

April 13, 2021
11:00 A.M.

FULL BOARD PRESENT; Also present: Norma Bird, Treasurer; Sue Kauwell, Prothonotary; Jo Pennypacker, Veterans Affairs Director Kristin McLaughlin, SEDA-COG; Tom Benfer, Public; Geri Gibbons, Press Enterprise; Rick Dandes, The Daily Item.

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

General Account Disbursements	\$169,593.30
General Account Receipts	\$288,537.64
General Account Checking .05%	\$1,038,947.68
Capital Reserve Fund .10%	\$9,853.43
Operating Reserve .10%	\$366,347.80
Total Checking	\$1,415,148.91
Act 13 Highway-Bridge .10%	\$232,399.81
Act 44 .05%	\$117,448.73
Act 89 .10%	\$146,764.32
Children and Youth Checking .05%	\$425,749.86
Facilities Fund .10%	\$65,624.44
Flood Mitigation .05%	\$2,815.94
Hazardous Material Account Checking .05%	\$15,659.34
Human & Community Services Checking .05%	\$105,834.11
Improvement Fund Checking .05%	\$9,616.17
Liquid Fuels Checking .05%	\$184,877.05
Offender Supervision Account Checking .17%	\$42,307.62
Storm Water Ordinance Escrow	\$34,961.05
Uniform 911 Surcharge .05%	\$732,638.95

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. Benfer, representing the Chillisquaque Limestone Watershed Association, expressed concern over potential runoff issues from a new landscaping business at Routes 54 and 642 near Washingtonville. Noting the area floods frequently, Mr. Benfer said piles of much, stones and soil could wash across 54 and into the Chillisquaque Creek during a high-water event.

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Millions of dollars in grants and donations have been expended to restore the creek, which now boasts a trout population, said Mr. Benfer, who worried for the continued health of the creek should those materials enter the Chillisquaque during flooding. The association has contacted DEP, which referred them to the County Soil Conservation District, and to the Fish Commission, which recommended voluntary compliance. Mr. Finn said the County is currently buying out properties in that area which are situated on the flood plain. He agreed that no one wants to see things go backwards, but said the County also wants to support businesses. Mr. Holdren suggested approaching Soil Conservation and Derry Township supervisors to work in concert.

Mr. Holdren introduced Mrs. Pennypacker, who reported that due to the pandemic, Memorial Day plans will be on a smaller scale with no parade or ceremony at Danville Memorial Park. The American Legion, which is the host organization for this year's event, will have a ceremony on Legion grounds with a sound system. The VFW will also help coordinate plans and organizers are hoping to put together a virtual video and possible read a roll call of veterans who passed away in over the last two years.

Mr. Holdren said Coroner Scott Lynn had planned to attend the meeting with an update on the pandemic but was detained. He said death rates and hospital admissions are on an upward trend in Montour, with six Covid deaths over the weekend. The Department of Health has placed Montour back in the "substantial" cases category. Even though at least 50 percent of the County's population has had at least one dose of the vaccine, Mr. Holdren said the climb in cases shows the flu is still out there and urged everyone to take all possible precautions.

There was no old business.

Under new business, Mr. Holdren introduced Ms. McLaughlin who presented an on-behalf-of subrecipient agreement with Danville Borough for \$82,428.00 in CDBG funds toward the purchase of a ladder truck for the Danville Fire Department. Mr. Holdren moved to approve the agreement. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Ms. McLaughlin also presented an updated Citizen Participation Plan including Danville Borough for the CDBG program. She said the update added verbiage on confidentiality of citizens' financial information. Mr. Holdren moved to approve the plan. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Holdren moved to approve \$130,000.00 in Covid Hospitality Industry Recovery Program funds to six Montour County businesses. The grants range from \$5,000.00 to \$30,000.00 Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor. The County received \$206,480.00 in CHIRP funds with still \$76,480.00 available, Mr. Holdren said. SEDA-COG, which is administering the program, is accepting applications for the next round of funding through April 18. Dandes asked for comment on the Governor's announcement that Montour County would be the site of major solar energy investment.

Mr. Hartman moved to approve a \$14,388.00 Grant-in-Aid application by the Probation Office for 2020-21 through the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to approve a Tourism Fund Grant application of \$10,000.00 by the Montgomery-Boyd House to restore the museum's parking lot. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to approve a Tourism Grant Fund application of \$25,000.00 by the Montour-DeLong Community Fair. Mr. Hartman seconded. Mr. Finn said the money will be used to erect a log cabin from the 1700s, which was found during a building demolition in Washingtonville. Ownership has been transferred to the Fair. It will take \$50,000.00 to rebuild the cabin and the Fair Association has agreed to a challenge – for every dollar it raises up to \$25,000.00, the County will match with Tourism Fund dollars. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Holdren moved to approve an allocation of \$2,000.00 from the Gas Well Drilling Impact Fee Fund for the upkeep of Zamboni Park. Mr. Hartman seconded. The County typically provides \$1,500.00 annually. The additional funds this year will be used to help erect a fence using leftover fencing from the Prison. On called vote, all voted in favor.


Mr. Hartman moved to reappoint John J. Gerst to a five-year term on the Housing Authority. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to approve Family Medical Leave Act leave for David Slotterback, Correctional Officer, effective April 26. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to hire Jeannie Ford as Custodian at an hourly rate of \$12.50 effective April 26. Mr. Holdren seconded. On called vote, Mr. Finn and Mr. Holdren voted in favor. Mr. Hartman abstained due to a conflict of interest.

Mr. Finn moved to pay the following bills: General Account, \$247,600.35; Children & Youth, \$45,15.47; Uniform 911, \$0; Human and Community Service, \$3,983.30; Facilities, \$165,302.41; Liquid Fuels, \$92.01; Operating Reserve, \$18,725.00. Other Funds, \$28,706.48. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


Holly A. Brandon, Chief Clerk