

**PORTAGE TOWNSHIP**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING, MARCH 4, 2020**  
**4109 Portage Street, Portage, PA**

*Chairman Elwood Selapack opened the meeting with a salute to the flag followed by a moment of silence.*

*Roll Call: Supervisor Kostan – present; Supervisor Selapack – present; Supervisor Shaffer – present; Solicitor Smith – present.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Wessel & Company representatives Stephanie Stohon and Meghan Freidhoff addressed the Board regarding the 2019 Audit performed for Portage Township in February of 2020. The audit was of the modified cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Portage Township. They continued to explain to the Board the Statement of Net Position pertaining to Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for year of 2019. Overall, the Township is again doing an outstanding job being conservative allowing for another year with a clean audit. The Supervisors thanked Ms. Stohon, Ms. Friedhoff and Wessel & Company for performing Portage Township's 2019 Audit.*

*Matt McCoy representing Portage Fire Company spoke with the Supervisors proposing setting up a workshop with the Supervisors and the Fire Company to discuss real estate tax breaks for the volunteers (tax credit enacted in 2017) and also to have a proactive approach with the solar farm project (emergency situations).*

*Bill Offman just questioned if we spoke with 911 regarding his address.*

*Matt Zunich asking if the Road Master's Report could be part of the Minutes.*

*Bob Lutz questioned the audit.*

*Kevin Giles spoke to the Board regarding George Avenue. He would like the Township to take this road over.*

*Doug Wagner representing the ATV club he is affiliated with, spoke to the Board regarding the legalization of some Township roads. He then asked for Tony Farrin to speak on behalf of the ATV organization too. Tony spoke regarding 14 township roads for them to use to help get from one trail to the next. One road that has been brought forth for immediate use is Bluebird Road. Supervisor Selapack then spoke regarding the Township's insurance company stating they will not cover the Township if they choose to allow ATV use on any Portage Township Roads.*

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*After much discussion regarding the use of Township Roads for ATV use, a motion was placed denying ATV use on any Portage Township Roads. MOTION made by Supervisor Selapack, seconded by Supervisor Shaffer. Roll call, all in favor. MOTION passed.*

*Approval of Meeting Minutes*

*MOTION made by Supervisor Selapack, seconded by Supervisor Shaffer to approve the February Meeting Minutes. Roll call, all in favor. MOTION passed.*

*Treasurer's Report*

*MOTION made by Supervisor Kostan, seconded by Supervisor Shaffer to approve the Treasurer's Report for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter (January) 2020. Roll call, all in favor. MOTION passed.*

*New Business*

*MOTION made to donate \$ 500.00 to Summerfest 2020, \$ 100.00 to the Rifle Boosters, and \$ 100.00 for the Easter Egg Hunt. Roll call, all in favor. MOTION passed.*

*MOTION made to approve a Variance request from Cambria Residential on Maple Street. Roll call, all in favor. MOTION passed.*

*MOTION made to approve subdivision for Crynock/Angel Coal Trust. Roll call, all in favor. MOTION passed.*

*Adjourned at 8:13 pm.*