

MINUTES

January 21, 2025

The Board of Supervisors met for their scheduled meeting at the Township Building. Members present: Mark Starkweather, Gary Phelps, Kyle Wheatley, and Patricia A. Reese; Secretary.

VISITORS: Joan Blackwell, Karah Blackwell, Carol Phelps, Martha Rusk, Ted Rusk, Sheila Hager, Ben Sayers, Jim Melko, Scott Henry, Michelle Sepiol, Mark Sepiol, Trevor Adams, Sheila Yungwirth, Bill Shumway, Donna Forrest, Bill Forrest, Carol Stewart, Mike Banik, Kevin Connelly, Autumn Collins, and Chad Collins.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES: After review Gary made a motion to accept the minutes as read with one correction noted under “The Board Organized as follows”. Kyle Wheatley is not the Roadmaster, he is the Supervisor. Kyle seconded the motion. All in favor. Carried.

VISITOR’S COMMENTS: Martha Rusk introduced herself, she is the elected Charleston Township Tax Collector. She explained her duties as Tax Collector. Martha noted that she does not support the proposed Tax Collectors Ordinance pay rate change.

Carol Phelps, Ted Rusk, Jim Melko, Michelle Sepiol, Mark Sepiol, Trevor Adams, Sheila Yungwirth, Bill Shumway, Donna Forrest, Bill Forrest, Carol Stewart, Mike Banik all expressed their support to continue to have Martha Rusk continue to receive 5% for all taxes collected. They did not support the proposed Ordinance to change the rate of pay for the Tax Collector.

Sheila Yungwirth had concerns related to the Auditors Meeting held on January 7, 2025. She had concerns related to Dale Collin’s retirement date and job. She noted that the Zoning Officer is not doing his job. She also mentioned the ongoing Beuters clean up.

Kevin Connelly noted that he is the Chairman for the Charleston Township Planning Commission Board. He thanked Trish Reese and the Board for all the help with the Subdivisions. Currently the Planning Board needs more Board members. He would like the Supervisors to consider dropping the Board from a nine-person Board to a seven-person Board. He discussed the Dark Sky Ordinance the County approved recently. He also discussed getting copies of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.

Karah Blackwell introduced herself and noted she will be attending Alfred University in the fall of 2025. She will be continuing her education in the Criminal Justice field. She would like to be considered for the Scholarship through PSATS. She will need a letter of support from the Board. Gary noted he will write a letter of support for Karah.

Scott Henry introduced himself and he noted he is running for Tioga County Sheriff.

Chad Collins congratulated Karah Blackwell for getting accepted into Alfred University.

SUBDIVISION: Suzanne Thomas Estate Subdivision- After review it was noted there is a shed currently set over the property line shown on the maps. The shed is owned by adjoining land owners, Kelli and John Wills. A letter was reviewed from the Zoning Solicitor, Jeff Loomis recommending that moving the shed in question is a civil matter between the property owners and does not affect the Subdivision approval. Mark made a motion to approve the Subdivision with the shed noted. Kyle seconded the motion. All in favor. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE: Proposed Tax Collector Compensation Ordinance- An Ordinance was drafted to change the Tax Collectors current pay rate from 5% of taxes collected to \$2.25 per parcel collected. After lots of discussion of information provided, Gary made a motion to Not approve the proposed

Ordinance. The Tax Collector Compensation rate will remain at 5% of all tax dollars collected. Kyle seconded the motion. All in favor. Carried

Steve Worden sent notice that he is resigning from the Charleston Township Planning Commission Board. Kyle made a motion to accept the resignation. Gary seconded the motion. All in favor. Carried

Seneca Resources sent notice of proposed well pads that they are “plugging” and the route of the trucks moving the equipment. Information reviewed and filed.

Retirement- Dale Collins retired as of 1/15/2025. Dale will remain as a Part-time Class II Operator. Gary made a motion to accept his retirement and retain Dale Collins as a Part-time Class II Operator. Kyle seconded the motion. All in favor. A notice will be placed in the local papers and the website that the Township will be hiring a Full-time Class II Operator in the future.

CTMA sent a letter noting a raise increase for 2025 sewer wages. They approved a 3.5% increase for the sewer rate for 2025. The Roadmaster will receive his hourly rate for all sewer calls and work on the sewer line. Letter read and filed.

ROADMASTER REPORT: Trish read the Roadmaster Report.

BILLS: General- After review Mark made a motion to accept all General Bills as read. Kyle seconded the motion. All in favor. Carried.

ADJOURN: Kyle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gary seconded the motion. All in favor. Carried.

GENERAL FUND

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IMPACT FEE: 334213.10

AM RESCUE PL: 202939.26

EXP: 28297.63

STATE FUND

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