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Supervisors
Brandon Coleman-Chairman
Charles Clukey Jr.
John Gradel

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 1, 2024

Supervisors present Brandon Coleman and John Gradel. (Charles Clukey Jr. Absent.)
Brandon Coleman. Called meeting to order at 7:00pm

Secretary Minutes:

Brandon Coleman made motion to accept minutes.
Seconded by John Gradel All approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance in General Fund	\$ 19,147.62
Balance in General Money Market	\$170,671.93
Balance in Sewer Fund	\$161.438.63
Balance in Sewer Money Market	\$244,791.47
Balance in State Fund	\$ 66,238.91

John Gradel made motion to accept Treasurer's report.
Seconded by Brandon Coleman All approved.

Public Comment:

1. Paul Vance: Thanked the guys for the job that was done on E. Keller Street as is neighbor is cleaning up the garbage and he is putting up a fence for the dogs and the couch is finally gone.

Brandon said he went down and moved his couch to the curb and he only has 4 dogs on his property and he is going to clean up more.

2. Travis Long wanted to know about burning

Brandon Coleman said that you are allow open camp fires and gas grills, what we are putting out you cannot burn processed materials and stuff like that.

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Public Comment continued:

3. Sara Fronk wanted to know about the noise ordinance. Racing truck up and down the street.

Brandon said that we do not have a noise ordinance there is a thing call disorderly conduct. What you should do is call the com center when it is late at night and if you can record it or tape it. We will follow up on it.

4. Melanie McKee: Wanted to know about burning: Same camp fire etc. no for garbage. Paul Vance asked is Paul Ryan still working on them. Brandon said yes he will send him e-mail and see how he is doing on ordinances.

5. Art Dion asked about the yellow lines painted on the steps outside the office. It is hard to see. Brandon said he will put it on the guys list. We were talking about putting in a motion sensor light outside the door.

6. Cheryl Miller asked with the code and ordinances there is a place I can see out my back yard and they have washer and driers and other stuff. Brandon asked if she knew the address and she said no she doesn't Brandon said it is Keller street. Cheryl it is attached to her property and it is a real mess and looks like a junk yard. Brandon said we will check up on it.

7. Terry Neff Sr. asked about burning and he said he wanted to know if he could burn some of his trees that blew down. Brandon said you can call the com center and tell them you know the guide lines. You are good.

8. Paul Vance said that I don't understand why if we can put it out and you pick up why anyone would like to burn

Correspondence and Communications:

1. Seven Mountains EMS. They want us to Sign an EMS proclamation for week of May 19 thru 25, 2024

Brandon Coleman made motion to pass and sign the EMS Proclamation.

Seconded by John Gradel. Approved.

Report of Officials and Committees:

A 1. Charles Clukey Jr. Not present

2. John Gradel-104 Grape Street that sent letter thinks we should follow up on that. 137 W. Brown street need the ditch dug out. Looks like above there the pipe is broken.

Brandon said we will put that on the guys list.

3. Brandon Coleman: The Street Sweeper was here and did a pretty well except where people were parked on the road. We will have guys clean that up.

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Report of Officials and Committees Continued:

3. Brandon reported we need to put mulch in the upper part of playground.

Brandon Coleman made motion to purchase mulch for the upper part of the playground.

Seconded by John Gradel.

Jim Phoenix said that when he worked at Mill Hall they went to the landfill and got mulch for the playground. Brandon told Jim to check and if they can give us a paper saying it is guaranteed that it is treated.

B. Auditors-Kristy Sellers, Mary Margaret Winton and Bonnie Poorman: Nothing

C. Engineer-Tom Levine

Brandon reported that Tom has sent out 5 bids out for sewer project on McElhattan Avenue and approved a \$20,000. Dollar bid on Televising and you will see guys from insight pipe doing about 4000 feet of pipe. The engineer is working with Energy Solution Solvay and see if we can up their flow in the township.

D. Code Officer- Jim Phoenix: After last meeting Jim went and talked to Paul Ryan about residents he has complaints on. Jim said that Paul only wants to do 1 or 2 at a time. Jim is still waiting to see if he can do citation or what to do and Jim has not hear a thing yet from him.

Brandon report to Jim that he has a door knocker Warning Notice in his mailbox for Jim to look at and that is what Brandon was telling them to use and that will be the notice and then they will be able to go and fine them. Brandon stated that if we do a public notice in the paper, then we can arrest them with this door knocker.

Brandon read Sewer Report.

E. Zoning Officer-Jeremy Kreiser –Brandon read his report.

F. Police Office Report: no police report.

G. Planning Committee: Nothing but Joe asked if someone could go down and see what he is up to as there is a lot of stuff piled up in there. Brandon said he will tell Jeremy to check in on that.

L. Recreation Committee: Rick Schultze reported he want to thank the Fire Company Co-hosting the Easter Bunny on March 23. Had around 20 children and adults. Student from University worn the costume and Art Dion did the back drop and Mary Pat Dion did the decoration and Diana helped and Brandon Myers did music. Committee applied for 3 grants, heard 2 so far and we received one from the Lumber Heritage Region which cover the PA Wilds for \$1000.00 for sign for the Chestnut Heritage and will be placed at the Train Station complex

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L. Recreation Committee continued:

The second was Clinton County received \$4000.00 for Historic markers on the Bald Eagle Valley Trail. Recreation board will work with them on the signs

We also received \$2000.00 from Clinton County for our inaugural Chestnut Festival 2025 at the Castanea picnic grounds. Everything Chestnut, Carnival, bakery and maybe wine and might have a mascot.

The band for Castanea Days will be at the Moose and time is 6-10 and we need \$500.00 for the band. Brandon said that if Rick could get us a contract showing the price for the next meeting and we could act on at meeting.

Waiting for the America the Beautiful grant for cleaning up the Lower Creek Road.

Old Business:

1. Annual Clinton County Equipment Competition and Display:

Brandon said he will be there all day as he is on the board of Township Officials.

Brandon made motion for the Township Employees and any supervisor to go.

Seconded by John Gradel. All approved.

2. Asked John about the insurance how did township make out.

John explained and then Brandon told how much cheaper Gearhart insurance was.

3. Do you think you should look around for new Solicitor?

New Business:

1. Wayne Township Tire Pickup:

Pick up 12 tires May 15, 16, 17th and put out before 1:00pm on the 17th. Call the Township if you want to sign up we will pick them up.

2. Water leak letter to City of Lock Haven:

John had conversation with someone at the city and they want a letter sent to them. John is going to draft a letter to send to them.

Brandon Coleman made Motion to send a letter to the City of Lock Haven about our water leaks.

Seconded by John Gradel. All approved.

3. Bridge meeting in Clearfield about bridge on 220. We have permitted them to close one lane and lower the speed limit.

4. Speed bumps placement: Brandon said that the speed bumps will be being put back in on Nittany Road. Joe Miller asked what about Grape St. and Brandon said we can look into putting them up there.

5. Mowing grass at Chestnut Grove: We have a contract with Chestnut Grove to mow the fields and want to make sure the price per hour make sure it aligns with our work options

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New Business Continued:

6. Rick Schultze said the Pennsylvania flag was getting a little ragged outside building and wanted to know when we are going to replace it.

Review and Pay Bills:

**Brandon Coleman made motion to pay the bills
Seconded by John Gradel. All approved.**

Brandon Coleman made a motion to adjourn meeting at 7:45 pm

Attest: Susan Heaton

Secretary/Treasurer