

**MINUTES 12/21/2020 – 6:30 pm**

**MEETING WAS CONDUCTED VIA CONFERENCE CALL TO OBSERVE RECOMMENDED COVID-19 LIMITATIONS. MR. PORZI WAS PRESENT AT THE AOAA WELCOME CENTER TO ALLOW ANY PUBLIC WISHING TO PARTICIPATE TO JOIN IN THE CALL.**

- 1) **VICE Chairman:** Call to order. Time: 6:30 P.M.
- 2) **VICE Chairman:** Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) **VICE Chairman:** Moment of Silence
- 4) **Secretary:** Roll Call:

<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>
D. Crowl	M. Schwartz	J. Backes	P. Mack	B. Yorwarth

5) **Public Comment – Agenda Items Only:**

**VICE Chairman:** Is there any public comment on agenda items only? **NONE**

6) **Secretary’s Report / Minutes:**

**VICE Chairman:** I would ask for a Motion to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2020 meeting?

Motion: YORWARTH Second: SCHWARTZ  
On the question? NONE

Voice Vote

All in Favor? YES  
Any Opposed? NO

The Motion passes / fails PASSES

7) **Treasurer’s Report:**

**VICE Chairman:** I would ask for a Motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report and ratify the payment of the bills contained within. **TOTAL REVENUE \$111,679.52. TOTAL EXPENSES \$46,183.20. MAJOR EXPENSES FOR THE MONTH – INVOICES FOR THE AUDITS, REPAIRS TO VEHICLES, AND LEASE PAYMENT.**

Motion: CROWL Second: YORWARTH  
On the question? NONE

Roll Call Vote:

<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>
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The Motion passes / fails PASSES

8) **Correspondence:**

- Letter from Purdy Insurance
- Kort Forestry
- PAGC clearance letter for bootlegger trail – **PROJECT IS READY TO GO. WAITING ON CONTRACTOR TO SCHEDULE THE WORK.**

9) **Directors Report / Public Announcements:**

- BAMR project about 50% - **THIS IS AN APPROXIMATE AMOUNT. WE DO NOT HAVE OFFICIAL WORD FROM DEP ON THE AMOUNT OF PROGRESS.**
- Hunting season was successful – **NOT A LOT OF ISSUES. OVERALL THINGS WENT PRETTY GOOD. PAGC DID ARREST SOMEONE FOR ANOTHER MATTER, NOT RELATED TO HUNTING.**
- Vandalism on gates – **OUTLAW RIDERS DOING VARIOUS THINGS TO OPEN THE GATES.**
- Trespassing on trolley line – **DURING HUNTING SEASON THERE WERE RIDERS COMING ON THE PROPERTY. JOE TRIED TO TALK TO THESE FOLKS AS THEY ARE LOCAL, THEY WERE UNCOOPERATIVE. THESE FOLKS ARE PARKING TRAILERS AT THE BUS COMPANY YARD AND RIDING UP. THEY'VE BEEN CUTTING TREES AND BLAZING TRAILS FOR ACCESS.**
- Rail to Trail project will have a kickoff meeting late January or early February 2021
- Box Culvert project will have a kickoff meeting late January or early February 2021

10) **VICE Chairman:** I would like to thank the following for the donations to the project:  
**NONE**

11) **VICE Chairman:** I would like to ask for a motion to reimburse Northumberland County for the insurance coverage on the buildings at the AOAA trailhead not to exceed \$2,008.06

Motion:	<u>CROWL</u>	Second:	<u>YORWARTH</u>	
On the question?	<u>NONE</u>			
Roll Call Vote:				
<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>
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The Motion passes / fails PASSES.

- 12) **VICE Chairman:** I would like to ask for a motion to adopt Resolution #12212020-01 and advertise the same. The resolution is approval of the 2021 meeting dates, as follows  
 Work Sessions: 2/1/21, 4/5/21, 6/7/21, 8/2/21, 10/4/21, 12/6/21  
 Regular Meetings: 2/15/21, 3/15/21, 4/19/21, 5/17/21, 6/21/21, 7/19/21, 8/16/21, 9/20/21, 10/18/21, 11/15/21, 12/20/21, ANNUAL MEETING 1-18-2022

Motion:	<u>SCHWARTZ</u>	Second:	<u>YORWARTH</u>	
On the question?	<u>NONE</u>			
Roll Call Vote:				
<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>
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The Motion passes / fails PASSES.

- 13) **VICE Chairman:** I would like to ask for a motion to approve the 2021 pass rates. The 2021 rates will be the same as the rates from 2020.

Motion:	<u>YORWARTH</u>	Second:	<u>CROWL</u>	
On the question?	<u>NONE</u>			
Roll Call Vote:				
<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>
D. Crowl	M. Schwartz	J. Backes	P. Mack	B. Yorwarth

The Motion passes / fails PASSES.

- 14) **VICE Chairman:** I would like to ask for a motion to approve the **ADVERTISEMENT AND** sale of a 1986 Chevrolet pickup truck **VIA ADVERTISEMENT FOR SUBMISSION OF SEALED BIDS TO THE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS. THE DIRECTOR CAN THEN ACCEPT THE HIGHEST BID PRICE FROM THE SEALED SUBMISSIONS.**

Motion:	<u>CROWL</u>	Second:	<u>SCHWARTZ</u>	
On the question?	<u>THIS VEHICLE WAS PURCHASED WITH AOAA FUNDS, NOT GRANT FUNDS. SOLICITOR GARRIGAN WILL WORK WITH DAVE PORZI TO PREPARE A SEALED BID AD.</u>			
Roll Call Vote:				
<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>
D. Crowl	M. Schwartz	J. Backes	P. Mack	B. Yorwarth

The Motion passes / fails PASSES.

15) **VICE Chairman:** I would like to ask for a motion to approve the **ADVERTISEMENT AND** sale of two 2016 Yamaha Wolverine r-spec SxS's. **VIA ADVERTISEMENT FOR SUBMISSION OF SEALED BIDS TO THE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS. THE DIRECTOR CAN THEN ACCEPT THE HIGHEST BID PRICE FROM THE SEALED SUBMISSIONS.**

Motion: SCHWARTZ Second: YORWARTH  
On the question? SAME AS ITEM #14 - THIS VEHICLE WAS PURCHASED WITH AOAA FUNDS, NOT GRANT FUNDS. SOLICITOR GARRIGAN WILL WORK WITH DAVE PORZI TO PREPARE A SEALED BID AD.

Roll Call Vote:

<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>
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The Motion passes / fails PASSES.

16) **VICE Chairman:** I would like to ask for a motion to approve the annual municipal donations in the following amounts -

- City of Shamokin \$5,000
- Mt Carmel Twp \$500.00
- Zerbe Twp \$10,000
- East & West Cameron Twp \$1,000 each
- Coal Twp \$20,000

Motion: CROWL Second: YORWARTH  
On the question? IT'S GREAT TO BE ABLE TO DO THIS, BUT ITS BECAUSE OF A STRONG TEAM AT THE AOAA THAT WE ARE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO GROW THESE DONATIONS YEAR AFTER YEAR.

Roll Call Vote:

<b>YES</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>
D. Crowl	M. Schwartz	J. Backes	P. Mack	B. Yorwarth

The Motion passes / fails PASSES.

17) **VICE Chairman:** I would like ask for a motion to renew a lease agreement with Girard Estate for 109 acres north of Burnside and west of the third patch in Coal Township. This is a yearly lease for \$896. **(RATIFICATION)**

Motion: CROWL Second: YORWARTH  
 On the question? **HAVE WE HEARD MUCH FURTHER FROM GIRARD ESTATE? WE RECEIVE THE BILL ANNUALLY AND PAY IT. HAVEN'T HEARD FROM THEIR REPRESENTATIVE IN SOME TIME BUT THAT'S NOT UNCOMMON.**

Roll Call Vote:	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>
D. Crowl	M. Schwartz	J. Backes	P. Mack	B. Yorwarth	

The Motion passes / fails PASSES.

18) **VICE Chairman:** I would like to ask for a motion to renew our lease agreement with Blaschak Coal Corp for 246.71 acres north of Burnside in Coal Township. This is a yearly lease which stipulates we will reimburse Blaschak Coal Corp the amount of their property taxes. Additionally, the AOAA will display Blaschak Coal Corp on our web site and a sign at the welcome center. The amount of the 2020 payment is \$2,443.61

Motion: CROWL Second: YORWARTH  
 On the question? **WE APPRECIATE THE GREAT RELATIONSHIP WE HAVE BUILT WITH THE BLASCHAK TEAM. WE'VE HAD SOME GREAT CALLS AND EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE WITH THEM AND LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO WORK TOGETHER.**

Roll Call Vote:	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>
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The Motion passes / fails PASSES.

19) **VICE Chairman:** I would like to ask for a motion renew our lease agreement with Tri-City Development 83.32 acres located in Coal Township in the amount of \$416.60. Tri-City has requested that in lieu of a lease payment the AOAA donate it to charity. The payment will be donated to the association at Shamokin School District to help children in need.

Motion: YORWARTH Second: SCHWARTZ  
 On the question?

Roll Call Vote:	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>
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The Motion passes / fails PASSES.

20) **VICE Chairman:** I would like to ask for a motion renew our lease agreement with the Shamokin Cemetery for 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$1,000

Motion:	<u>YORWARTH</u>	Second:	<u>SCHWARTZ</u>	
On the question?	<u>NONE</u>			
Roll Call Vote:				
<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>
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The Motion passes / fails PASSES.

21) **VICE Chairman:** Is there any old business?

**MR. YORWARTH HAS BEEN WORKING WITH CHAIRMAN BACKES ON SEVERAL POTENTIAL LAND ACQUISITIONS. HOPEFULLY THEY WILL HAVE SOMETHING TO BRING TO THE BOARD IN A FEW MONTHS.**

**MR. PORZI CONTINUES TO DIALOGUE WITH FOLKS ABOUT POTENTIAL LOCATIONS TO DRILL A WELL AT THE TRAILHEAD.**

22) **VICE Chairman:** Is there any new business?

**THE CORRESPONDENCE WITH KORT FORESTRY INDICATES SOME OTHER POTENTIAL PARCELS TO ASSIST IN THE ACCESS FOR REMOVING TIMBER THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE. MEMBERS WILL CONTINUE TO REVIEW.**

23) **VICE Chairman:** Is there any public comment on items other than those on the agenda?

**NONE**

24) **VICE Chairman:** Is there a need for an executive session? **NONE**

25) **VICE Chairman:** Is there a Motion to Adjourn?

Motion: YORWARTH

**Meeting adjournment time: 7:03 P.M.**