

PIKE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2025 – 4:30 PM
PIKE TOWNSHIP BUILDING, CURWENSVILLE

Supervisors in Attendance:

Mark Collins, Jeremy Struble and Travis French.

Karen Belin, Secretary

Visitor's name/s: Amanda Thompson., the Progress and Bob Tubbs, Curwensville Borough

Meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM by Supervisor Travis French.

Visitor's comments: Bob Tubbs, representing Curwensville Borough. Bob reached out to Pike Twp. for 2 reasons. 1. Storm water problem on McNaul Street. He stated water flows from Pike Twp. into the Borough causing problems for residents. This has been an ongoing problem for years. Supervisor Collins stated there probably isn't much we can do, but he would meet with Denny Curry next week and take another look at the area. Bob stated that he is just asking for our help, hoping we can all work together to try to come up with a solution for the residents in that area. Mark mentioned that PennDot does not have adequate piping in that area to handle the water that comes from above – near Ridgeview Eldercare. Although it is not a township issue, Mark was willing to meet with Mr. Curry. 2. Bob Tubbs stated that the Curwensville Borough is currently participating in the STMP program (Strategic Planning Management Program) with DCED. Part of that program offers them a Grant for a police coverage study. He asked if the Supervisors would be interested in participating in the study at no cost or obligation to the township. He said they would send us a letter to sign if we were interested. He again stated this was at no cost or obligation. Supervisor Travis French said that we would like the letter to be looked over by the Solicitor before we signed anything.

The minutes of the **Regular business meeting** 07.02.2025 were presented by the secretary for consideration.

Jeremy Struble motioned to approve the regular business meeting minutes for 07.02.2025 as presented. A motion was seconded by Mark Collins and carried by a vote of 3-0.

Correspondence presented for review:

1. Final approval of sub-division – Spencer
2. Notice of on-lot sewage disposal system: D. Lamb/Hemlock Hollow
3. DEP Exemption approval – Pine View #2

Bills for payment for the month: (see attached)

Invoices for payment total: \$ 12,554.00 Travis French motioned to approve all bills for payment as presented with the Motion seconded by: Jeremy Collins. Motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

Secretary Mileage/Expenses

Mark Collins Motioned to approve Secretary mileage of \$ 48.84. Jeremy Struble seconded motion. Motion passed by: 3-0.

Treasurer's Report – see attached (needs motion to approve) Total in bank accounts is \$844,755.34. Travis French motioned to approve Treasurer's report, seconded by Mark Collins. Motion passed by 3-0.

New Business: McNaul Street issue – this was discussed in the public comments area of the meeting

Supervisor Struble mentioned that he received a call from Betsy Donahue regarding outdoor furnace stacks being raised. The smoke from a neighbor lingers in the valley. Jeremy mentioned that even if we did enact an ordinance, people that already have them would be grandfathered in, so it wouldn't make any difference in this situation. Jeremy also mentioned that Mr. Donahue asked if potholes were patched on Bailey Rd. Mark Collins replied that yes, they were.

Unfinished Business:

Supervisor Struble asked if we heard anything from Solicitor on the Floodplain Ordinance updates. Karen Belin said she had reached out to Heather and that she misunderstood Jeremy's email. She thought we were making changes and then working things out with her, however Jeremy mentioned that she was to come up with a new document of changes for us to review. Secretary Belin will follow up with the solicitor. If she needs assistance, Jeremy would be available to meet with her.

Ann Street Property – Mark asked the Supervisors if they want to move forward with purchasing the property at 716 Ann Street. Mark said it was private purchase sale. He said it would cost a little to load into a truck and take to landfill to clean it up. Mark added that he didn't think we would have no more than \$4-5,000 in it. The neighbor wants to buy the property, but does not want it as is. Travis French made a motion to purchase the property, with a second from Jeremy Struble. Motion passed with a 3-0 vote.

Investing \$\$ - CNB Bank/PLIGIT – Supervisor Collins said he didn't think investing with CNB Bank at this time was the right decision at this time. Secretary, Karen Belin presented information on PLIGIT – Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust. She mentioned that when she was on council at the borough, that they had investments with PLIGIT and that this might be a good option for the township. Supervisors asked Ms. Belin to get the rates and more information for the September meeting.

Bridgeport Road Bridge project – Mark spoke with Ryan Heitsenrath – he currently works out of town. The problem is that his leech field is in the location of where the cul-de-sac is to go. Mark will be meeting with Ryan to see the exact location so that we can move forward with selling of the bridge for \$1.00.

Alex Fleming – 90-day trial period up (8/7/2025) – Mark Collins reported that he would like to hire Alex full time. He's doing a good job, learning, reporting to work on time. After reviewing the Union contract – it was noted that Alex will get an increase of \$1.00 per hour – making his current wage \$23.00 per hour – he will receive 2 weeks paid vacation effective immediately.

Updates from the Chairman

Supervisor Collins mentioned that the loader is 11 years old, tires would cost \$12,000 and it has not had any emission or motor issues, but being the age of it, it is bound to start having issues. Mark has acquired quotes from several dealers in the area and will look into finding the best deal in case we would be interested in acquiring a new one by sale/lease.

Mark Collins asked what to do with the pick-up. Mark mentioned that he feels he can get it inspected. It was the consensus that if we can get it inspected, just do it.

Secretary Updates-Karen Belin mentioned that she was able to acquire a refund of \$1,834 in withholding taxes from an overpayment in 2023 and we just received that check. She also mentioned that it will be time to put in for Dirt and Gravel Grants for next year in September. Noting that we will be working on Stronach Road this year.

Adjournment: There being no further business to conduct Travis French motioned the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Mark Collins; Meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM