

## JANUARY 26, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

Formally approved at February 9, 2021 meeting

FULL BOARD PRESENT (Commissioner Dan Hartman, Solicitor Robert L. Marks by phone); Also present: Leon Bogdan, Press Enterprise; Joe Sylvester, The Daily Item (by phone).

Mr. Holdren 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. Finn moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

General Account Disbursements	\$154,565.11
General Account Receipts	\$116,058.33
General Account Checking .20%	\$1,342,674.93
Capital Reserve Fund .20%	\$9,851.23
Operating Reserve .20%	\$377,313.76
Total Checking	\$1,729,839.91
Act 13 Highway-Bridge .20%	\$232,347.87
Act 44, .20%	\$117,431.90
Act 89 .20%	\$146,731.55
Children and Youth Checking .20%	\$235,561.89
Facilities Fund .10%	\$117,442.78
Flood Mitigation .20%	\$2,815.43
Hazardous Material Account Checking .20%	\$12,574.08
Human & Community Services Checking .20%	\$110,359.61
Improvement Fund Checking .20%	\$9,511.84
Liquid Fuels Checking .20%	\$185,833.40
Offender Supervision Account Checking .20%	\$46,959.33
Storm Water Ordinance Escrow	\$34,961.05
Uniform 911 Surcharge .20%	\$824,375.57

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

Mr. Holdren called for public comment. Mr. Bogdan asked if public meetings had occurred on the proposed solar farming ordinance. Mr. Holdren said listening sessions were held in Washingtonville Borough and Anthony Township, with another scheduled for later this evening in Liberty Township, and a fourth yet to be scheduled in Mayberry Township.

The feedback will assist the committee tasked with establishing parameters to protect the environment and citizens while allowing for solar enterprises. He noted the Central Susquehanna Community Extension hosted a virtual tour of a large-enterprise solar operation and a Penn State university law professor with expertise in zoning ordinances will meet with the committee to help members flesh out the zoning amendment. Mr. Holdren cited an article that Pennsylvania is estimated to have 20,000 acres in solar farms in the coming years.

Under correspondence, it was noted the Susquehanna Valley Community Education Project is seeking financial support for the establishment of the community college. Mr. Holdren said the County does not have room in its budget for such a financial commitment. Mr. Finn said at one point he served as vice president of the initiative but has come to believe that it will not succeed. He pointed out several community colleges already have satellite locations in Berwick, Watsonstown and Shamokin. Furthermore, remote learning continues to grow in popularity, especially for those already in the workforce who are looking for continued education to increase earnings power. Mr. Finn moved to send a letter to college leadership that Montour will not entertain funding requests. Mr. Hartman seconded. He stated the issue could possibly be revisited in the future should economics change. On called vote, all voted in favor.

There was no old business.

Under new business, Mr. Holdren moved to adopt Resolution R-1-26-2020 setting salaries for elected officials taking office January 3, 2022 as follows:

Treasurer – 2022 – 3%; 2023 – 3%; 2024 – 2%; 2025 – 2%

Tax Collectors – 2022 through 2025 – 2.5% on collections; \$250.00 closeout fee

Judge of Elections – \$180.00 per election

Inspector of Elections and Constables – \$165.00 per election

Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding allowing Montour and Columbia counties to issue emergency alerts for each other under the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System when applicable. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to approve application to PEMA of a Hazardous Material Response Fund grant of \$4,000.00 to support radio communications equipment in the emergency operations center. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to reappoint Tyler Dombroski to a one-year term as chairman of the Agricultural Land Preservation Board. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to reappoint Bonnie Trump, Patricia Kitchen and Millard Watson to three-year terms on the Agricultural Land Preservation Board. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to appoint Don King to the Airport Authority to fill out the unexpired term of Willis Manges through 2024. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to pay the following bills: General Account, \$260,024.61; Children & Youth, \$74,194.67; Uniform 911, \$226,189.73; Human and Community Service, \$996.15; Facilities, \$393,463.53; Liquid Fuels, \$437.47; Other Funds, \$28,552.25; Operating Reserve, \$15,500.00. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Holly A. Brandon, Chief Clerk