



Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 27, 2017, 7:30 P.M.

Attendees: Supervisors - Ricki Stumpo, Elaine DiMonte, Alice Balsama; Mark Knightly, Public Works Director.

Public in attendance: 4

1. **Call to Order:** Stumpo called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Sunshine Announcements:** no Sunshine Announcements.
3. **Announcements:** Stumpo noted that Monday, December 11th is the only public meeting for the month of December.
4. **Public Comment Non-Agenda Items:** Corporal Brendan Connor, PA State Police Troop J, Avondale, attended the meeting to rundown police activity for a 3-month period. He noted that the number of calls remain the same with an average of 52 calls per month. The incidents range from traffic citations to investigating shots fired which is not unusual during hunting season. He announced that a permanent, secure prescription drug take-back box is available at the Avondale Barracks to allow the community to dispose of drugs throughout the year. DiMonte commented that the overall average number incidents appears to be manageable given the population of the Township. She noted that the Board responded previously to a resident who had inquired as to formation of a municipal police department given the potential for the \$25.00 per person tax levy proposed for municipalities without a police department. Corporal Connor suggested that the Board contact Station Commander Lieutenant Michelle Swantner for analytics regarding police coverage, relational statistics, and budgeting for police departments. DiMonte acknowledged and thanked the State Police for their excellent job in covering and responding to requests and incidents during the construction of the Route 926 Bridge Project. Terry Gumpfer asked for clarification regarding the nature of traffic citations. Corporal Connor responded that the citations are related to speeding and running stop signs. The State Police appreciate assistance from the community in allowing private driveways to be used for patrol cars. Corporal Connor noted that the State Police respond and investigate incidents such as sounds of gunshot, as expressed by Balsama, and installation of hunting apparatus along roadways, as expressed by DiMonte. Corporal Connor reminded residents to lock their cars to deter thieves, particularly when there is accessibility to garage door devices. Stumpo thanked Corporal Connor for attending the meeting and for the services the State Police provide.
5. **2018 Budget:**
 - a. **Resolution Adopting 2018 Township Budget -** Stumpo introduced the resolutions required for passage of the 2018 budget. Balsama reviewed the text noting conclusion of the public inspection period. MOTION: DiMonte moved, Stumpo seconded, to adopt Resolution 2017-16 officially adopting the Pocopson Township 2018 Budget; motion unanimously approved.
 - b. **Resolution Setting 2018 Tax Rates -** DiMonte reviewed tax rates for 2018 including the total tax millage and property tax distribution. The allocations were discussed

previously during the budget meetings. MOTION: Stumpo moved, Balsama seconded, to adopt Resolution 2017-17 setting the fire protection tax, ambulance, rescue and other emergency services tax and the general fund tax on real property; motion unanimously approved.

6. **Public Works Report:** Knightly reported that the Department is performing maintenance work on gutters in advance of the winter weather.
7. **Facilities:** DiMonte indicated no update.
8. **Old Business:** no Old Business to discuss.
9. **New Business:** no New Business to discuss
10. **Correspondence:** Stumpo noted that there may be a township fire marshal vacancy. Board agreed to revisit the matter for the reorganizational meeting in January.
11. **Treasurer's Warrants:** MOTION: Stumpo moved, DiMonte seconded, to approve the Bill Payment Lists for November 14-27, 2017 recommended for payment by the Treasurer; General Fund: 21 bills paid totaling \$33,726.07; 6 debit card charges totaling \$691.12; Parks, Recreation & Trails: 1 bill paid for \$40.00; motion unanimously approved. DiMonte inquired and Knightly confirmed, that the portable toilet has been removed from the tennis court area.
12. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Stumpo moved, Balsama seconded, to approve the Meeting Minutes November 13, 2017 as submitted; motion carried.
13. **Adjournment:** At 7:48 p.m., DiMonte moved, Balsama seconded, to adjourn the meeting; motion carried.



Susan Simone, Administrative Secretary



Ricki Stumpo, Chairman