



# MILLCREEK TOWNSHIP

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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## MINUTES of October 12, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Dan K. Hogeland, commencing with the Pledge to the Flag.

Present: Dan K. Hogeland, Chairman  
Eric J. Weidman, V. Chairman  
Scott Moyer, Supervisor  
John D. Enck, Solicitor  
Lorie J. Kupp, Sec./Treas.  
Chief Brian Hostetter

### PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Daniel Lyons - CDBG Entitlement grant program – was present to explain the grant program and that we are in the final stage of the application process. The Township is applying for the funds to be distributed to the Owner-Occupied Housing Rehab Program. There was a hearing held yesterday for comment at the County Development office. Resolutions to include with the County Application. \*Resolution#101222 Approving Budget for CDBG Program for 2022 \*\* Resolution #101222A Fair Housing \*\*\*General Application. Hogeland was not comfortable moving forward with the resolutions until he was able to study and understand them better. A special meeting would have to be held prior to Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> to be included in the application. **Motion by Hogeland to establish a special meeting, Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM to go over the resolutions; the Fair Housing and the Budget for CDBG Program. Seconded by Weidman.**  
All aye, motion carried.

Mark Brophy, resident of Stonecroft Village was present to question the John F. Martin construction project on the former Zimmerman farm. Residents have the same concerns as they did with the proposed Cold Summit Development.

Kent Gingrich – 35 E. Texter Mission Rd. was present to bring to the Boards attention dead Ash trees along the road. He feels that the dead limbs that hang over the road could cause damage to passing motorists.

### REPORTS OF ORGANIZATIONS:

Planning Commission – minutes were received.

Recreation Board – minutes were received.

Newmanstown Water Authority - minutes were received.

Greater Lebanon Refuse Authority minutes were received.

Western Berks Ambulance report received.

Police Activity report was received.

**MINUTES: Motion by Weidman to accept the minutes as printed. Seconded by Moyer. All aye, motion carried.**

**SOLICITOR:**

Comcast franchise renewal – Solicitor reported on the four-page letter he sent back to Comcast addressing their recent comment letter.

Act 57 Property Tax Penalty Waiver provisions – Resolution #101222B was presented to the Board for their consideration. **Motion by Hogeland to adopt Resolution #101222B implementing Act 57 of 2022 Property Tax Penalty Waiver Provisions. Seconded by Weidman. All aye, motion carried.**

JVI request to park their construction trailer on Township property was presented to the Board. Secretary forgot to include this on tonight’s agenda but the request was first received Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>. Secretary contacted the Insurance Co. which recommended a Hold Harmless agreement as well as a Certificate of Insurance. **Motion by Hogeland to add the discussion of the JVI Group request to the agenda. Seconded by Moyer. All aye, motion carried.** Solicitor substituted a more comprehensive Hold Harmless agreement than HA Thomson had recommended to the Secretary. **Motion by Weidman to enter into the agreement “Authorization to Enter” with JVI Group for the N. Sheridan Rd/Alumni Ave. location concerning the PennDOT construction project for 419, contingent upon getting back the Hold Harmless agreement and Certificate of Insurance. Seconded by Moyer. All aye, motion carried.**

Local Law Enforcement Grant – Chief Brian Hostetter was present at the meeting to explain his progress with the application. He explained that it must be submitted by midnight of Oct. 13, 2022. However, at the end of the application he found that the Solicitor and Board signatures are required on the application. **Motion by Hogeland that the three (3) of us sign the Local Law Enforcement Grant tomorrow evening if we all have reviewed it and approve it.** Solicitor and Board stated they do not feel comfortable signing until they have reviewed the grant application, and Solicitor cautioned that the Board would also be in violation of the Sunshine Act by discussing it outside of a public meeting. **Motion died due to lack of a second.**

**ACTION:**

2022 Pension state aid – was discussed. \$41,443.61 received - Police portion \$20,721.80 – non-uniformed portion \$20,721.81. Secretary questioned how the Board wanted this allocated. **Motion by Weidman to allocate the \$17,227.80 excess to the police pension MMO. Seconded by Hogeland. All aye, motion carried.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

2022/2023 Health insurance renewal was discussed. Highmark Blue Shield increased 2.79% for 2022/2023. (Highmark Blue Shield Premier Balance PPO \$0 Platinum A plan) **Motion by Weidman to renew the insurance with Highmark Premier Balance PPO \$0 Platinum A plan. Seconded by Moyer. All aye, motion carried.**

Draft 2023 budget reviewed and discussed. Budget workshop is scheduled for Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 1:00 PM.

**ROAD FOREMAN REPORT:** Risser reported he met with a contractor concerning the Hogeland Rd. bridge.

**BILL'S/TREASURER'S REPORT:** **Motion by Hogeland to accept the Treasurers Report and pay the bills as money is available. Seconded by Weidman. All aye, motion carried.**

**ADJOURNMENT:** **Motion by Weidman to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 P.M. Seconded by Moyer. All aye, motion carried.**

WITNESS:

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Lorie J. Kupp, Sec./Treas.

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Dan K. Hogeland, Chairman