

MEETING TUESDAY 1-2-2024 6:20 P.M.  
Municipal Bldg. 306 Byron Street McGrann

In attendance: Supervisors Palmer, Southworth (by phone) and Hecker, Chief Robbins and Secretary Davis

Citizens: J. Larry Rice, Ricki Evans, Susan Breski, John Breski, Matt Klingensmith, William Shrum, Jamie Frantz and A.J. Panian from Leader Times.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Palmer at 6:20P.M. followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Palmer administered the oath of office to the officers of the fire department and then they all left except Evans.

Minutes of 12/6/2023 regular meeting were distributed, motion to approve by Hecker, seconded by Palmer, no public comment heard, unanimous.

Auditor's meeting is at 6:00P.M. on Wednesday, January 3, 2024.

Palmer stated needed to clarify the police uniform policy manual. We will be paying for the first set of uniforms and then officers can use their uniform allowance for maintenance. Hecker made a motion to adopt the revised police uniform policy, seconded by Southworth, no public comment heard, unanimous.

Palmer stated the uniform policy has been revised for the road crew. The township will pay \$300.00 yearly towards a pair of boots. Hecker made a motion to adopt the revised road crew uniform policy, seconded by Palmer, no public comment heard, unanimous.

Palmer stated need to pass a tax levy resolution setting tax rate at 6 mills with a discount of 2% if paid by May 10, 2024 and a 5% penalty if paid after July 10, 2024. Hecker made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-1 Tax Levy with the discount and penalty rates, seconded by Southworth, no public comment heard, unanimous.

Palmer gave a recap of the 2023 budget. He stated on paper the budget was over 13.27% with general maintenance, gas, electric over \$81,708.62. The police budget was over \$52,894.04 due to overtime but we are still alright. In 2024 with the economy, we need to shop things out to get the best prices.

Executive Session from 6:26P.M. to 6:40P.M. for police personnel matters.

Police Business:

Police report was read by Chief Robbins. Hecker made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Palmer, no public comment heard, unanimous. Palmer stated Officer Selnekovic was to be at this meeting but he is attending Manorville Borough's meeting. Selnekovic has been at Manor Township for just over 3 months and has over 12 arrests. The Drug Recognition Program has commended Selnekovic on his work.

EMC Report:

Rice presented Resolution 2024-2 Emergency Operations Plan. Palmer made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-2, seconded by Hecker, no public comment heard, unanimous. Palmer made a motion to adopt the Promulgation to go along with Resolution 2024-2, seconded by Hecker, no public comment heard, unanimous.

Hecker made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Southworth, no public comment heard, unanimous.

#### Fire Department Report:

Evans read there were 14 incidents in December and 230 calls for the year. They had their annual Christmas Party. She stated the Fire Hall appreciates everything the township does for them. Hecker made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Southworth, no public comment heard, unanimous.

#### Other Business:

Robbins is now on the board of directors for the PA DUI Association as the Region 4 Chairman. Airgood is attending training from HAVIN.

Palmer stated everyone from the general election have been sworn in, Palmer, Kelly Shoop and Sue Breski.

Palmer stated COVID, flu and RSV are here please take precautions. If a police office gets COVID they are covered by Heart and Lung coverage, but not the Road Crew or the Secretary. Palmer stated the Supervisors are going to have to discuss a solution. Southworth stated he has a new hire with no experience plowing snow but is fine with ash runs. He would like to be able to use Dave Weaver, who just retired, on plow runs at \$23.00 an hour so Southworth can train the new hire. Palmer made a motion to use Weaver at \$23.00 an hour for plow runs and if someone is out with COVID as needed, seconded by Hecker, no public comment heard, unanimous.

#### Comments:

Rice – the paramedic program is close to being done and they will be taking their capstone with written test. He said Evans has been running with Kittanning and Ford City. Rice hopes the program continues. Palmer stated the state is suppose to be covering a similar program so we didn't budget for the program this year. Palmer said if state isn't covering it we will look at it in the next budget. Southworth commended the 2 participants in the program.

Motion to pay the bills by Southworth, and give the secretary the authority to pay any bills until the next meeting, seconded by Palmer, no public comment heard, unanimous.

Motion to adjourn by Southworth, seconded by Hecker, no public comment heard, unanimous.

Adjourned at 7:05P.M.

Jill A. Davis, Secretary