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Supervisors  
Charles Clukey Jr. Chairman  
Terry Neff Sr.  
Brandon Coleman

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**July 10, 2023**

**Supervisors present:** Charles Clukey Jr., Terry Neff Sr., Brandon Coleman  
Charles Clukey Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

**Secretary Minutes:**

**Terry Neff Sr. Made motion to accept minutes.**

**Seconded by Brandon Coleman All approved.**

**Treasurer's Report:**

Balance in General Fund	\$ 81,036.67
Balance in General Money Market	\$300,946.29
Balance in Sewer Fund	\$166,724.96
Balance in Sewer Money Market	\$240,024.69
Balance in State Fund	\$ 73,811.24

**Brandon Coleman made motion to accept Treasurer's report.**

**Seconded by Terry Neff Sr. All approved.**

**Hearing of Visitors:**

1. Charles Clukey Jr introduced Gilbert Stull: Charles said that he would appoint Gilbert as our code officer due to Jeremy Kreiser resigned and we no longer have a code officer. Gilbert Stull reported he is a constable would do the job for the same money and would work on 10 hours a month.

Terry Neff Sr. asked Gilbert if the 10 hours per month do you patrol or do you come over only when someone calls. Gilbert said that depends on how you want it run.

Charles said he has a contract that he can bring it over and we can make changes to it.

Charles ask if someone wants to make a motion and Brandon Coleman said it is not on the agenda so we need to amend agenda.

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Brandon Coleman made motion to amend the agenda under new business to hire Gilbert Stull as code officer.

Seconded by Terry Neff Sr. All approved.

### **Citizen Input:**

1. Steve Killinger asked about the speed bumps why was it put on Brown Street.

Brandon replied that we had multiply complaints about speeding on Brown St. and there are a lot of tractor trailer trucks and they are set back more than the homes are closer to the road in that area of speed bump. Steve asked when it will come out. Brandon said it will be October they are movable.

Steve asked if they are for what, Brandon said that to control speed and traffic. Steve asked don't we have police and Brandon said that we are not here 24 hours days 7days a week or 9 months straight.

Steve said that he has another problem as he has a bunch of bumps going up to his house. Brandon said that if you ask Mr. Miller he will tell you we have the same thing up by our house.

Bill Mantle said that wouldn't it be more cost effective to fine the people that is doing it. Bill said are you going to pay for my alignment on my car that is just like putting a hole in the road.

Brandon said that he picked the location on Brown Street not the other two supervisors. Terry Neff Sr. Reported now if you look back in the minutes you will see that I brought up police and complaints about the speeding someone said about speed bumps and I said we need to do something about this speeding and this is what they come up with. Brandon said that someone in the audience asked about speed bumps so Brandon said he would look into it and last meeting we agreed to purchase.

2. Bill Mantle reported about the water running into his year and he call the city and they Won't answer the phone and I took them to court and they lied about everything. Bill had to call Brandon Coleman to see if he could get something done. Bill said there is 14 patches in the road. Brandon said that he called the water company and they told Brandon they would be there on Monday. The City said Sunset Pine was priority over that. Bill said as far as he know we are on a drought and there are thousands of gallons of water running in his Yard.

Terry Neff Sr. reported that Charles Clukey Jr., Terry Neff and Ron Welch went to Lock Haven City meeting and Greg Wilson said he was not coming to township meeting as everyone will be yelling at him.

Paul Vance said that we need the Lock Haven Express to come over here and report what is going on. Brandon asked Paul why he doesn't go to Lock Haven Counsel meetings. Paul said he didn't know that he could go to their meetings.

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### **Citizen Input continued:**

3. Paul Vance asked Terry Neff Sr. that he has a house out by him that has 5 people that live in a house. That is what is happening across from my house. Five different people that live in the house 2 girlfriend and 3 guys. How much is your sewer \$45.00 and we pay the same and they have 5 living there and paying the same. They have 10 dogs on Friday. Brandon we have a letter from the solicitor about dogs under old business that we will read.
4. Cheryl Schoonover: Wants to get her driveway repaired correctly as I showed you pictures about what is wrong. Charles Clukey Jr said that he will be there at 7:10am tomorrow morning. Cheryl asked if he is going to put them back the way they were. Terry asked Cheryl if she could go and tell Josh what she wants done and how. Cheryl said she could do that but if he give her any trouble she will be calling someone. Charles said that is what they want her to do.
5. Joe Miller asked what the employees are making per hour. Full time is \$18.00 and part time is \$15.00 per hour and what are Supervisors getting paid for cutting grass and plowing snow that is \$18.00. Joe said he saw someone cutting grass and Brandon said that he does it as volunteer. Joe said that is double dipping isn't it. Why not call in an employee to do it.

**Communications:** nothing

### **Report of Officials and Committees:**

- A. 1. Charles Clukey Jr. Read sewer report
2. Terry Neff Sr. reported that we have 1 full time employee and 2 part time employee why are Supervisors out there putting in speed bumps in. The speed bumps were voted on last month and Brandon said he would see they were put in. Steve Killinger reported that the speed bump sign on Brown St needs moved because you don't see it right away. Brandon said that we could move it.
3. Brandon Coleman reported that Hawbaker were going to come in three weeks Someone needs to go around and measure up where the City dug up and mark out the areas and figure it out.
- B. Auditors-Kristy Sellers, Mary Margaret Winton and Bonnie Poorman: nothing
- C. Engineer-Tom Levine: Not present
- D. Code Officer-new business
- E. Zoning Officer- 6 Permits. People having questions on different projects.

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E Zoning Officer Continued:

Charles Clukey Jr. asked Jeremy the property on Keller Street (Glenn) was inspected there lately.

Brandon Coleman reported that Roger Hoy already was down there and he said he would not issue an Occupant permit due to nothing was done right. So no sewage and no water and was not livable. Charles said that he is living there.

Jeremy said that he can reach out to Roger Hoy and see if he has any updates and see if he can do something about it.

F. Police Office Report: Brandon Read report.

G. Planning Committee: Joe Miller talked to some guy and said something about buying land and said it was at East end. Joe had trouble hearing the guy and told the guy you need to get your paper work and come to a meeting. After you get the call and will set up meeting.

L. Recreation Committee: Rick reported that Steve Poorman donated \$400.00 for baskets for Castanea Days and Christine Nestlerode went out and purchased stuff so she will need reimbursed.

Community days is going good, the craft exhibitor we will have around 20 vendor and will have a stand set up for breakfast and Fire Hall will have food for lunch and the Moose will have concert and hot sausage sandwiches and bouncy house. Will have Petty Zoo of animals at the fire Hall.

The K 5 on trail will give T- shirt or water bottle.

Rick reported will have a raffle of a handmade quilt and those tickets are being printed will sell tickets for a month.

Rick reported will have another expense coming in associated with Craft fair.

In addition on Saturday July 29, 2023 we will be having Castanea cleanup day.

### **Old Business:**

1. Purchasing of Loader: Brandon Coleman told Supervisor that they had packets of 3 loaders to review. The page show when dates were sent to us for quotes and the second date was the availability of loader.

Charles Clukey Jr. asked if we could table this until later until we decide what we are doing, Brandon said that it was up to you two but you have to make motion of what you are buying and how you are going to finance it and you have to do that at a public meeting.

Charles said ok and read quotes: John Deere had 2 quote and one from Cat and Bobcat.

A. Landpro: unit in stock John Deere after trade. \$86,074.27.

B. 5 Star: Sitting on lot ready to go John Deere with trade. \$87,485.36.

C. Cleveland Brothers 5 in stock Cat \$81,065.00 will have delivered 2 week of purchase order being cut.

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### Old Business Continued:

D. Miller Brother: Bobcat \$81,934.64 on July 5, 2023 available within a week or two to get in for delivery

Brandon said that all are comparable specs.

Charles reported that we have 4 quotes with the Cat was the lowest.

Terry Neff Sr. asked where we have to take it to get repaired. What is the difference between the Bobcat and Cat.? Brandon said \$869.64.

Terry made call to Bob Miller and asked him if he would call rep and ask what the warranty is. 5 year and 2000 hours bumper to bumper.

After discussion Supervisors voted to purchase Loader from Miller Brothers.

**Charles Clukey Jr. made motion to purchase Bobcat Loader from Miller Brothers  
Seconded by Brandon Coleman. Terry Neff Sr. abstain vote.**

Joe Miller asked how are paying for the Loader, Brandon said that our first year is paid by the trade in and then we will finance it something like we did the truck. Have one payment per year.

Brandon checked with the First National Bank about financing loader and the rate is 5.29%

**Brandon Coleman made motion to finance Loader though First National Bank.**

**Seconded by Terry Neff Sr. All approved.**

Brandon said that Charles Clukey Jr will sign and execute all papers to purchase loader from Miller Brothers and finance at First National Bank

Brandon said that we have \$9883.00 left in ARP money and asked what we can spend it on. Charles Clukey Jr. said let's just move on for right now.

2. ARP Equipment- Brandon reported that we had 12,982.99 to use up and he said that he got quote 769.99 on pole saw at Jo's we can get \$712.00 and 2 HD weed eaters 729.99 at Jo's \$ 693.39 for a total of 2099.47 asked to purchase those from Jo's.

**Brandon Coleman made motion to purchase equipment \$2,099.47 from Jo's.**

**Seconded by Terry Neff Sr. All approved.**

3. Brandon Coleman called Hilty 2 times and never got back. Called Dave Evers if he would come and look at our hot water heater. Dave said a 2 ½ gallon tank would only be around \$600.00. This will save on fuel that furnace is heating the water all summer long and would save on that,

**Terry Neff Sr. made motion to purchase the hot water tank from Dave Evers.**

**Seconded by Brandon Coleman. All approved.**

4. Another thing is call Land Shark for the loader and you can cut trees down with it. That is through Jo's is \$4,950.00 plus 62.98 for blades.

**Brandon made motion to buy the Land Shark and blades for the loader.**

**Seconded by Terry Neff Sr. All approved.**

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### Old Business Continued:

5. Hanna Street sidewalk project: Brandon followed up with Steve Gibson about the repairs to the inlets on Hanna St. but we have some off set payers over there that need to be taken care of. Cut and remove concrete and put cold patch.

**Terry Neff Sr. made motion to Repair the inlets with stones and cold patch.**

**Seconded by Brandon Coleman. All approved.**

6. Letter from VFW: Have a Run on Oct 1, 2023 asked if we could approve to use creek road and put out barricades.

**Brandon Coleman made motion to approve the VFW to use Lower Creek Road for the Oct. 1 run.**

**Seconded by Terry Neff Sr. All approved.**

7. Letter from Paul Ryan concerning Dogs and Dog kennels: Charles Clukey Jr, read letter from Paul Ryan concerning Dogs. Discussion about letter.

8. Letter from Gearhart Herr Insurance: Charles Clukey Jr. read letter from Beth Riccardo concerning 25 Quiggle Ave. that had driveway cracked.

Charles Clukey Jr. said that Beth Riccardo said to officer them Money if they don't want it then we will take it to court.

**Brandon Coleman made motion to Table letter from Gearhart Herr until we have a meeting with the residents**

**Seconded by Terry Neff Sr. All approved.**

### New Business:

1. Place Drag Plow, Flail Mower and Weight box on Municibid.

**Brandon Coleman made motion to place Equipment on Municibid.**

**Seconded by Terry Neff Sr. All approved.**

2. Reimbursement for John Gradel.

**Brandon Coleman made motion to pay John Gradel for Candy he purchased for \$34.71.**

**Seconded by Charles Clukey Jr. All approved.**

3. Reimbursement for Brady Carnaham

**Brandon Coleman made motion to pay Brady Carnaham \$269.24 for decoration for Best of Lock Haven parade.**

**Seconded by Charles Clukey Jr. All approved.** Charles said he will second but wants to say something, every time there is a parade he doesn't think we need to buy all that stuff.

John Gradel said that some of that stuff we will use for the Halloween Parade.

John said that Township all knew about this parade and the theme was Townships in the future we don't need to do any of this.

4. Act 13 money: Received \$4166.12 and is deposited in account.

**Brandon made motion approve the act 13.**

**Seconded by Terry Neff Sr. All approved.**

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**New Business Continued:**

Hiring of Constable:

**Brandon Coleman made motion to approve him with constringent upon him getting us a contract for us to approve and sign.**

**Seconded by Terry Neff Sr. All approved.**

**Review and Pay Bills:**

**Brandon Coleman made motion to pay the bills**

**Seconded by Terry Neff Sr. All approved.**

**Brandon abstain from motion**

**Charles Clukey Jr. Adjourned the meeting**

**Seconded by Brandon Coleman**

**Meeting was closed at 9:00pm**

**Attest: Susan Heaton**

**Secretary/Treasurer**