**Western Cumberland Council of Governments**

**Regular Monthly Meeting**

**Minutes of October 9, 2023**

**West Pennsboro Township Building**

Pat Sangialosi called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS’ COMMENTS

SPEAKERS

Mark VanOuse, Zito Media Broadband Grants Administrator graciously listened to concerns from Cooke, Dickinson, Lower Mifflin, North Newton, and Penn Townships. Townships are receiving complaints from their residents. One concern is the lack of customer support, and the customer support agents are rude at times. Another concern is internet outages without compensation on monthly bills. Lastly, residents were recently required to have smart tvs or to purchase Roku Sticks in order to watch cable channels. Mark assured the Townships that he would report all of the concerns to the appropriate people within Zito Media.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of September 11, 2023 were approved on a motion which Barrick/Myers carried.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

The September 30, 2023 bank balances were as follows: Checking $6,050.70 Savings $30,724.50 and Regional Code MMA $260,802.51. West Pennsboro Township earned $1,572.10 for UCC building permit administration in September, the WCCOG earned $393.03 in the same period. The Bill List of $16,568.02 was approved on a Myers/Fealtman motion which carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

COUNTY & STATE REPORTS

Jean Foschi mentioned that Cumberland County is updating its comprehensive plan. She encouraged everyone to complete the comprehensive plan survey on the County’s website. The deadline to complete the survey is October 31st. The County Planning Commission is seeking new members. The term would begin in January 2024. Jean feels it is important for the Planning Commission to have representatives from the western side of the County.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Matthew McKnight asked the WCCOG members if they were interested in adopting a resolution in support of the State updating the regulations that control the importing and application of Food Processing Residuals on local farmlands. The resolution would be sent to the Cumberland County Commissioners as well as all the local Senate and House Representatives. Larry Barrick made a motion to prepare a resolution for adoption in November, second by Wayne Myers the motion carried.

MUNICIPAL REPORTS

**Cooke Township** – Pat Sangialosi said that the Township road crew is finishing up the road side mowing. They also mowed at the park in preparation for the October Fest. They repaired a dip on Michaux Road. The 2024 budget meeting is scheduled for October 24th.

**Dickinson Township** – Larry Barrick mentioned the Township staff and board is in full budget mode. The road crew finished the Lindenwood Park project. The Township received grant monies to pave the trail at Lindenwood Park. They finished up the cul-de-sac construction and paving at the railroad crossing.

**Lower Frankford Township** – David Bachman mentioned that the Township road crew has been trimming at intersections to improve site distance. They have also been cleaning up downed trees after rainstorms.

**Lower Mifflin Township** – Jake Fealtman reported the Pipeline Road bridge project is complete. The road crew has been trimming trees and they finished up the roadside mowing. The Township is looking to purchase a dump truck to be utilized for plowing snow this winter.

**North Newton Township** – Mike Gutshall said that the Township held its fall bulk clean up on Saturday. The rain deterred some people from coming out. They located the septic tank on the old school house property, but they are assuming it will be unsuitable to use. The road crew has been trimming trees, mowing along the roads, and cleaning guide rails.

**Shippensburg Borough** – Kevin Plasterer said the Borough is working on the 2024 budget. The road crew will be very busy with leaf collection for the next six weeks.

**Shippensburg Township** – Steve Oldt mentioned a new hotel is planned on Route 174 beside The Holiday Inn. Rutters and the Cyberschool construction continues.

**West Pennsboro Township** – Wayne Myers reported the Township road crew has been working trimming trees. They have been working on the mowers. The concrete pads at each disc golf location at the park are complete.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Pat Sangialosi opened the 2023-2024 salt bids. Eastern Salt bid $84.50 per ton delivered for a total of $139,847.50. Compass Minerals stated they were unable to bid at this time but would like to receive future bid documents. Cargill Deicing bid $102.41 per ton delivered for a total of $169,488.55. Morton Salt bid $85.21 per ton delivered for a total of $141,022.55. Kevin Plasterer made a motion to award the 2023-2024 salt contract to Eastern Salt, second by Larry Barrick the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:13 p.m. on a Barrick/Myers motion which carried.

Respectfully submitted by Karen M Heishman, Administrator/Secretary/Treasurer.

October 9, 2023

WCCOG Attendance Record:

Mark VanOuse, Zito Media

Jean Foschi, Cumberland County Commissioner

Pat Sangialosi, Cooke Township

Larry Barrick, Dickinson Township

David Bachman, Lower Frankford Township

Jake Fealtman, Lower Mifflin Township

Mike Gutshall, North Newton Township

Kevin Plasterer, Shippensburg Borough

Steve Oldt, Shippensburg Township

Wayne Myers, West Pennsboro Township

Peter Conlow, MDIA

Mathew McKnight, WCCOG Solicitor

Karen M. Heishman, WCCOG Administrator