

JANUARY 10, 2017 MINUTES
Formally approved January 24, 2017 meeting

FULL BOARD PRESENT; Also present: Jesse Kline, Treasurer; Susan Kauwell, Prothonotary; Linda Weaver, Register & Recorder; Fred Hunsinger, Tim Murphy, Columbia County 911 and GIS; Bob Stoudt, MARC; Jamie Shrawder, Danville Borough; Jen Wakeman, WKOK; Karen Blackledge, The Danville News.

Mr. Holdren asked those so inclined to rise for a prayer led by Solicitor Robert L. Marks. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison. The meeting was then opened.

Mr. Finn moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hartman moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

General Account Disbursements	\$448,877.75
General Account Receipts	\$121,512.16
General Account Checking .53%	\$323,311.22
Capital Reserve Fund .45%	\$29,715.40
Operating Reserve .45%	\$444,197.05
General MMA	\$0.00
Total Checking, MMAs	\$797,223.67
Act 13 Highway-Bridge .45%	\$167,790.99
Act 44 .54%	\$34,598.11
Children and Youth Checking .54%	\$637,506.58
Flood Mitigation .54%	\$1,848.23
Hazardous Material Account Checking .54%	\$18,433.45
Human & Community Services Checking .54%	\$57,169.40
Improvement Fund Checking .54%	\$16,084.25
Liquid Fuels Checking .53%	\$250,991.62
Medical Assistance Transportation .54%	\$103,924.29
Offender Supervision Account Checking .54%	\$38,201.86
Storm Water Ordinance Escrow	\$35,611.05
Transit Fund Account Checking .54%	\$52,010.44
Uniform 911 Surcharge .01%	\$128,708.53

Mr. Holdren called for public comment. Ms. Shrawder said the Canal Park master site plan development is under way and will be reviewed at the end of the month. She also noted a final recommendation from the feasibility study to change the middle school entrance should be coming soon, and that the Borough has submitted six projects to the Luzerne County Flood Mitigation Authority.

Mr. Holdren recognized Mr. Stoudt, who updated the Board on fund-raising efforts for the Montour Preserve, noting MARC is currently at 47 percent of its \$1,000,000.00 goal. He reported the construction loan for the North Branch Canal Train was repaid in full on December 29, and thanked the County for securing funding for the project.

MARC is considering applying to PPL Foundation for a grant to update the Montour County Comprehensive Plan and to create an open space network plan.

Mr. Stoudt also sought continued financial support for 2017, including a \$6,000.00 allocation as soon as practicable. Mr. Finn moved to approve a \$6,000.00 allocation from the Gas Well Drilling Fee Fund. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Under old business, Mr. Hunsinger reported that work is progressing on connecting radio equipment for the 911 Centers consolidation, noting the Montour County center will be in operation through April until the cut-over is complete. Mr. Murphy said there has been great cooperation from the public in naming private lanes as part of the county-wide readdressing initiative in conjunction with the merger.

Mrs. Brandon reported no bids were received to lease 15 acres of County farmland in Mahoning Township. While reluctant to take the acres out of farming, Mr. Finn suggested now may be the time to look at a better use for the land, such as developing it.

Under new business, Mr. Hartman moved to unencumber \$29,814.39 from the Bridge 21 rehabilitation project, as the work finished under budget. The action would allow the remaining funds to be freed for other bridge projects. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to approve an Emergency Management Performance Grant application to PEMA of \$29,159.99 for the position of Emergency Management Coordinator. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hartman moved to approve an inmate housing contract with Columbia County for 2017 at the same rate as 2016 - \$60.00 per day. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Holdren moved to reappoint Brian Wiktor to a one-year term on the SEDA-COG Board of Directors. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hartman moved to reappoint Mr. Holdren to a one-year term as the Commissioner representative to the SEDA-COG Board of Directors. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to approve the hiring of Zachary Brent as a Part-Time Correctional Officer effective January 3, at an hourly rate of \$12.33. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to affirm the hiring of Zachary Brent as a Part-Time Deputy Sheriff effective January 3, at an hourly rate of \$12.33. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hartman moved to reappoint Jeffrey Foster, Frank Dombroski and Walt Rupert to three-year terms on the Planning Commission. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Holdren reminded anyone living in the Washingtonville-northern Montour County area who is concerned about poor cellphone coverage to call Verizon. The more calls Verizon receives, the more likely the provider will be to take action.

Mr. Hartman moved to pay the following bills: General Account, \$400,854.58; Children & Youth, \$15,839.56; Liquid Fuels, \$6,578.48; Uniform 911, \$40,890.00; Human and Community Service, \$871.53. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Holly A. Brandon, Chief Clerk