

MEETING FRIDAY 3-21-2025, 3.00 P.M.  
Municipal Bldg. 306 Byron Street McGrann

In attendance: Supervisors Palmer, Southworth and Hecker, Kathy Heilman from the County Planning Department and Secretary Davis  
Citizens: Carol Miller and A.J. Panian from the Leader Times

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

Minutes of 3/5/2025 regular meetings were distributed, motion to approve by Southworth, seconded by Hecker, no public comment heard, unanimous.

Heilman presented the 2024 CDBG Cooperation Agreement to do Orchard Street and Simpson Street. There is \$78,138.00 available for this project. Palmer made a motion to approve the 2024 Cooperation Agreement, seconded by Southworth, Miller ask if these streets would be done this year because she was told streets in Dogwood would be done, Heilman told her these streets will not be done this year and we will open bids for streets in Dogtown on March 26<sup>th</sup>, unanimous. Heilman said we need to look for projects.

Palmer said the police department submits reports to the FBI and Homeland Security. CJIS is requiring departments to upgrade their firewalls to keep all information secure. Palmer said we don't have a choice but to upgrade. For Bevington to get Sonicwall TZ370 with a 3-year subscription is \$2,120.58 and \$100.00 an hour labor rate. Palmer made a motion to install the firewall, seconded by Southworth, Panian ask who tells them they have to upgrade, Palmer said the FBI, Southworth said if we would get hacked, they can't get into the Police records, unanimous.

Palmer made a motion to donate the \$500.00 that we budgeted to Ford Cliff Fire Company, seconded by Southworth, no public comment heard, unanimous.

Palmer made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-5 Restatement of Qualified Retirement Plan, seconded by Hecker, Panian ask if there were any changes, Palmer told him no, unanimous.

Palmer made a motion to sign the ER2 Defined Benefit Plan and pay the \$300.00 fee, seconded by Hecker, Panian ask what this was and who charges, Palmer told him it states the rules for the plan, like the officer must contribute 5% and Nationwide/PSATS charges the fee, unanimous.

Palmer stated in 2023 he made a fuss about a bill that was introduced to make Pennsylvania an OSHA state and include townships and fire companies. Palmer stated that it has been voted out of committee and if it makes it through the House and Senate it will cripple townships and fire companies. The bill says you must provide a safe work environment and there is no way to do that with a police department and Southworth said that it is impossible for a fire company also. Palmer said with the road crew working along a road all it takes is a distracted driver. Palmer said if this bill passes, we would have to raise taxes at least 4 mills. Palmer drafted a letter to Senator Pittman and Representative Major asking them to oppose this bill. Southworth made a motion to mail the letters, seconded by Hecker, Panian ask for a copy of the letter, and said I wouldn't think any Township would be for this bill. unanimous.

ACATO Convention is May 14<sup>th</sup>. Davis needs your food choice by the middle of April.

Palmer ask if we wanted to advertise in the Alle-Kiski map because we have advertised before. Palmer said he has mixed feeling about it. Chamber of Commerce and Alle-Kiski have combined. Heilman said it is all south of us. Hecker made a motion to advertise for \$425.00, seconded by Southworth, unanimous. Will take from our advertising budget.

Comments:

Carol Miller – she is tired of the neighbors because others have to clean up their property. She said other townships go in and clean up and bill the owner. Palmer said there are to many places in the township for us to do that and we would be setting a presence. Palmer will tell Robbins about this again. Miller said they have had 3 dumpsters and only put stuff in it from the house nothing from outside. Palmer said the supervisors can't tell the police to cite the house but can encourage them.

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 3:25P.M.

Jill A. Davis, Secretary