

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2023 @ 7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

EXECUTIVE SESSION—Chairman Beers stated that an executive Session was held before the meeting for Legal Issues.

ROLL CALL

Board Present:

William Beers

Barry Abbott

Kevin A. Salandra

Mark Sullivan

Samuel Mollica

Staff Present:

Shawn Arbaugh, Manager

Theresa Bracken, Secretary-Treasurer

Patrick Green-Zoning Officer

Others: See sign in sheet.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD OCTOBER 16, 2023

A Motion was made by Supervisor Salandra to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from October 16, 2023. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Sullivan.

A roll call vote was taken.

Barry Abbott – aye

Mark Sullivan – aye

Kevin Salandra – aye

Motion carried.

Samuel Mollica – aye

William Beers – aye

TABLED BUSINESS

New Fire Chief Vehicle

Manager Arbaugh gathered information about potential vehicles for replacing the Fire Chiefs vehicle. One recommendation if we were to replace it was either a special order 2024 Chevy Tahoe at a cost of \$60,500 or a special order 2024 Chevy Silverado 1500 crew, 4 by 4 at a cost of \$62,350.

The downfall with those special-order vehicles is there is about a four to six month wait time. But they do give us bigger, larger batteries, larger alternators, skid plates, some wiring provisions for emergency equipment, some advanced towing features, wig wags, and larger capacity headlights & tail lights.

After some discussion, a motion was made by Supervisor Sullivan to purchase a new SUV for the fire chief. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Abbott.

A roll call vote was taken.

Barry Abbott – aye

Samuel Mollica – aye

Mark Sullivan – aye

William Beers – No

Kevin Salandra – No

Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Crime Stoppers

Jeremy Ruffner of Lawrence Township presented the Supervisors with information and showed examples of new signs for the County Crimestoppers Program. Mr. Ruffner stated that Crimestoppers is an anonymous tipline for reporting suspicious activity. Crimestoppers would like to begin placing signs throughout Sandy Township. It was advised that the Public Works department work with Crimestoppers to determine the best locations for the signs.

After some discussion, a motion was made by Supervisor Sullivan to allow Crimestoppers to place signs throughout Sandy Township. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Salandra.

A roll call vote was taken.

Barry Abbott – aye

Samuel Mollica – aye

Mark Sullivan – aye

William Beers – aye

Kevin Salandra – aye

Motion carried.

2. 2023-4 Local Unit Debt Act Ordinance Amendment – Section 108 Loan

This amendment includes an amortization schedule that is included in the ordinance and a pledge that Sandy Township will commit our full faith credit and taxing power to repay this loan if needed. Again, this loan is repaid through CDBG funds. A motion was made by Supervisor Sullivan and seconded by Supervisor Salandra. To adopt Ordinance 2023-4.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

3. 2024 Preliminary Budget

After some discussion about possible adjustments to the 2024 Budget, Supervisor Sullivan made a motion to include the purchase of the Fire Chiefs Vehicle in the 2024 Budget. 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.	

Supervisor Sullivan then made a motion to advertise the 2024 Preliminary Budget. 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. Kiwanis Estates – Resolution for Official Plan Revision

A resolution to submit a planning module for the new Kiwanis Estates development. Supervisor Sullivan made a motion to pass Resolution 30-2023. 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. Tax Collection Committee Resolution – Name Delegates

Resolution 31-2023 names Shawn Arbaugh as the primary delegate to the Tax Collection Committee, Theresa Bracken as first alternate, and an appointee from the DuBois School District as a second alternate delegate. Supervisor Sullivan made a motion to pass Resolution 31-2023. 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. Budget Transfer Resolution

This budget resolution is to transfer \$28,000 from the engineer's salary to professional services to cover engineering for several projects going on in the Township without a staff engineer. The second amount of \$15,000 is to be moved from part-time police salary to police overtime.

Supervisor Sullivan made a motion to pass Resolution 32-2023. 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.

7. November 20, 2023 Board Meeting

Supervisor Salandra made a motion to cancel the November 20th board meeting. Supervisor Sullivan 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.

8. Surplus Vehicle Sale – Announcement

We would like to announce that the Township is having a surplus vehicle auction. It will be listed on our website and published in the Courier Express. It is an online auction on Govplanet.com starting November 14th. There will be six vehicles in that auction.

9. Flockerzi Lot Consolidation/PRD Modification – Treasure Lake

Supervisor Sullivan made a motion to approve the Flockerzi Lot Consolidation/PRD Modification. 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.

10. Lombardo and Kellgren Lot Consolidation/PRD Modification – Treasure Lake

Supervisor Sullivan made a motion to approve the Lombardo and Kellgren Lot Consolidation/PRD Modification. 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.

11. Maynard Lot Consolidation/PRD Modification – Treasure Lake

Supervisor Sullivan made a motion to approve the Maynard Lot Consolidation/PRD Modification. 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.

12. Spillane Lot Consolidation/PRD Modification – Treasure Lake

Supervisor Sullivan made a motion to approve the Spillane Lot Consolidation/PRD Modification. Supervisor Salandra seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken.

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Barry Abbott – aye

Mark Sullivan – aye

Kevin Salandra – aye

Motion carried.

Samuel Mollica – aye

William Beers – aye

13. Shaffer Lot Consolidation

Supervisor Sullivan made a motion to approve the Shaffer Lot Consolidation.

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 – aye

14. Rusty Gate Apartments, LLC. Subdivision Plan

Supervisor Sullivan made a motion to approve the Rusty Gate Apartments, LLC.

Subdivision Plan. 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 – aye

15. Zoning hearing Board Resignation – Richard Whitaker

Supervisor-elect Richard Whitaker submitted a letter of resignation from the Zoning Hearing Board effective immediately.

Supervisor Sullivan made a motion to accept the resignation. 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 – aye

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

CORRESPONDENCE SENT



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

AmServ Report

Manager's Report

Manager Arbaugh thanked Sharon Folmar, the Dubois Mall, and the Sandy Township Firefighters for the Mall-O-Ween event. It was a great effort on everybody's part. So I just want to thank everybody for that.

I also wanted to thank Senator Wayne Langerholc. He had a veteran's breakfast at the Clearfield VFW that I was able to attend. It was a great event. I got to talk with Senator Langerholc, Representative Armanini and Representative Kephart about some local issues that we're facing, and it was good to interface with those guys.

Recently a gentleman stopped me and asked if recycling is mandatory within Sandy Township. I explained it is a requirement for the Township to have a recycling program but not for everybody to physically recycle at their home.

So he asked if the Township gets any money if we recycle material. I did point out that the Township does get grant money depending on how many tons of recycled materials that we process each year. So yes, the more people recycling within the Township, the more grant money we get for other programs.

So we want to get the word out that we actually do get grant money based on the tonnage of materials that are recycled within Sandy Township. So it is beneficial to the community to recycle.

Recycling bins are available at the Township Building free of charge to residents.

Additionally, the Township is working on the Breck Road Bridge. That project is moving along well.

The Township did reach out to the County Conservation District about acid mine drainage cleanup in Sandy Lick Creek. The Township, DuBois City and the Conservation District will be meeting with Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation to discuss the project in the next few weeks.

The Township did receive two free controllers from Traffic Products because of the issues that we've been experiencing with our traffic lights. We do have two spares. We did provide the City of DuBois with one of those spares. So, we have one. We also have one that they're refurbishing for us for free. So we'll have two spares here and the City will have one. So if something goes wrong we'll be able to swap those out in a matter of hours. The ones we had problems with will still have to go through a testing period with PennDOT.

Supervisor Sullivan made a motion to receive and file the manager's report. Supervisor Abbott seconded the motion.

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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

Supervisor Abbott - We've had some false narratives and half-truths put out on the Internet, and I know the one I want to comment on here tonight centered around the accusation Sandy Township spent over \$1,000,000 for trash receptacles. I about, fell out of my chair. So I went to our budget. I couldn't find it. And Shawn, can you speak to that \$1,000,000, what could they possibly be talking about because I can't find it anywhere.

Manager Arbaugh - No, we didn't pay \$1,000,000 for trash carts. We call them trash carts in the industry. But we didn't pay anything for those. In fact, as part of our renewed contract with Waste Management in October of 2021 which is a five-year contract that runs through September of 2026, they offered us free carts if we wanted them, and we took advantage of that. So they gave us two size options. We let the residents choose if they wanted a 95 gallon or a 35 gallon one.

Manager Arbaugh went on to explain additional details from the Waste Management contract which included the free trash carts, a price freeze for the entire five years, two leaf pick up events, and one confidential shredding event each year.

OPEN MEETING TO THE FLOOR

Jenn Jackson asked the Board why it is not mandatory in the Township to recycle when it is in DuBois City.

Manager Arbaugh explained that the Township is required to have a recycling program but does not have an ordinance in place to require residents to recycle. Also, the Township does not have the manpower to enforce such an ordinance.

CLOSE MEETING TO THE FLOOR

PAYING OF BILLS

Checks written from October 17 – November 6, 2023

General Fund	\$	156,135.89
Payroll # 21	\$	105,672.98
Payroll # 22	\$	126,138.29
		<u>\$387,947.16</u>

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Supervisor Sullivan made a motion to Pay Bills for the General Fund in the amount of \$156,135.89, Payroll # 21 in the amount of \$ 105,672.98, and Payroll #22 in the amount of \$126,138.29 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.

ADJOURN

Supervisor Salandra made a motion to adjourn. 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.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Theresa Bracken
Secretary Treasurer

