

MEETING WEDNESDAY 2-5-2025 6:00P.M.  
Municipal Bldg. 306 Byron Street McGrann

In attendance: Supervisors Palmer, Southworth and Hecker, Chief Robbins and Secretary Davis

Citizens: Ricki Evans, Cody Martin, Jason Metro, Erika Metro, Keith Kovac, David Faris and Dennis Phillips from Leader Times.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Palmer at 6:00P.M. followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes of 1/17/2025 regular meeting were distributed, motion to approve by Southworth, seconded by Hecker, no public comment heard, unanimous.

Southworth made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-3 Local Match for Town and Country Transit, seconded by Hecker, no public comment heard, unanimous. Davis said 2 payments of \$4,630.50 will be made in October 2025 and April 2026.

Palmer stated Ordinance 2025-1 Stray and Feral Cats was written by both of our solicitors and properly advertised. Southworth made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-1 Regulating Stray and Feral Cats, seconded by Hecker, Martin ask what was wrong with the other ordinance, Palmer told him it had no teeth, now if you feed the cat it is yours. Palmer stated this is an effort to try and get the problem solved. We have problems all over the township but really bad in McGrann, near Lenape Vo-Tech and Garretts Run Road. Erika Metro said the Lenape Vo-Tech area has reached out for help multiple times, she ask if she needs to reach out again, Palmer told her to make sure her name is on record with the Chief. Palmer said he has had conversations with Orphans of the Storm to work on the problem. Palmer stated there are several different ideas being thrown out there. Palmer stated in the 10 years he has lived here he has had to replace 3 sets of pool furniture and fish a dead cat out of his pool. Erika said because of the cat droppings in her yard she can't open her windows because of the smell. She said a house on Spring Street has 17 or 18 in the yard. Erika said most want to help but don't know where to go to solve the problem. Palmer said it is \$88.00 to spay 1 cat times the approximately 300 cats running around would be approximately \$55,000.00 and we are not going to use taxpayers' money to do that. Palmer stated there is a house on Park Avenue with 50 cats in it and the fire department has been there to get a cat out of the duct work. Martin ask who do they call, Palmer told him the Police Code Enforcement Officer. Martin ask if he traps a cat and has it fixed and it is somebody's pet what would happen to him, Robbins told him it would be a civil matter not a police matter. Palmer said trapping and taking to farms is illegal and Robbins said don't drop cats off at the township building. Palmer ask the people who support the ordinance to come to the next meeting because when the article is in the paper everyone who is opposed will be at the next meeting. Erika said they appreciate the help. Faris said Spring Street is a big problem. His neighbor had to remove his landscaping and put down rock because it was becoming a litter box. He said having all those cats is not being a good neighbor.

Orphans of the Storm had approached us to write a grant for them at no cost to the Township. Rayburn Township and the County didn't want to write the grant and we have helped them in the past. Palmer investigated and Rayburn said no because they have to many of their own grants now and the County didn't know about it. Palmer met with Commissioner Strait and he will take care of this grant. The Orphans of the Storm withdrew their request for us to write the grant. Southworth said there wouldn't have

been any money from us involved. Palmer said since we helped with their problem they are going to try and help with the cat issue.

Southworth stated he got four loads of ash and it is almost gone. We have used more ash and salt this year than in the past. He said we need to figure out where we can get \$10,000.00 for ash so we can restock this summer. Palmer ask if we could purchase from liquid fuels fund, Davis told him no. Palmer said he and Davis will work on this to see where we can pull the funds. Southworth said the 4 loads he did receive was used in 3 days. Palmer said the budget is tight but need to look while ash is still available. Palmer said may be time to look at a CD, Davis said instead of cashing a CD you have capital reserve fund.

Palmer said 100 years ago on this date the Manor Township Fire Department was born. There is a celebration this Saturday for members past and present and other invited guests. Evans said later this year they are going to do something for the public. Palmer read a Proclamation for the Fire Department. Palmer stated he will be presenting the proclamation at the dinner. Palmer said volunteers spend a lot of time and if we had to pay fire fighters we would need to raise taxes 6 mills. Palmer thanked the firemen for their service.

#### Police Business:

Police report was read by Chief Robbins. Southworth made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Hecker, no public comment heard, unanimous. Martin ask about encryption on radios, Robbins told him approximately \$100,000.00 to encrypt the county. Robbins said it needs done because they have had 5 incidents where the radios have needed encrypted. Martin said the state radios have been encrypted for years.

#### EMC Report:

Evans didn't have anything to report.

#### Fire Department Report:

Evans read there were 16 incidents in January. Hecker made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Southworth, no public comment heard, unanimous. Palmer said he had a call with PEMA and 27 people in Western Pennsylvania have died from CO poisoning so please check your detector.

#### Comments:

Ricki Evans – thanked the township for the drive-thru sign. She said once the crowd was over and Southworth left everyone followed the sign and it worked great.

Cody Martin – ask if there was a quick way to test your detector, Palmer told him to use the test button.

David Faris – said he dealt with Officer Rensel about the cat issue and she was very professional and gave good information. Palmer said she was instrumental in developing the new ordinance.

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, carried.

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

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

Adjourned at 6:40P.M.

Jill A. Davis, Secretary