

**SANDY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
SANDY TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
1094 CHESTNUT AVENUE, PO BOX 267
DUBOIS, PA 15801**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2023 @ 7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Beers Called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Beers also added that the supervisors had a minor executive. on legal issues before this meeting.

ROLL CALL

Board Present:

William Beers
Barry Abbott
Kevin A. Salandra
Mark Sullivan
Samuel Mollica

Staff Present:

Shawn Arbaugh, Manager
Theresa Bracken ,Secretary-Treasurer

Others: See sign in sheet.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

NEW AGENDA ITEM

Supervisor Sullivan made a motion to add a discussion on replacing the Fire Chiefs vehicle as a new agenda item. Supervisor Salandra seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken.

Barry Abbott – aye
Mark Sullivan – aye
Kevin Salandra –aye
Motion carried.

Samuel Mollica – aye
William Beers – No

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes 09-18-2023

Supervisor Sullivan made a motion to approve the minutes for the September 18, 2023 Supervisors Meeting. Supervisor Salandra seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken.

Barry Abbott – aye	Samuel Mollica – aye
Mark Sullivan – aye	William Beers – aye
Kevin Salandra –aye	
Motion carried.	

Board of Supervisors Special Meeting Minutes 09-27-2023

Supervisor Sullivan made a motion to approve the minutes for the September 27, 2023 Supervisors Special Meeting. Supervisor Salandra seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken.

Barry Abbott – aye	Samuel Mollica – aye
Mark Sullivan – aye	William Beers – aye
Kevin Salandra –aye	
Motion carried.	

TABLED BUSINESS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Aggregate Bid Award

The purpose of this agenda item is to approve the aggregate materials bid and award it to Bucktail Excavators Incorporated in the amount of \$26.72 per ton for #8 crushed limestone anti-skid and \$20.97 per ton for type 2A limestone. The City of DuBois put this together in conjunction with Sandy Township. It was a joint aggregate bid and some pretty competitive bids were received from 5 different individuals. Bucktail Excavators had the best pricing for the materials for the Township. It is estimated that the Township will need 3000 tons of that #8 anti-skid and 2000 tons of the 2A Limestone material.

Supervisor Sullivan made a motion to award the bid for the aggregates to Bucktail Excavators Inc. Supervisor Salandra seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken.

Barry Abbott – aye	Samuel Mollica – aye
Mark Sullivan – aye	William Beers – aye
Kevin Salandra –aye	
Motion carried.	

2. Playground Equipment Addition

Manager Arbaugh explained that there are two playgrounds up at the park. There is the main one and then an ancillary playground. Unfortunately, some of the equipment recently broke and had to be removed leaving a pretty vacated area so I'm seeking approval to purchase a Gaga ball pit. Kids really seem to enjoy it. It's inexpensive and the fall hazards are low just because it sits right on top of the ground and gets fastened into the ground. I am seeking permission to move money from the recreation fund, which is a dedicated fund that we place any funds we take in from pavilion rentals which currently has a balance slightly over \$10,000. So I am seeking approval to move half that which we would do officially through a budget resolution if you approve of this this purchase.

Supervisor Abbott made a motion to approve the purchase of the playground equipment. Supervisor Salandra seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken.

Barry Abbott – aye

Samuel Mollica – aye

Mark Sullivan – aye

William Beers – aye

Kevin Salandra –aye

Motion carried.

3. LSA Grant Resolution 24-2023 – Industrial Drive

This resolution is seeking approval to submit a grant application for an LSA grant in the amount of \$782,730 from the state for the Industrial Dr. Sewer Extension.

Supervisor Abbott- I have a question on the industrial park. Is there any chance we can investigate to get an exit off of Interstate 80 that's dedicated to that park. Or is that out of the realm of possibility? Isn't there supposed to be a road in that third phase or something that connected to the exit?

Manager Arbaugh- Yes, there is a third phase with a road extension in the industrial park that goes around on the backside of Morningside Cemetery and comes out. It would be a dedicated roadway, not an exit. So, you wouldn't have to travel on 255. We do have that on the map, and we have pursued funding for it. We want to build out the next phase ,get the sewers done for that one, and then we could move on to that 3rd ARC grant for that roadway.

Supervisor Sullivan made a motion to approve LSA Grant Resolution 24-2023. Supervisor Salandra seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken.

Barry Abbott – aye

Samuel Mollica – aye

Mark Sullivan – aye

William Beers – aye

Kevin Salandra –aye

Motion carried.

4. LSA Grant Resolution 25-2023– Kiwanis Trail Phase 3

A resolution to submit an application for \$987,320.00 for Kiwanis Trail Phase III. The maximum grant amount is \$1,000,000, so we're close to that cap. This would dovetail with other grant applications that we have in so that we could fully fund the project with minimal Municipal Authority funds.

Supervisor Sullivan made a motion to approve LSA Grant Resolution 25-2023.
Supervisor Salandra seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken.

Barry Abbott – aye

Samuel Mollica – aye

Mark Sullivan – aye

William Beers – aye

Kevin Salandra –aye

Motion carried.

5. Budget Resolution 26-2023

This is just a budget transfer resolution. We have a little bit of overage in our recreational program for the year for the YMCA program due to a large number of participants this year. So, they had to bring on some extra staff to accommodate that. We did have additional monies left over from our recreation line items because we didn't have the part-time employee going up to the park this year and doing that maintenance. We are just moving \$1100 from that employee line item to contractual services.

Supervisor Salandra made a motion to approve Budgett Resolution 26-2023.
Supervisor Abbott seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken.

Barry Abbott – aye

Samuel Mollica – aye

Mark Sullivan – aye

William Beers – aye

Kevin Salandra –aye

Motion carried.

6. 2023 Trick or Treat time and date (October 31st 6 – 8 PM)

Sandy Township is going to set the trick or treat date of October 31st from 6:00 to 8:00 PM to mirror what the City of DuBois and Treasure Lake are both doing, so everybody will have it at the same time.

Supervisor Sullivan made a motion to set the trick or treat date of October 31st from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Supervisor Salandra seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken.

Barry Abbott – aye

Samuel Mollica – aye

Mark Sullivan – aye

William Beers – aye

Kevin Salandra –aye

Motion carried.

7. Fire Chief's Vehicle

Supervisor Sullivan- Currently we have a Fire Chief's vehicle that is 10 years old and getting close to 100,000 miles. In the past, we've provided vehicles for our Fire Chief to show our appreciation for them taking the time to volunteer their services to the Township. Some of these guys have 15 -20 years of answering the bell, so just think it would be fitting for us to provide a newer vehicle.

Chairman Beers- I'd like to see before we discuss this any further, I'd like to make a motion that we get our Township mechanic to look over it because we've only got it about a year and a half ago. Because, I mean, we have got a budget coming up and we could look at putting it in the budget for next year. I don't see why we need to hurry now.

After some discussion amongst the supervisors, Supervisor Salandra seconded Chairman Beers motion to have the current Chiefs vehicle inspected by the Township mechanic before making any decisions.

A roll call vote was taken.

Barry Abbott – aye	Samuel Mollica – aye
Mark Sullivan – aye	William Beers – aye
Kevin Salandra – aye	

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- **Tax Claim Sale Lot 175 Section 13A Crooked Island Road- \$400.00**
- **Tax Claim Sale Lot 134 Section 19- \$400.00**
- **Sandy Township 2023 Assessment**
- **2023 Tax Claim Board of Appeals**
- **Reynoldsville Homecoming Letter**

Supervisor Sullivan made a motion to Receive and File Correspondence. Supervisor Salandra seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken.

Barry Abbott – aye	Samuel Mollica – aye
Mark Sullivan – aye	William Beers – aye
Kevin Salandra – aye	

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE SENT

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- **Amserv Report**
- **Managers Report**

Manager Arbaugh noted several upcoming events:

- Tire collection event October 4th. So this coming Wednesday from 8:00 AM to about 3:30 PM, we'll accept up to 4 tires per resident.
- The paper shredding event will be on October 9th between 8:00 and 4:00. So you can bring confidential materials to put into a locked garbage container that will be taken and disposed of confidentially.
- Mall-O-Ween event on October 25th from 5:00 to 7:00 at the Dubois Mall.
- The budget workshop will be held at 6:00 PM on October 16th, prior to our regularly scheduled meeting to go through a first glance of the budget for 2024.
- The Township is considering a multimodal grant from PennDOT, which is a 30% matching grant for resurfacing and adding a bike lane to Platt Rd. We met with PennDOT today to go over the project and get some figures together on what that might cost.

Supervisor Sullivan made a motion to Receive and File Monthly Reports.
Supervisor Abbott seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken.

Barry Abbott – aye

Samuel Mollica – aye

Mark Sullivan – aye

William Beers – aye

Kevin Salandra – aye

Motion carried.

SUPERVISORS COMMENTS

Mark Sullivan- Just again, I don't want the press to take away from my comments on the new Fire Chiefs vehicle that there's anything mechanically wrong with the vehicle we're running now. It's just given its age, I wanted to treat our Fire Chief a little bit better than we are.

Chairman Beers - The only thing I have is our department will be doing a controlled structure burn up on 2575 Mountain Run. They will be closing the road down from Bliss Rd. on the north side from 7:00 in the morning till about 3:00 and on the other side, Goat Road and Killmeier Rd. would be the intersection, will be shutting it down as well. It's going to be on Sunday, October 8th. from 7:00 to 3:00.

OPEN MEETING TO THE FLOOR

CLOSE MEETING TO THE FLOOR

PAYING OF BILLS

Checks written from September 19, 2023 – October 2, 2023

General Fund	\$	464,639.28
Police Pension Fund	\$	400.00
State Fund	\$	9,569.78
Payroll #19	\$	98,547.61
		\$573,156.67

Supervisor Sullivan made a motion to pay General Fund Bills in the amount of \$464,639.28, Police Pension Fund Bills in the amount of \$400.00, State Fund Bills in the amount of \$9,569.78, and Payroll #19 in the amount of \$98,547.61.

A roll call vote was taken.

Barry Abbott – aye	Samuel Mollica – aye
Mark Sullivan – aye	William Beers – aye
Kevin Salandra – aye	
Motion carried.	

ADJOURN

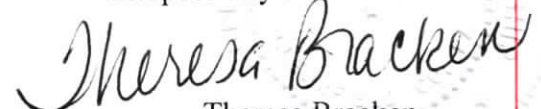
Supervisor Sullivan made a motion to adjourn. Supervisor Salandra seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken.

Barry Abbott – aye	Samuel Mollica – aye
Mark Sullivan – aye	William Beers – aye
Kevin Salandra – aye	
Motion carried.	

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted:


Theresa Bracken
Secretary-Treasurer