

August 3, 2023

The Preston Township Board of Supervisors held their August Board meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday August 3, 2023 at the Township Municipal Building. Alan Jones, Chair, called the meeting to order. Board members present were Alan Jones, and Stephen Brown, James C. Neu, Jr. was absent.). The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Minutes of the July meeting were read. Motion to approve the minutes by Stephen Brown, second Alan Jones. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was read. Motion to approve the treasurer's report made by Stephen Brown, second Alan Jones. Motion carried.

Expenses for the month were reviewed. Motion to pay invoices and approve the payrolls by Stephen Brown, second Alan Jones. Motion carried. Invoices totaled **\$61,922.20**
Payrolls totaled **\$17,697.50**.

The Board of Supervisors advertised their notice repealing their Solar Energy Systems Ordinance #2022-12-01. The Board's intent is to add article VIII Titled Solar "Energy Systems" to the Preston Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. With the public hearing open it was discussed (after consultation with Shepstone Management at an earlier meeting in the spring) the Solar Energy Systems is a Land Development issue and should be included in the Township's SALDO. In order to adopt the **Preston Township Solar Energy Systems Ordinance No. 2023-08-03-02** to the Preston Township SALDO the Solar Energy Systems Ordinance must be repealed. There were no questions or comments from the constituents present. Motion to repeal the Solar Energy Systems Ordinance by Stephen Brown, second Alan Jones. Motion carried. The adopted repeal takes effect five (5) days after adoption, August, 8, 2023.

The Board of Supervisors advertised their notice to amend and adopt the Solar Energy Systems Ordinance to the Preston Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. With the public hearing open it was discussed the Solar Energy Systems is a Land Development issue and is be included in the Township's SALDO. There were no questions or comments from the constituents present. Motion to adopt the **Preston Township Solar Energy Systems Ordinance No. 2023-08-03-02** to the Preston Township SALDO by Stephen Brown, second Alan Jones. Motion carried. Amending and adoption takes effect five (5) days after adoption, August, 8, 2023.

The Board of Supervisors advertised their notice to adopt a Short-Term Rental Ordinance. With the public hearing open it was discussed a short-term rental is defined as a rental for less than 30 consecutive days. The intent of the Ordinance is to regulate transient residential uses as Short Term Rentals, to promote the health, safety and general welfare of the public. There were no questions or comments from the constituents present. Motion to adopt the **Preston Township Short-Term Rental Ordinance No. 2023-08-03-03** by Stephen Brown, second Alan Jones. Motion carried. The adoption takes effect five (5) days after adoption, August 8, 2023.

The Board of Supervisors of Preston Township advertised the sale of a two (2) acre parcel containing the Railroad Station and subdivided acreage, totaling 2 acres of real property. With

the public hearing open it was discussed the real property was advertised for sale to the highest bidder. Stoney Mountain Holdings, LLC was highest bidder. In an abundance of caution the Board of Supervisors of Preston Township will pass an ordinance approving the sale of the real property free and clear of the public right, so that it can be conveyed with clear title. There were no questions or comments from the constituents present. Motion to adopt the **Preston Township Sale of Real Property Ordinance No. 2023-08-03-04** authorizing sale of the Railroad Station and subdivided acreage, totaling 2 acres of real property by Stephen Brown, second Alan Jones. Motion carried.

The township photo contest for August is summer.

The Cooperage Produce Project is listed as the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Lake Como Food Pantry.

Foreman Stephen Brown stated the maintenance crew is fighting the weather. Working on Stephano Road grading and fixing potholes. Finishing up calcium application, if done now it will just lay on top for the winter. Working on roadside mowing.

James McDonald, Township S.E.O., told the Board a bill was sent to Lakewood (370) DPP, LLC In Tennessee and Steckbeck Engineering in Lebanon, PA for the Dollar General sewer permit. The bill is over 60 days past due and wants to revoke the permit for non-payment of bill. There was a discussion about contacting Steckbeck Engineering for payment. Eventually, it was decided not to contact Lakewood (370) DPP, LLC or Steckbeck Engineering. Motion was made to revoke the sewer permit by James C. Neu, Jr., second Stephen Brown. Motion carried.

Regarding short-term rentals there were concerns about septic issues, type of renters and added emergency services. Questions were asked why a need for applications. The purpose of short-term rentals to promote the health, safety and general welfare of the public. Applications will be processed by the Building Code Officer yearly. James McDonald, Township S.E.O., said he was happy as a sewage enforcement officer to see Preston Township has a Short-term Rental Ordinance. Judy Wells, Township Planning Commission, told the Board she felt it was time the township considers zoning.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Mary Ann Llewellyn, Secretary

treasurer's report
for September 7, 2023

general fund	258,518.66	ARP fund	51,785.56
liquid fuels fund	132,806.82	gen. fund operating reserve	74,842.44
	341,325.48	liquid fuels fund equip, reserve	5,649.59
		health & welfare fund	5,858.87
		UCC fund	37,109.92

receipts

Dirt & Gravel Road Grant (Leech Creek Road)	75,000.00
Proceeds from sale of Railroad Depot	70,387.17
UCC fund	
building permits (Nimrod, Webb, Grisaffi, ETK Ventures)	2,293.20

general fund

building permits (Sprovkin, Seydel)	150.00
sewer permits and related work (O'Donnell, Salvestrini)	1,430.00
subdivisions (Woodman)	50.00
real estate transfer tax	9,857.57
	11,507.57

Invoices Paid / To Be Paid

USPS Postage	132.00	Bill Pykus Excavating-DSA & ggregate	5,037.24
Industrial Electronic	150.00	Bill Pykus Excavating-anti-skid	4,075.95
Don Oralls Garage, LLC	17.92	Rovendale Ag-parts	1,581.68
Bill Pykus (Leech Crk Dwn Pymt)	75,000.00	Penn State meeting	150.00
Gustin Stone	4,740.00	First Net	46.81
Amtrust	1,691.00	Marissa McAndrew Law Firm	1,425.00
John Bonham (Leech Ck Pipes)	10,409.24	Freddy's Refuse	85.00
Penelec Depot	45.91	Leroy S. Kreider	112.22
Penelec Office/Garage	103.82	Building Inspection Underwriters	140.00
Penelec Storage Shed	80.44	Bob Bates Inspections	1,696.00
Wayne Memorial Hospital	94.00	Geisinger Quality Options	1,652.92
Firmstone Fuel - Diesel	1,237.13	Saam, LLC	20.52
Shakelton Auto & Truck Center	101.78	Ben Reyonld (Leech Ck Bridge)	46,000.00
Firmstone Fuel - Gasoline	441.32	Dempsey Uniform	189.80
Aetna	157.69	Suit-Kote	3,701.48
Waymart Building Center	48.00	Jeffrey Reed (Vet. Mem. Electric)	4,500.00
John Bonham (Leech Ck pipes)	6,800.00	Firmstone Fuel - Gasoline	441.32

Five Star Equipment	1,392.51	Bill Pykus Excavating	1,402.54
Verizon	160.78	PSATS	55.00
T.J. Auto Parts	195.00	John Bonham	233.14
Hancock Telephone	49.95	Saam, LLC	34.08
Visa-office supplies	76.76	T.J. Auto Supply	31.32
Microsoft-computer program	104.94		
Alan Jones-mileage	196.50		
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