, 2013 MINUTES
Formally approved at May 7, 2013 meeting

FULL BOARD PRESENT: Also present: Jerry Buckley, Sealer of Weights & Measures; Max VonBlohn, Danville Borough Council; Ted J. Mahoney, Public; Karen Blackledge, The Danville News.

Mr. Finn asked those so inclined to rise for a prayer led by Solicitor Robert L. Marks. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison. The meeting was then opened.

Mr. Ward moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

General Account Disbursements	\$198,856.84
General Account Receipts	\$433,772.57
General Account Checking .10%	\$1,406,755.88
Capital Reserve Fund .25%	\$26,763.70
Operating Reserve .25%	\$40,065.68
General MMA	\$0.00
Total Checking, MMAs	\$1,473,585.26
Act 44 .10%	\$56,296.97
Act 78 Checking .10%	\$14,297.17
Children and Youth Checking .10%	\$305,325.88
Domestic Relations Checking .10%	\$136,335.83
Domestic Relations Incentive	\$121,829.95
Flood Mitigation .10%	\$1,834.10
Hazardous Material Account Checking .10%	\$14,644.64
Human & Community Services Checking .10%	\$46,786.33
Improvement Fund Checking .09%	\$4,090.64
Liquid Fuels Checking .10%	\$72,777.27
Liquid Fuels MMA .45%	\$130,000.00
Medical Assistance Transportation .10%	\$72,885.62
Offender Supervision Account Checking .10%	\$51,377.23
Transit Fund Account Checking .10%	\$32,861.03
Wireless 911 .10%	\$150,346.49

Mr. Finn called for public comment. Mr. Mahoney asked if information about upcoming meetings could be placed online prior to the actual meeting. Mr. Finn said the agenda often is not finalized until right before a meeting, but agreed that he would like to see more information on the County website.

Under old business, Mr. Gerst moved to adopt Ordinance 1-2013 which sets an annual license and permit fees for commercial weighing, measuring or scanning devices. Mr. Ward seconded. Referencing a newspaper article concerning the proposed ordinance, Mr. Finn expressed concern that the public may have a misperception concerning the County's intentions. Currently, the County pays for the position of Sealer of Weights & Measures. While the state could take over those duties, the issue is whether the state can provide the same level of protection afforded by the County's sealer.

Mr. Gerst said in looking to enact the ordinance, the County is trying to protect both consumers and business. Stating he felt the ordinance is business friendly, Mr. Finn said an article in the PressEnterprise incorrectly assessed the annual cost to Weis Markets at \$3,100.00, but the actual cost would be \$1,400.00. Mr. Ward said he took exception to a statement in the newspaper article that the cost of the permitting would be passed onto consumers. Jerry Buckley, Sealer of Weights & Measures, said part of the intent of the ordinance is to take the cost of a Sealer of Weights and Measures from the public and have it rest with the businesses that actually own the devices.

Mr. Buckley said there are currently only 38 inspectors statewide to protect 12.5 million residents. That's down from 250, who inspected the accuracy of everything from meat scales, to aerosol products to gasoline pumps. At present, the rejection rate of measuring devices in businesses here is 7 to 12 percent, said Mr. Buckley. Should inspection duties be delegated to the state, the rates will climb annually because no one will be checking pumps, scales or timing devices unless there is a complaint. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Ward moved to distribute Act 13 monies received from the gas well impact fees to the following, noting the funds can be utilized only for parks and recreation purposes: Montour Area Recreation Commission, \$15,000.00; Northern Montour Recreation Commission, \$1,000.00; Zamboni Park, \$1,000.00; Penn State Master Gardeners, \$1,000.00; Danville Area Community Center, \$1,000.00; Danville Borough for Memorial Park, \$1,000.00; and Sunnybrook Park, \$1,000.00. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Ward moved to approve a request for \$4,582.50 in Tourism Fee Funds by the Montour Area Recreation Commission as the County's share of permit-related expenses for the North Branch Canal Trail project. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Ward moved to reappoint Linda Bird to a four-year term on the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst asked for volunteers on behalf of Montour County Sportsmen for Kids to help stock Mahoning Creek on May 26 for the statewide Fish For Free Day on May 27.

Mr. Finn announced the League of Voters will host an “Ask Your School Board Symposium” at 7 p.m. May 2 in the Danville Borough Ballroom. Mr. Finn said the event will provide the public an opportunity to ask questions of Danville Area School District directors and administrators.

Mr. Finn moved to pay the following bills: General Account, \$332,455.28; Children & Youth, \$57,991.24; Transit, \$14,636.17; Liquid Fuels, \$16,004.01; Act 78, \$4,823.76; Domestic Relations, \$845.03; Human and Community Service, \$1,255.35. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

Holly A. Brandon, Chief Clerk