

**Johnsonburg Borough
Regular Meeting
April 8, 2019
4:00 p.m.**

Call to Order

Silent Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

- Regular Meeting March 11, 2019

Guests & Public Comment on Agenda Items

- Joe Dagher
- Matt Queensbury

Reports

- Mayor
- Junior Council Person
- Police Department
- Fire Department
- Street Department
- Council Committees
- Finance/Bills for Payment
- Borough Solicitor
- Engineer & Code Enforcement
- Municipal Authority
- Recreation Board

Old Business

New Business

1. Scout request
2. East Ave. request
3. Center St. fencing quote
4. County Liquid Fuels grant

Executive Session

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Adjourn



JOHN CLOPP
 Chief of Police

JACK FOWLER
 Mayor

100 Main Street
 Johnsonburg, PA 15845
 (814) 965-2816

I have the honor to report to the Johnsonburg Borough Council the duties performed by the Johnsonburg Police Department for the month of March, 2019.

Calls for Service	197	Parking Violations	1
Signal Calls	71	House Watches	1
Telephone Calls	48	Vehicle Lockouts	3
Investigations	72	Light outage	0
Hearings	7	B.O.L.O	10
Traffic Accidents	1	Asst. Fire/Ambulance	2
Written Warnings	6	Asst. other Police Dept.	7

Receipts:

Fines	\$ 1,039.76
Reports	\$ 30.00
Tickets	\$ 80.00

Total \$ 1,149.76

Special Information:

- Pride Program at elementary school students on 3/11.
- Spoke with members of St. John's Church about active shooter preparedness and response on 03/18.
- Complaints of people throwing trash and rubbish in paper recycling container.

Offenses:	Number	Arrest	Handled Otherwise
Drugs	2	2	0
Assaults	1	0	1
Burglary	1	0	1
Thefts	2	1	1
Criminal Mischief	0	0	0
D.U.I.	1	1	0
Disorderly Conduct	2	2	0
Mental Health	2	0	2
Sex Offenses	0	0	0
Family and Children	4	2	2
All Other Offenses	12	1 (12 MV Arrests)	11
Totals	27	21	18

Respectfully submitted



Johnsonburg Fire Department

Fire - Rescue

99 Clarion Road

Johnsonburg, PA 15845

Phone 814-965-4276 Fax 814-965-4276

FIRE REPORT FOR MARCH 2019

03/04/2019 MUTUAL AID ELK COMPANY 1

1 HR 10 MINS

03/13/2019 426 WATER ST APT A3 ACTIVATED SMOKE ALARM

09 MINS

CALLS JBG BORO 1

CALLS RIDG TWP 0

CALLS MUTUAL AID 1

TOTAL CALLS FOR MARCH 2019 2 CALLS

NO INJURIES REPORTED FOR MARCH 2019

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

ROBERT DICKEY

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Dickey".

JOHNSONBURG FIRE DEPT
FIRE CHIEF

Borough Street Crew Report
April 2019

The borough crew reports working on the following projects:

1. Marked PA One calls
2. Held dumpster day
3. Patched west end area of town
4. Swept Rolfe area of town
5. Swept west end area of town
6. Swept the avenues
7. Put tie rod on 2012 F350
8. Took curbing out of playground
9. Started sweeping Clarion Heights area of town

Treasurer's Report
Cash Balances
March 31, 2019

General Fund	\$ 61,017.85
Street Light Fund	\$ 5,600.82
Library Fund	\$ 830.47
Retirement Fund	\$105,861.17
Highway Aid Fund	\$ 86,727.94
Borough Equipment Fund	\$ 54,536.56
Fire Services Fund	\$108,422.59
Community Center Fund	\$ 51,199.02
Payroll Fund	\$ 301.91
Per Capita	\$ 7,639.79
2001 Debt Service	\$ 88,364.31
Community Improvement Fund	\$141,758.30

Bills:

General Fund - *4214.06*

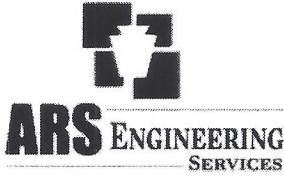
Borough Equipment Fund - *2253.54*

Community Center Fund - *3897.13*

Community Improvement Fund - *1464.95*

Highway Aid Fund - *631.20*

We received \$354.02 from Statewide Tax Collection for delinquent occupation taxes.



Engineer's Report – April 9, 2019 Johnsonburg Borough Council Meeting

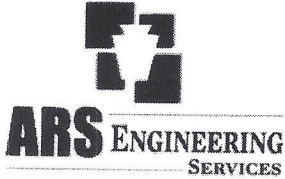
The following summary of work performed over the last month, as well as an update on current project status, is provided herein for your review:

Harrison Avenue Realignment Project

- We were recently informed the Commonwealth Financing Authority has approved full funding of our Multi-Modal Grant Request in the amount of \$656,000. We are currently in the process of trying to determine when the funding may be available and what additional work can be advanced in the interim. We will begin finalizing the design and getting the project ready for bid; additional updates will be provided as we get a better understanding of what the timeline might be.

Engineering Services

- The JCC Playground Project began on April 2, 2019 with LandServ, Inc. out of Boalsburg as the prime contractor. Existing play equipment to be retired and/or relocated has been removed and the site has been leveled. A new fence will be installed along the Market Street sidewalk the week of April 9th and trenching will be completed for additional lighting. Underdrains will be installed below all new mulched areas, a new combination concrete handicap accessible parking space/dumpster pad will be constructed and the multi-use court will be resurfaced. A fence will also be installed around the basketball court. The project is being funded by two Elk County CDBG grants under the direction of the Johnsonburg Community Trust. Work will continue as weather permits and the playground will be closed until further notice. The contractors have installed an orange safety fence around the site for the safety of the general public.
- We have reviewed the bids received at the March Council Meeting for the JCC Pool Ceiling. All estimates are greater than the current funding which has been identified as possibly being available. Unfortunately at this time we have not been able to identify any additional immediate funding options.
- We took part in a site visit with the Elk County Commissioners, Domtar Mill Manager and Elk County Planning Department officials at the Community Building on March 21, 2019. The meeting was intended to showcase the extensive renovations that have recently been completed, as well as provide a firsthand account of the current issues with the pool ceiling.
- We are currently working to finalize the Market Street Sidewalk project, this includes prioritizing which portions of the existing sidewalk are most desperately in need of repair and how much of the sidewalk can be replaced. The Borough has been awarded \$131,000 in Elk County CDBG grants to complete the project. In addition to the sidewalks, seven (7) existing curb cuts will be restored and a new handicap accessible curb cut will be provided for the Library.



- We received an estimate from the fencing contractor working on the JCC Playground Project to construct a fence along the front of the property located at 448 Center Street which the Borough razed last summer with slum and blight assistance from the County's CDBG funds. The fence would be approximately 30'-0" in length and would match the style being installed at the JCC playground and other areas throughout the Market Street District by the Community Trust. A copy of the estimate has been included in your packets along with a cut sheet for the fence type.
- We met with Russ Braun, the Borough's Sewage Enforcement Officer, on March 11, 2019 to review the complaint filed by Mr. Bradley Morgan against the property located at 310 Terra Cotta Road (Mr. Scott Gelsick). It has been determined the discharge is not raw sewage and a report has been filed with Russ's findings. A copy of the report has been forwarded to DEP officials for their reference and file. We've continued to maintain correspondence with Mr. Gelsick's lawyer and have been informed he will be completing his connection to the public sewer system in the near future.

Code Enforcement

- We sent out summary notifications to several property owners throughout the Borough concerning issues with trash/rubbish in yards, to date some have been addressed and cleaned up. Those that have not will be receiving official violation notices in the near future.
- We recently met with the new Code Enforcement Officer for Ridgway Borough and have discussed several issues that are common between our two municipalities. Ridgway Borough is in the process of looking into other options which may provide greater leverage on violators to get issues resolved quicker than running through the Courts. We've also discussed a meeting with local code officials in neighboring municipalities to compare notes and share ideas.
- Local residents and property owners are reminded the proper procedure for filing code related complaints is to contact the Borough Office. Those complaints will be forwarded to the Code Enforcement Officer who will then perform an inspection and determine if further action is required.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Ryan Miller, PE

JOHNSONBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Chairman Eric Poague, followed by Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

ROLL CALL – In attendance were Eric Poague, James Reinsburrow, Charles DeStephano, Richard Zeigler, Dennis Asti, Kenneth Polaski, Richard Brown, Lisa Sorg, Doug Haupright, Kerri Shaffer, Travis Long and Josh Gunnett. Earl Park absent.

VISITORS COMMENTS - None

VISITORS- Al Maletto, Joyce Maletto (Johnsonburg Press Reporter), and Brian Stockman (Ridgway Record).

MANAGER'S REPORT- Recent changes to the Chapter 109 Safe Drinking Water (SDW) regulations have been made and the Municipal Authority has till August 2019 to be in compliance with the changes. Workforce Solutions for North Central PA, Inc was awarded funding from PA Department of Labor and Industry. The money is to go towards the 2019 State/Local Internship Program (PASLIP) in six counties, Elk County is one of them. The six counties that are eligible for this program have experienced a significant population loss of 6% in the past 18 years and are projected to lose another 30,000 in the next ten years. The goal of this program is to expose our youth to the many opportunities in our area that will encourage them to stay or return after post-secondary education. The Final NPDES Permit for Silver Creek Water Treatment Plant has been received and there are additional reports to be filled out in addition to the existing report. According to the USDA regulation 1780.36(c)(5) ..." Applicants must provide a positive program to encourage connection by all users as soon as service is available. The program will be available for review and concurrence by the processing office before loan closing or commencement of construction, whichever occurs first. Such program shall include: (i) An aggressive information program to be carried out during the construction period. The applicant should send written notification to all signed users in advance of the date service will be available, state the date users will be expected to have their connections completed, and the date the user charges will begin. (ii) Positive steps to assure that installation services will be available. These may be provided by the contractor installing the system, local plumbing companies, or local contractors; (iii) Aggressive action to see that all signed users can finance their connections." A lease for land with David W. Wolf and Theresa Cherry has expired and needs renewed on Powers Avenue. Waste Transportation Safety Program Authorization renewal application is due by the end of March 2019. PADEP will be back in March to train the Authority on the new changes with the Giardia and Virus Log Inactivation Calculation. Equipment will be needed to be purchased to get in compliance with this new regulation and a new report will be needed. 2018 NPDES Biosolids Annual Report is Due in February and is currently in progress. 2019 PA Rural Water Association Annual Conference March 26-29 at the Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center in State College, PA. Chapter 94 Report is due March 31, 2019. This report is in the process of being completed. Water Allocation Report is due March 31, 2019. This report is in the process of being completed. The Authority will be reapplying for ACT 13 Grant this month for security at the garage and WTPs. In the process of getting quotes renewed for this project. PADEP form 26R is due soon and is in progress along with the PADEP Biennial Report. PADEP was here and trained Jake and I in the Method 334 regulations. This method essentially adds on 24 more reports to be filled out and kept track of for compliance. With the Recent Water Treatment Plant shutdown, spare parts have been recommended, for the PLC, to try and avoid a similar situation from happening again. The total cost for the parts is \$5,226.00. Elco also recommended that the UPS at Silver Creek should be updated due to age of the existing UPS battery. This would cost \$577.00 for just the part (does not include shipping or labor to install). Travis Long suggested asking for a variance for the new updates until the new plant is in place. He suggests having a man at the plants twenty-four hours a day, which would be cheaper than the updates to the plants that will be eventually not in use. James Reinsburrow questioned how many certified operators the Authority has and if we could have them running the plants twenty-four hours a day if that is the only option. Eric Poague requested Mrs. Sorg, Mr. Long, and Solicitor Brown

ENGINEER'S REPORT- JHA has completed the consolidation plan and is hand delivering hard copies to solicitor for signature and recording required by Elk County Planning. JHA is waiting on the Authority to review their interim line of credit and determine if the credit line is still active and usable for the preliminary work associated with the proposed PennVest project if not the Authority needs to secure a line of credit for the Pennvest project. A minimum of \$250,000 for a line of credit is recommended. PADEP is scheduled to visit the Water Treatment Plants in March to conduct training on contact time calculations and JHA would like to attend this visit to ensure PADEP remains consistent with regard to demands and computation factors as per last month report reflecting computation methodology and factors. The Authority received the NPDES Permit for the Silver Creek Water Plant. JHA was only provided with a copy of the permit approval pages, which did not include the sampling frequencies, limits and special conditions. The Wastewater Treatment Plant NPDES Permit renewal is pending.

PROJECT ENGINEER'S REPORT- Permit Amendments submitted on NPDES and Chapter 105. Land Acquisition Deed has been signed and recorded. Zoning Hearing Board approved special exception. We have spoken with DEP and forwarded the Borough Consistency Letters and waiting on DEP permits. On 1/15/2019 Received Borough approval letters and on 1/15/2019 Borough requested separate building permits for the Plant Site and the Tank Site. USDA was on furlough – No preliminary comments on the Plant have been received. Remaining Easements are the Joan Park easement. Requisition #40 to USDA \$3,155.03. The DEP contacted the Planning Conservation and wants a new set of plans before issuing the Permits to the Authority.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT- None

FOREMAN'S REPORT – Charles DeStephano asked who takes the samples to the lab. Lisa Sorg stated whomever is available to run to DuBois takes the samples.

UNION COMMITTEE- Meets March 7, 2019

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING- The minutes of the January 15, 2019, regular meeting was approved as presented. Motion made by Dennis Asti and seconded by Rick Zeigler, motion carried unanimously. Earl Park absent.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT-

Revenue Fund- Water & Sewer	\$ 336,268.65
Municipal Savings Account- Water	\$ 670,358.14
Municipal Savings Account- Sewer	\$ 21,288.08
Insured Money Funds	\$ 63,392.84
Payroll Fund	\$ 10,459.15
Certificate of Deposit-Sewer- CNB	\$ 25,613.54
Hunt Water Sales-CNB-Savings	\$ 23,057.30
Line of Credit- Checking	\$ 26,450.01

Motion made by James Reinsburrow and seconded by Dennis Asti to accept the Treasurer's report for January 31, 2019, as presented and placed on file for audit, motion carried unanimously. Earl Park absent.

APPROVAL OF BILLS-

Revenue Fund- Water \$24,282.11

A motion was made by James Reinsburrow and seconded by Rick Zeigler, to approve the water bills. Motion carried unanimously. Earl Park absent.

Revenue Fund- Sewer

\$7518.21

A motion was made by Rick Zeigler and seconded by Ken Polaski to approve the sewer bills. Motion carried unanimously. Earl Park absent.

Water Project- CO & A

\$3155.03

A motion was made by Rick Zeigler and seconded by Ken Polaski to approve the water project-CO&A bills. Motion carried unanimously. Earl Park absent.

BUSINESS AFFAIRS

It is recommended to move forward with applying to the PASLIP. Motion made by James Reinsburrow and seconded by Rick Zeigler to move forward with applying to the PASLIP pending upon the Worker's Compensation rate will not raise over \$500.00. Motion carried unanimously. Earl Park absent.

It is recommended to renew the lease with David W. Wolf and Theresa Cherry. Motion made by Rick Zeigler and seconded by James Reinsburrow to renew the lease with David W. Wolf and Theresa Cherry. Motion carried unanimously. Earl Park absent.

It is recommended to approve the draft Financial Statement. Motion made by James Reinsburrow and seconded by Rick Zeigler to approve the draft Financial Statement. Motion carried unanimously. Earl Park absent.

It is recommended to approve purchasing the spare parts that are needed for Silver Creek Water Treatment Plant. Motion made by James Reinsburrow and seconded by Dennis Asti to approve purchasing the spare parts that are needed for Silver Creek Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$5,226.00. Motion carried unanimously. Earl Park absent.

It is recommended to approve the purchase of the updated UPS battery at the Silver Creek Water Treatment Plant. Motion made by Rick Zeigler and seconded by James Reinsburrow to approve the purchase of the updated UPS battery at the Silver Creek Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$577.00. Motion carried unanimously. Earl Park absent.

It is recommended to approve the ACT 13 Grant application. Motion made by James Reinsburrow and seconded by Rick Zeigler to approve the ACT 13 Grant application. Motion carried unanimously. Earl Park absent.

It is recommended to approve to send ____ employee(s), to the PRWA Conference, and to (offer/not offer) one room for _____ night (s) hotel accommodation. Motion made by James Reinsburrow and seconded by Rick Zeigler to approve to send two employees, to the PRWA Conference and to offer one room for up to three nights hotel accommodation. Motion carried unanimously. Earl Park absent.

Recommend the following course of action relative to obtaining necessary easements on the Park property: _____ . Motion made by Eric Poague and seconded by Chales DeStephano to the following course of action relative to obtaining necessary easements on the Park property: Authorize the Solicitor to offer Park \$400.00 or move forward with Eminent Domain. Motion carried unanimously. Earl Park absent.

It is recommended to give chairman permission to sign deed consolidating property for the new water plant. Motion made by James Reinsburrow and seconded by Rick Zeigler to give chairman permission to sign deed consolidating property for the new water plant. Motion carried unanimously. Earl Park Absent.

BOARD DISCUSSION- Charles DeStephano asked Ken Polaski why we didn't move forward with purchasing the truck from Ridgway Township. Mr. Polaski stated he felt the truck was too big and also had mechanical problems. Mr. DeStephano also questioned where the Authority stands on the insurance claim for the main water line break on Silver Creek Road. Mrs. Sorg stated we have yet to hear anything from the insurance company and Solicitor Brown will be sending a letter.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS- None

EXECUTIVE SESSION- Motion made by Rick Zeigler and seconded by Dennis Asti to enter executive session at 7:21 PM. Motion carried unanimously. Earl Park absent.

Motion made by James Reinsburrow and seconded by Rick Zeigler to exit executive session at 8:05 PM with personnel being discussed. Motion carried unanimously. Earl Park absent.

Motion made by Charles DeStephano and seconded by Dennis Asti to send a letter to the Borough Council requesting an increase in board member compensation. Motion carried unanimously. Earl Park absent.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING- A motion was made by Dennis Asti and seconded by Charles DeStephano to adjourn at 8:12 P.M. Motion carried unanimously. Earl Park absent.

Kenneth Polaski,
Secretary

McWaPEC COUNTIES BOROUGH ASSOCIATION
EMPORIUM BOROUGH
March 14, 2019

The March 14, 2019 meeting of the McWaPEC was hosted by Emporium Borough at the Emporium Vets Club. Representatives from Emporium, Coudersport, Lewis Run, Ridgway, Johnsonburg, Eldred, Kane and Youngsville Borough's were in attendance.

Bruno Carnovale began the evening with a prayer.

McWaPEC President Gary Schul led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A delicious buffet was served.

SPEAKERS

McWaPEC was honored to have as its first speaker, PSAB President Carl Cox, who spoke on the importance of being responsible for your actions, his upbringing at the Milton Hershey School and the importance of education. President Cox asked all Borough's to write a letter of support for legislation dealing with robo calls.

McWaPEC President Schul presented President Cox with an appreciation plaque made for McWaPEC by the Vo Tech School in Port Allegany.

Our next speaker was Tom Kronenwetter, DCED, Local Government Liaison who spoke on Governor Wolf's vision for Pennsylvania that will invest 4.5 million throughout the state with technology, development and infrastructure.

The final speaker was Ed Fosnaught, DCED Governor's Local Government Services who spoke on his role in helping Borough's with assistance in areas like accounting, theft prevention and early intervention.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was motioned and seconded to approve the minutes of September 27, 2018 as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

It was motioned and seconded to approve the Treasurer's report with a current balance of \$3,248.32. Motion unanimously carried.

Following the speakers, a round table discussion was held.

Gary Schul reported that Kane will be continuing their paving project.

Emporium Manager Don Reed thanked the Cameron County Commissioners and PSAB President Carl Cox for coming to this meeting.

Gary Schul mentioned that Don Reed is running for PSAB's 2nd Vice President this year and letter of support can be sent to Bill Rossey, c/o PSAB.

The next meeting will be held in Smethport on April 25, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned and door prizes were distributed.

Beverly Morris
McWaPEC Secretary

February 19, 2019

**Office of the Elk County Commissioners
Elk County, Ridgway, Pennsylvania**

The Elk County Commissions met in regular session on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 10:00am in Conference Room No. 2 of the Courthouse Annex. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were Chairperson Dan Freeburg, Commissioners Janis E. Kemmer and Matthew Quesenberry. Also present were Lee Neureiter, Chief Clerk, Samantha Beaver, Deputy Chief Clerk, Tracy Gerber, CDBG Coordinator, Ron Fannin, Maintenance, as well as Cheryl and Don Ruffner representing Elk County Riders.

Jan Kemmer made a motion to approve the Minutes of February 5, 2019 meeting seconded by Matt Quesenberry and carried unanimously.

Jan Kemmer made a motion to approve the agenda seconded by Matt Quesenberry carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION

Cheryl and Don Ruffner were present to give a presentation on the Elk County Riders to explain who they are and what they are doing.

Cheryl explained they are a 501(c) 3 non-profit corporation. Elk County Riders are committed to the support and enhancement of on and off road recreation in Elk County. They support connecting communities through trails and roads, not endorsing free ATV travel through each individual community. Elk County Riders hope is to have a trailhead to be a short distance into downtowns for economic growth of that community.

Essentially at this point, Elk County Riders are at a critical point where they need to get funding to conduct a feasibility study. They are applying for a grant through DCNR to conduct this feasibility study to pursue connecting ATV trails throughout Elk County.

Cheryl explained the Elk County Riders are currently looking to receive letters of support from various entities throughout the county. The due date for the letters is March 25, 2019.

Dan Freeburg told Cheryl and Don how organized the presentation was and how well they are portraying their points to the community. He said he felt pretty strongly that the Commissioners would be able to get a letter of support together for them.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Matt Quesenberry made a motion to award the winning bid for the annex building roof replacement in the amount of \$165,400.00 to TRS Roofing Inc. in Williamsburg, PA. Jan Kemmer seconded and motion carried unanimously.
2. Jan Kemmer made a motion to approve the appointment of Clythera Hornung and Teresa Guaglianone to the FRN Board. Matt Quesenberry seconded and carried unanimously.
3. Jan Kemmer made a motion to approve the renewal of the CYS Contract with Cornell Abraxas for 2018-2019. Matt Quesenberry seconded and carried unanimously.
4. Jan Kemmer made a motion to approve the renewal of the CYS Contract with George Junior Republic in Pennsylvania for 2018-2019. Matt Quesenberry seconded and carried unanimously.

5. Jan Kemmer made a motion to table the contract between North Central and County of Elk for maintenance and cleaning services for 1 year until the next Commissioners meeting in order to clarify specifications on the number of hours. Matt Quesenberry seconded and carried unanimously.
6. Matt Quesenberry made a motion to approve utilizing Act 13 monies, up to \$2,500.00 for Elk County Recycling's half to cover the cost of a new server and backup system. Jan Kemmer seconded and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS – February 4, 2019 → February 15, 2019

GENERAL FUND	\$271,450.25
PAYROLL	\$253,154.99
COE DRUG & ALCOHOL	\$299.11
CDBG-C	\$591.20
PHFA (PHARE GRANT)	\$3015.87
2016 CDBG	\$1,922.66
2015 CDBG	\$8,043.83
HAZMAT	\$500.49
E-911 WIRELESS FUND	\$34,481.91
NTRP	\$63,259.39

→ Jan Kemmer made a motion to approve the payment of the bills listed above seconded by Matt Quesenberry and carried unanimously.

COORESPONDENCE

1. Received notification from The EADS Group regarding Jay Township Water Authority's project for Replacement of Force Area Water Lines as well as E&S Control Plan and Public Water Supply Permit Application.
2. Received notification on February 7, 2019 from DCED that Elk County received a 2018 CDBG grant in the amount of \$307,760.00.

GOOD OF THE COUNTY

- ❖ Please continue to pray for our military personnel, our families and our children, their teachers, all elected officials and peace in the world.
- ❖ Dan Freeburg made comment that Petition signing began today for anyone running for office.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS

ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35am on a motion by Jan Kemmer seconded by Dan Freeburg and carried unanimously.

ATTEST: 
Chief Clerk

NEXT MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2019
10:00AM CONFERENCE ROOM NO. 2
COURTHOUSE ANNEX BUILDING

March 5, 2019

Office of the Elk County Commissioners
Elk County, Ridgway, Pennsylvania

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Dan Freeburg started the meeting by stating due to Matthew Quesenberry being out of town and Jan Kemmer currently sick there will be no quorum today; however, we will proceed with the presentation from the Farm Bureau.

PRESENTATION

Ernie Mattiuz from the Farm Bureau gave a presentation regarding the recent updates to many issues within PA and what the Farm Bureau is trying to accomplish. Some important information topics presented by Ernie as follows:

- This is the first time in decades there are no funding cuts for Agriculture.
- Some issues within Pennsylvania that are being discussed for action by PFB Legislative Committees are:
 - State agricultural appropriations for FY 2019-2020
 - Agritourism laws to give farmers certainty in risk of liability
 - Fairness and transparency in gas well operations and assessment of royalty deductions
 - Sunday Hunting
 - Changes to Vehicle Code for Agriculture
 - Tax credit program for sale or lease of farms to beginning farmers
 - Legislation to facilitate conversion and use of farm buildings for entertainment and social events
 - Rural broadband development

Lastly, Ernie reported the Summer Update will be held on August 16, 2019 at Chicken Hill Distillery.

COORESPONDENCE

1. Received notification from the DEP reporting they received receipt of the Elk County Monitoring Activity Progress Report (MAPR) regarding the County's FY 2017 CDBG Grant. There were no identified issues from this review.
2. Received notification from the DEP stating they received a request from Hunt Marcellus Operating Company, LLC to rescind their Water Management Plan for the Northwest District. Upon review the DEP approved the request to rescind it.

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QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS

ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40am on a motion by Dan Freeburg.

ATTEST: 
Chief Clerk

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Dan Freeburg started the meeting by stating due to Matthew Quesenberry being out of town and Jan Kemmer being unavailable due to a prior commitment therefore there is no quorum today.

INFORMATION

- Lance Andrews with Alfred Benesch and Company attended today's meeting. Lance stated he simply wanted to introduce himself to the commissioners. He said he is going around to various Counties trying to get his face and name recognized. He stated he works for the company in their Pittsburgh location and they conduct bridge inspections for Penn Dot across the state. He stated he believes Penn Dot does like to change up the inspection companies sometimes to get a different firm in there with a fresh set of eyes to make sure the bridge is up to code. He stated he wants to be a resource for the commissioners and the County. While there is not a current contract with Elk County, Lance said there could be in the future and he simply wanted everyone to know who he is and that he's available as a resource. He thanked Commissioner Freeburg for allowing him the time to briefly speak. Dan Freeburg thanked Lance for taking the time to come to the meeting and introduce himself.

COORESPONDENCE

- Received notification to inform of SWEPI LP's intent to submit an application for coverage under the Erosion and Sediment Control General Permit (ESCGP-3) for Earth Disturbance Associated with Oil & Gas Exploration, Production, Processing or Treatment Operations Facilities from the PA Department of Environmental Protection.

GOOD OF THE COUNTY

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QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS

ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 10:11am on a motion by Dan Freeburg.

ATTEST:


Chief Clerk

NEXT MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2019
10:00AM CONFERENCE ROOM NO. 2
COURTHOUSE ANNEX BUILDING