

May 4, 2023

The Preston Township Board of Supervisors held their May Board meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 4, 2023 at the Township Municipal Building. Alan Jones, Chair, called the meeting to order. All Board members were present. (Alan Jones, James C. Neu, Jr. and Stephen Brown) The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Minutes of the April meeting were read. Motion to approve the minutes by James C. Neu, Jr., second Stephen Brown. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was read. Motion to approve the treasurer's report by James C. Neu, Jr., second Stephen Brown. Motion carried.

Expenses for the month were reviewed. Motion to pay the invoices and approve the payrolls by James C. Neu, Jr., second Stephen Brown. Motion carried.

Sealed bid proposals for aggregates were received. Two proposals were received, one from Bill Pykus Excavating and one from Rutledge Excavating. Proposals are as follows.

Bill Pykus Excavating, Inc., Honesdale, PA (material from Lake Como Quarry)

	<u>picked up</u>	<u>delivered</u>	<u>jobsite</u>
2A aggregate	8.50 per ton	13.50 per ton	13.50 per ton
3A aggregate	8.50 per ton	13.50 per ton	13.50 per ton
#2 stone	10.50 per ton	15.50 per ton	15.50 per ton
#3 stone	10.50 per ton	15.50 per ton	15.50 per ton

Rutledge Excavating Inc. Equinunk, PA

2A aggregate	8.95 per ton	16.70 per ton	16.70 per ton
3A aggregate	9.85 per ton	17.60 per ton	17.60 per ton
#2 stone	12.75 per ton	20.50 per ton	20.50 per ton
#3 stone	10.75 per ton	18.50 per ton	18 50 per ton

After review motion to accept the Bill Pykus Excavating aggregate proposal by James C. Neu, Jr., second Stephen Brown. Motion carried.

A sealed bid proposal for liquid calcium was received. One proposal was received from Vestal Asphalt. Only one proposal received requires a rebid. Motion to rebid liquid calcium for the June 1st meeting by James C. Neu, Jr., second Stephen Brown. Motion carried.

Sealed bid proposals for Dirt and Gravel Road Projects were received. Two proposals for the Creamery Road Project were received. Proposals were as follows: **Kohrs Excavating \$242,380.00; Rutledge Excavating \$178,677.00.** The Board discussed the proposals. The lowest bid proposal was more than the Dirt and Gravel Road grant. Motion to rebid the Creamery Road project by James C. Neu, Jr., second Stephen Brown. Motion carried.

Two proposals for the Leech Creek Road Project were received. Proposals were as follows: **Bill Pykus Excavating \$247,473.00; Rutledge Excavating \$322,418.00.** After review motion to accept the Bill Pykus Excavating Leech Creek Road proposal by James C. Neu, Jr., second Stephen Brown. Motion carried.

Sealed bid proposals for the sale of the former Ontario & Western Train Station in Lakewood were received. Proposals are as follows: **Mykhaylo Romanenko \$20,055.00; Jim Kemmrer \$35,567.00; Meta Keating \$62,825.00; Stoney Mountain Holdings LLC (Brian Worobey) \$71,129.00.** After review motion to accept the highest bid from Stoney Mountain Holdings LLC of **\$71,129.00** by James C. Neu, Jr., second Stephen Brown. Motion carried.

The Solar Farm Ordinance is being intergraded into the SALDO. Tom Shepstone, Shepstone Management Company, is working on the final draft.

Bruce Swindlehurst contacted the Board concerning the West End Cemetery, also known as the Wahl Cemetery, near the Stinavage Farm on Wrighter Lake Road. Mr. Swindlehurst and Paul Brooking have been caring for the cemetery as there is no know association associated with the cemetery. Mr. Swindlehurst attended a Historical Society seminar on abandoned cemeteries. The seminar indicated Township Supervisors could give permission for Mr. Swindlehurst and Mr. Brooking to care for the cemetery. Alan Jones felt it was not the township's responsibility to give permission regarding abandon.

Gary Wilding, KBG Engineering, reported on the on lot septic system at New Jersey "Y" Camps. Fritz Brothers used cameras to check the pipes, monitored the wells, and took water samples. Wells are not contaminated. New Jersey "Y" is selling the senior camp on Woods Road and keeping Camp Nesser.

Alan Jones stated the Board would like to apply for a Parks and Recreation Grant for the old baseball field, a pavilion and parking area for community use. Long term the vision is to develop a walking trail with park benches for park visitors to utilize. Grant funding requires the Board to vote on submitting an application. Motion to apply for a Parks and Recreation Grant by James C. Neu, Jr., second Stephen Brown. Motion carried.

Steckbeck Engineering and Surveying, Lebanon, PA, representing Lakewood (370) DPP, LLC (Dollar General), sent a modification request letter dated March 17, 2023 for the Dollar General Subdivision on 370. The request is to reduce the number of required parking spaces by 7. An additional modification request letter dated March 22, 2023 was received for relief of the rear setback of 50 feet to allow for a minor building encroachment of 10 feet as shown on the submitted Land Development plans. Michael Lusaiti, Steckbeck Engineering & Surveying, was present to answer any question the Supervisors may have. James McDonald, Township S.E.O., noted their requested to build a small septic system, which he denied. Denial was based on use of the system should the business close. There were approximately 35 people from the general public present many of whom voiced their opinions on the Dollar General Project. Some were against the Dollar General. Some were in favor. Comments made from the nutritional value of items sold to lower income families through the economic effects of smaller locally owned businesses. Richard Banks, who owns property near the proposed site, is not in favor of the store because of light pollution and crime

issues around Dollar General Stores. Sandy Carnes, Preston Country Market, noted Dollar General pays the least. Richard Greene, (and Ellen Greene), owner of property (proposed Dollar General) were not happy that the public wants to stop the project. They also wanted to know why the setback is 50 feet. Alan Jones said it's part of the SALDO for commercial projects. Mr. Greene said rumor is Sandy Carnes is moving and J.C. Neu is buying Preston Country Market. Both Mrs. Carnes and Mr. Neu denied the statements are untrue. After all comments were heard a consideration to advertise Lakewood (370) LLC's (Dollar General) request for variances was made, James C. Neu, Jr. and Stephen Brown voted no, Alan Jones voted yes. No advertising for variances or modifications will be done.

Meghan Bresica is winner of month's picture contest.

White goods collection day is Saturday June 17th, 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

Foreman Steve Brown the crew is currently grading roads

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Mary Ann Llewellyn
Secretary

**Treasurer's Report
for June 1, 2023**

General Fund	183,914.78	ARP Fund	51,758.36
Liquid Fuels Fund	<u>207,453.22</u>	Liquid Fuels Equip. Reserve	5,648.64
	391,368.00	General Fd Operating Reserve	74,829.93
		Health & Welfare	2,677.31
		UCC Fund	34,366.15

UCC Fund Receipts

Building Permits (New Jersey Y, Newburg, LLC, Dooley, Woodmansee)	2,354.40
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General Fund Receipts

Planning Commission Fees (GBT Investments)	50.00
Sewer Permits & Fees (Carter, Dugan)	520.00
Driveway Permits (Woodmansee)	50.00
Building Permits (Dugan, N.J. YMHA, Newburg, LLC, Woodmansee)	150.00
Treasurer of Wayne Co. - Delinquent Taxes, 1st qt. (1/1/2023 - 3/31/2023)	7,468.45

8,238.45

Invoices paid / to be paid

Town & Country (Storage Shed)	285.36	Stephenson Equipment	633.98
Town & Country (Office/Shop)	229.60	Industrial Electronics	150.00
Firmstone - Gasoline	403.78	Bill Pykus	972.94
AT & T	46.90	Town & Country (Storage Shed)	121.98
Tri-County Independent	120.52	Penelec Storage Shed	120.28
Penelec Train Depot	47.12	Penelec Office/Garage	163.05
T.J.'s Auto Supply	466.40	Rovendale	234.71
Verizon	139.70	The Hancock Herald	14.57
Freddy's Refuse	85.00	John Bonham	1,381.25
Geisinger Quality Options	1,651.92	Shakelton Auto Parts	68.49
SAAM	383.95	Town & Country (Storage Shed)	125.20
Bill Pykus	853.59	James Neu, Jr.	605.00
Verizon	139.70	Wayne Co. Tax Services	1,168.11
Northern Wayne Fire Co.	9,000.00	Northern Wayne Comm. Library	1,500.00
Preston Country Market	29.99	Hancock Telephone	49.95
Gannon Associates	9,471.00	Dempsey Uniform	220.97
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