

MARCH 10, 2015 MINUTES
Formally approved March 24, 2015 meeting

FULL BOARD PRESENT; Also present: Susan Kauwell, Prothonotary; Linda Weaver, Register & Recorder; Thomas R. Marks, Mike Benjamin, American Red Cross; Dan Knorr, Danville Borough Administrator of Governmental Affairs; Joseph Crouch, Public; Chris Krepich, PressEnterprise; Karen Blackledge, The Danville News.

Mr. Finn asked those so inclined to rise for a prayer led by Assistant Solicitor Michael Dennehy. 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. Finn 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.

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| General Account Disbursements | \$368,490.25 |
| General Account Receipts | \$67,110.21 |
| General Account Checking .15% | \$833,239.79 |
| Capital Reserve Fund .10% | \$29,615.23 |
| Operating Reserve .10% | \$77,802.47 |
| General MMA | \$0.00 |
| Total Checking, MMAs | \$940,657.49 |
| Act 13 Highway-Bridge .10% | \$87,961.10 |
| Act 44 .12% | \$10,668.84 |
| Act 78 Checking .15% | \$7,920.64 |
| Children and Youth Checking .15% | \$312,163.67 |
| Flood Mitigation .15% | \$1,838.99 |
| Hazardous Material Account Checking .15% | \$18,450.27 |
| Human & Community Services Checking .15% | \$49,845.40 |
| Improvement Fund Checking .15% | \$9,677.43 |
| Liquid Fuels Checking .15% | \$267,683.18 |
| Medical Assistance Transportation .15% | \$39,587.12 |
| Offender Supervision Account Checking .15% | \$29,437.39 |
| Storm Water Ordinance Escrow | \$31,298.55 |
| Transit Fund Account Checking .15% | \$68,661.28 |
| Wireless 911 .15% | \$147,444.56 |

Mr. Finn called for public comment. Mr. Knorr presented copies of the sewer interceptor project schedule, noting the borough is working with the Danville Business Association to mitigate inconveniences to Mill Street businesses when the lower entrance to Mill Street is temporarily closed. Construction on the sewer line installation and rehabilitation

is tentatively scheduled to begin in April or May throughout a number of locations in the borough, with the main work taking place behind the middle school and at the street department pump station. No sewer or water restrictions will occur with the project, according to Mr. Knorr. Mr. Knorr also informed the Board that the long-term lease agreement with Columbia Montour Aging Agency for the Danville Senior Center was scheduled for inclusion on Council's meeting agenda Tuesday night.

Mrs. Kauwell apprised those in attendance that anyone applying for a passport should expect a delay in obtaining copies of birth certificates. Requirements for the type of acceptable birth certificate have changed due to security concerns, so applying for a new one, which previously took 16 weeks, is taking longer.

Mr. Crouch asked Commissioners if they intended to act on an anti-corruption resolution he submitted. Mr. Finn explained the ordinance would be more suited for action on a federal level as the subject matter stated in the resolution, including campaign spending and finance, are issues addressed by Congress. Mr. Finn said that County government is unique in that there are constitutional offices – row offices – over which the Commissioners have no control other than budget. He also noted that when assuming office, County officials take an oath of office to support the Constitution and do what's right.

Mr. Finn asked Mr. Benjamin, who, in addition to his work with the Red Cross is active in the Columbia Montour Boy Scout Council, to address concerns that the local Boy Scout camp would close. Mr. Benjamin said Camp Lavigne is in no danger of closing, and staff is diligently working on plans to celebrate the camp's 100th anniversary this year. Mr. Dennehy pointed out the Scouting program is flourishing in Montour and Columbia counties, with participation rates double that of the national average. In addition, of the 277 councils across the country, the Columbia Montour Council is rated #2 nationwide on quality measures of operations.

There was no old business.

Under new business, Mr. Gerst moved to designate March as American Red Cross Month in Montour County. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to draft letters of support for the Danville Business Alliance's grant applications to the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission and the Lewis Appell Jr. Preservation Fund for Central Pennsylvania. The grants – each seeking \$10,000.00 - will be used to determine if the former Capitol Theater can be repurposed into a community center for the arts. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to let bids for the sale of County vehicles as follow: 2000 International Van Series 4700; 2008 Ford Challenger van-lift bus; 2008 Ford Challenger van-lift bus; 2000 Ford Explorer; and a 1985 Dodge crew cab truck. Bids are due by 3:00 p.m. March 23. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to approve the termination of probationary employee Jonathan Putterman, a part-time Correctional Officer, effective March 9. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn addressed a newspaper article focusing on trip and reimbursement costs for board members of the Housing Authority of Montour County. Mr. Finn clarified the County's only role with the Housing Authority is to appoint its members. He disputed the article's mention of a "rumor" that Commissioners appointed friends and family to the board as a means for appointees to enjoy out-of-state trips at taxpayer expense. Those appointed to the board are neither family nor friends, he said, noting that three of the appointees are former consumers of the subsidized housing program, so who better to serve on the board? Mr. Gerst pointed to the good work of the Authority, specifically the rehabilitation of houses under a special program that makes home ownership possible for young families.

Mr. Finn moved to pay the following bills: General Account, \$140,529.43; Children & Youth, \$14,656.56; Transit, \$8,851.92; Liquid Fuels, \$25,909.54; Act 78, \$5,441.27; Human and Community Service, \$1,947.58. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Holly A. Brandon, Chief Clerk