

MEETING FRIDAY 2-21-2025, 3.00 P.M.  
Municipal Bldg. 306 Byron Street McGrann

In attendance: Supervisors Palmer, Southworth and Hecker (by phone), Officer Glabb and Secretary Davis  
Citizens: Keith Kovac, David Faris, Darlene Iseman, Don Blose and Kieran Woynicz from the Leader Times

Meeting called to order by Chairman Palmer at 3:00P.M. followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes of 2/5/2025 regular meetings were distributed, motion to approve by Southworth, seconded by Palmer, no public comment heard, unanimous.

Palmer made a motion to move Officer Crytzer from part-time to full-time and eliminate some of the part-time positions, seconded by Southworth, no public comment heard, unanimous.

Stephen Daub works at Children and Youth and wants to become a police officer. PCCD and IUP have a program to send him to the academy at a cost of \$6,000.00 and they reimburse 75% and pay 45% of his wages while going through the academy. His primary duty is as a police officer but will be assigned to Lenape as an SRO and Officer Airgood will be put back on the roads. He will start and can shadow the SRO so in November he will be able to be a police officer on the road and an SRO. Palmer made a motion to hire Stephen Daub with a 3-year contract, if he leaves he will pay back a prorated amount, seconded by Hecker, Woynicz ask how old he is, Palmer said 34 or so. Woynicz ask how long he could work, Palmer told him 25 to 30 years but keeping them in one place is tough. Faris ask if he was a caseworker, Palmer told him yes and will be able to help with child lines immediately.

Southworth made a motion to hold trash week May 12<sup>th</sup> through May 17 with electronic collection, seconded by Hecker, no public comment heard, unanimous.

Palmer stated he is the President of the Armstrong County Association of Township Officers and they don't have a permanent home. Their records are everywhere so Palmer added a filing cabinet to his office and will start collecting the records. They pay a rental fee every time they have a meeting at the fire hall. Palmer ask for permission to use the township meeting room to hold meetings and a few trainings. Southworth made a motion to allow ACATO to use the room as needed, seconded by Hecker, no public comment heard, unanimous.

Comments:

Kovac – ask if speeding could be added to the seminar being held here. He said he saw 2 cars drag racing and the Chief told him to dial 911. He said by the time he called 911 they would have been gone. He hasn't seen any police presence in the area and he is worried about his elderly neighbors. The cars come out Chaplin to Center and then go full throttle. Palmer said an officer is there when available. He said we are short officers because Sgt. Rensel is injured and that only leave Officer Glabb, Officer Crytzer and the Chief. Palmer stated he called Officer Glabb to the area Saturday night because of gun shots, we are doing the best we can. Kovac said he ask to close roads and only leave 1 way out, Chief told him that is against their Constitutional Rights but he checked with the State Police and that isn't true. Glabb said to shut down roads they would need more manpower. Palmer ask Glabb to get this message back to the Chief and Sgt. Rensel. Lenape lets out at 2:45P.M. Southworth said once they see an officer

on Center they know there isn't another one on Park and they are off to the races. Palmer said we are being too nice and it needs to stop. Palmer said it is against the law for the Supervisors to tell an office to write citations. Kovac said he reached out to the Chief with no resolution. Glabb said he will not put up with drag racing because they are going to kill someone. Palmer said the teachers and bus drives are just as bad. Palmer will talk to the Chief because it is a chronic problem with no resolution. Palmer said we use to have 12-13 part-time officers to fill in but now we have 1. Faris ask if you could use the IUP program without a police connection, Palmer told him yes. Faris ask if we could recruit from the academy, Palmer told him yes but Indiana and Pittsburgh get the best available because of the salary they offer. Palmer said this is our first trial and he thinks it will work.

#### Other Business:

Palmer made a recommendation to pay LSSE \$1,200.00 for Railroad Street and 2,300.00 for Heilman Street from CDBG funds, seconded by Southworth, no public comment heard, unanimous. Davis said Heilman will advertise these streets February 25<sup>th</sup> and March 14<sup>th</sup> with the bids being opened March 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:00P.M. here. At the April 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting we will recommend a contractor and on April 17<sup>th</sup> the Commissioners will award the project. Pre-construction will be in May and hopefully start in June.

Davis read a letter for Dan Leonard on Midway Street thanking the road crew for a great snow plowing job.

Palmer said he is still working with Orphans of the Storm on the cat issue. He has called 4 agencies that have grant money but no call back yet. Southworth made a motion to permit Palmer to apply for grants if they call back, seconded by Hecker, no public comment heard, unanimous.

Palmer called a group in Natrona Heights called Homeless Cat Management that offers 1 day free once a year but their mobile truck is down. Orphans has 17 acres behind their new building, Palmer suggested a cat sanctuary but someone in the neighborhood would have to trap them. Iseman ask why you don't need a cat license, Palmer told her that would have to be done by state. Palmer said in the new ordinance if you feed or shelter a cat it is yours.

Motion to pay the bills by Southworth and give the Secretary the right to pay all bills until the next meeting, seconded by Hecker, no public comment heard, unanimous.

Motion to adjourn by Southworth, seconded by Hecker, unanimous.  
Adjourned at 3:35P.M.

Jill A. Davis, Secretary