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The North Annville Township Board of Supervisors met at the Water Works Fire Hall at 7:30 p.m. on November 9, 2020 for the purpose of a regular monthly meeting. All members were present. Also present was: see attached attendance sheet.

Randy Leisure, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Ruth Rittel questioned the location of PennDOT's proposed closing of Route 934 next year. Randy stated that 934 will be closed between Hill Church Rd. & Clear Spring Rd. for approximately four months while a culvert is replaced. Cars will detour via Ono Rd. & Harrison Drive while trucks will detour via Route 422 & Clear Spring Rd. Ruth then questioned progress on a potential engine brake retarder ordinance. Randy stated that the supervisors have received numerous complaints regarding excessive noise from engine brake retarders on Route 934 and Clear Spring Rd. The supervisors contacted PennDOT and obtained a copy of PennDOT's requirements for the enactment of an engine brake retarder ordinance. Due to speed limit and slope requirements, it is unlikely that the supervisors will be able to enact an engine brake retarder ordinance.

Clyde Meyer, Vice-Chairman, made a motion to approve the October 12, 2020 meeting minutes as presented in printed form. Randy 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion carried. Randy then made a motion to adopt the October 12 Treasurer's Report as presented in printed form. Clyde 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion carried. Adam Wolfe, Secretary-Treasurer, read all the bills for the month. Adam made a motion to pay all bills as read. Clyde 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion carried.

Next, Paul Bametzreider, Township Solicitor, stated that he examined the list of 28 property owners who failed to comply with the on-lot disposal system pumping requirements as of last November. At that point in time, Paul sent out 30 day notices giving an additional 30 days during which to come into compliance, at which point 21 property owners proceeded to come into compliance. Discussion ensued with regard to how to equitably divide the Township's costs amongst the seven property owners who failed to come into compliance after Paul sent the 30 day notice. After discussion, it was decided that the Township should bill the full amount of pumping to each property owner for whom the Township had to have the tank pumped and then divide up the legal fees evenly amongst all the property owners. Adam stated that the property located at 359 Kauffman Rd. should be removed from the list due to a mailing address discrepancy. Paul will work on having an updated list of property owners and associated fees available for next month's meeting.

For the next item of business, Brion Smoker reviewed a packet of information which was prepared by the Emergency Services Advisory Committee, for the purpose of outlining the long-term financial need of the fire companies for equipment replacement. On the first page, they compared expenses which the fire companies pay vs. expenses which the Township pays. On the second sheet, they provided an equipment replacement schedule. Brion went on to say that the Committee desires to assist with planning for the funding of replacement fire company equipment. He then reviewed financial spreadsheets for both the Bellegrove and Water Works Fire Companies and said that, based on the spreadsheet, Water Works will need more financial assistance from an operations standpoint in addition to an equipment replacement standpoint. Also, the Bellegrove Fire Co. grants don't reflect in their financial reports. Brion proceeded to state that the Committee is not attempting to tell the supervisors how to fund the replacement equipment, but they are stating that there will be a need for replacement equipment funding within 3-5 years. Randy thanked the Committee and questioned whether or not there has been a

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study of call types and the needed equipment and manpower vs. the actual manpower and equipment which the fire companies currently have. He said that such a study would give the supervisors an idea of what is needed moving forward. Randy then questioned Paul regarding the options for funding emergency services. Paul stated that the Local Services Tax would not be a very good option, since it is a \$52.00/year tax levied against individuals who work in a municipality and there are currently not many people who work in North Annville Township. Paul went on to say that a maximum three mill fire tax can be levied against real estate in the Township. Revenue from the fire tax can then be used for acquisition and maintenance of fire equipment and firehouses. Paul said that the supervisors could also provide funding through the general fund and he has also seen municipalities give low interest loans to fire companies. Additionally, Paul said that fire companies can obtain grants for the replacement of equipment. Randy said that a list such as what is being presented will require the building up of a dedicated fund. Joan Sallada stated that it is very difficult for fire companies to obtain grants for the purchase of apparatus, and they have approximately a 2% chance of obtaining a federal grant. Keith Blauch stated that the Bellegrove Fire Co. was denied a federal grant for the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus. Keith then stated that the Bellegrove Fire Co. applied for Lebanon County CARES Act funding and had to show income from the period of March-July 2020, during which they had no income due to COVID restrictions. Tammy Blauch stated that the CARES Act funding isn't for loss of funds, but rather for supplies such as masks, etc. Legislation was passed to replace lost fire company income, but the legislation didn't pan out. Randy said that he applauds the fire companies for doing everything they can to obtain funding and also stated that the supervisors do want to make a dedicated stream of replacement equipment funding available.

Next on the agenda, Adam read the preliminary 2021 budget. The budget shows a general fund beginning balance of \$557,000, with receipts of \$396,971 and disbursements of \$355,502, for an ending balance of \$598,469. The state fund shows a beginning balance of \$459,800, with receipts of \$112,778.95 and disbursements of \$87,500, for an ending balance of \$485,078.95. The public sewer fund shows a beginning balance of \$28,000, with receipts of \$52,005 and disbursements of \$53,000, for an ending balance of \$27,005. See budget for further details. The budget will be publicly advertised and available for public comment until the December 14 meeting, when a final 2021 budget will be adopted. For the road report, Randy stated that road viewing was held on October 31 and the roads appear to be in good shape. More tree trimming and removal is planned for 2021, as is the scratch coating of the short portion of Kauffman Rd. and the repair of a headwall on Valley Glen Rd. Skin patch sealcoating is also planned for various locations. To further elaborate on engine brake retarder restrictions, Randy stated that PennDOT does not allow engine brake retarders to be banned on highways where the speed limit is 55 mph or greater and/or where inclines exceed a 4% slope. The noise problem is not caused by the actual engine brake retarder, but rather by the modified exhaust systems on some trucks. The better noise solution would be to pressure state legislators to pass modified exhaust-related legislation. Paul stated that engine brake retarder ordinances are difficult to enforce and that we would have to get the Cleona Police Dept. on board before even being able to consider the enactment of an ordinance.

For the Zoning Hearing Board report, Jim Hoffman stated that the written opinion in the

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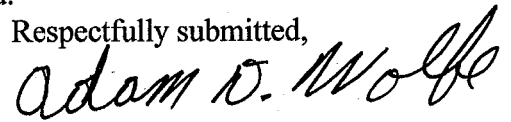
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Fitzgibbons case has been issued.

For the fire company report, Keith Blauch stated that an active crew member of the Bellegrave Fire Co. sustained an injury several months ago while on an accident call and underwent surgery two weeks ago. The workers compensation insurance is paying 2/3 of his salary from his full-time occupation and fire relief is picking up the remaining 1/3 of his salary. The issue he is facing is that his employer-provided health insurance from his full-time employer is set to expire in the near future and he will be faced with expensive COBRA premiums to continue the health insurance for his family. Keith questioned how the supervisors plan to supplement the cost of COBRA premiums for his health insurance, since the fire company insurance doesn't offer anything. Adam stated that he had a prior conversation with Jeff Edwards at Bowman's Insurance regarding this issue but will touch base with him again.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Adam D. Wolfe, Secretary

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Treasurer's Report:

Balance in State Fund October 12, 2020		\$459,706.06
Receipts: Fulton Bank (FB) MMA Interest	\$37.77	
FB GIC Interest	0.29	
PLGIT Reserve Interest	0.30	
PLGIT Interest	<u>0.03</u>	<u>\$38.39</u>
Balance after receipts:		\$459,744.45
Disbursements: none		
Balance in State Fund November 9, 2020		\$459,744.45
Balance in General Fund October 12, 2020		\$561,488.35
Receipts: Comcast Cable	\$7,744.37	
District Court	100.00	
Cleona Borough	194.83	
Recorder of Deeds	1,862.00	
FB MMA Interest	40.26	
FB GIC Interest	7.42	
PLGIT Reserve Interest	0.07	
PLGIT Interest	0.18	
Keystone Municipal Collections	<u>35,869.26</u>	<u>\$45,818.39</u>
Balance after receipts:		\$607,306.74
Disbursements:		
CK#: 5514 Met-Ed	\$44.95	
5515 Leffler Energy	92.48	
5516 Comcast Cable	127.68	
5517 Penn State Health	7,750.00	
5518 Adam Wolfe	270.00	
5519 Copenhaver Builders	1,000.00	
5520 Union Water Works Auxiliary	35.00	
5521 Reilly, Wolfson Law Offices	478.50	
5522 Zimmey's Automotive	640.11	
5523 Borough of Cleona	5,833.33	
5524 Randall Leisure	87.88	
5525 Clyde Meyer	87.88	
5526 Adam Wolfe	1,265.96	
5527 State Workers Insurance Fund	937.00	
5528 Bowman's Insurance Agency	1,272.00	
5529 Binkley & Hurst, LP	274.77	
5530 Leffler Energy	74.03	
5531 PA American Water	37.28	
5532 911 Rapid Response, LLC	5.99	
EFT IRS	<u>450.61</u>	<u>\$20,765.45</u>
Balance in General Fund November 9, 2020		\$586,541.29

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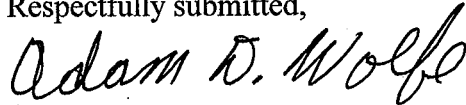
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Balance in Public Sewer Fund October 12, 2020		\$23,421.28
Receipts: H.R. Weaver Family Realty	\$5,204.88	
Country Lane Furniture	200.44	
FB SMIC Interest	<u>0.73</u>	<u>\$5,406.05</u>
Balance after receipts:		\$28,827.33
Disbursements:		
CK#: 161 Annville Township Authority	<u>\$1,789.29</u>	<u>\$1,789.29</u>
Balance in Public Sewer Fund November 9, 2020		\$27,038.04

Summary:

State Fund	\$459,744.45
General Fund	586,541.29
Escrow Acct.	3,402.65
Public Sewer Fund	<u>27,038.04</u>
Total all Funds:	\$1,076,726.43

Respectfully submitted,



Adam D. Wolfe, Treasurer