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**Minutes of the Meeting of
June 4, 2019
Board Room, Executive Plaza
Pine Street, Williamsport**

Commissioner McKernan – Attending the funeral of Father John K. Manno
Commissioner Mussare - Present
Commissioner Mirabito – Present

Solicitor Wiley- Present

1.0 OPERATIONS

1.1 CONVENE COMMISSIONERS MEETING. The meeting was convened at 10:02 a.m. A moment of silence on behalf of Rev. Father John Manno.

2.0 ACTION ITEMS

2.1 APPROVE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CASH REQUIREMENT REPORT: A motion by Mr. Mirabito and seconded by Mr. Mussare and passed (2-0), approved through June 12, 2019, for payment on June 5, 2019 in the amount of \$462,937.48.

2.2 APPROVE CHELSEA BLAIR AS THE DESIGNATED AGENT FOR LYCOMING COUNTY FOR THE HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM (HMGP). A motion by Mr. Mirabito and seconded by Mr. Mussare and passed (2-0), approved

6.0 COMMISSIONER COMMENT. The floor was opened to commissioner comment and none were received:

Mr. Mussare – Read an article stating that in a recent audit by the PA Attorney General there was a \$72 million dollar surplus due to gas royalties. The money was underreported. These agencies are making tremendous monies off of the gas industry and there is no reason, when municipalities are begging for money to address their watersheds, that these monies are not going to municipalities for their watersheds. A little would go a long way. Something needs to be done and I am looking into addressing on a State level, the actual use of these funds.

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Mr. Mirabito – Scott Miller has brought it to our attention about the Supreme Court Ruling and that the State is not in compliance with the use of the DCNR royalties. We need to the State Legislators to implement the changes.

It was discussed that it is worth investigating to bring the money back to the watersheds.

Mr. Mussare attended and important EMS Council meeting with EMS, First Responders, Fire Chiefs , every stakeholder was there and he will share more about the meeting. The meeting was promising.

Mr. Mirabito – The EMS system is collapsing and we need to quickly provide financial support to bolster the fire companies with safeguards in place.

There was discussion in regards to the ACT13 money to reimburse the fire companies. Every one is aware of the lack of trust, and crisis at hand with the diminishing numbers of volunteers. There was some hope that the stakeholders are moving in a positive direction with more details to come.

7.0 PUBLIC COMMENT. The floor was opened to public comment and none was received:

John Shireman- Jersey Shore – Requested that the Commissioners broadcast the public meetings so that more people would be able to see the meetings.

Mr. Mirabito – stated he has been a longtime proponent of having the meetings livestreamed to promote transparency and the difficulty for most people to attend 10 a.m meetings. We had a meeting and was decided that the Commissioners will proceed with livestreaming.

Karl Demi – Information Services will likely do the livestreaming within house. Discussion pursued and the pros and cons were discussed.

Mr. Mussare – expressed concern that the broadcast would be used for political grandstanding.

It was unanimous that if the public wants it we will have the meetings broadcasted. Other municipalities have been able to successfully livestream their public meetings.

8.0 NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING. Mr. McKernan announced the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Thursday, June 6, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the Executive Plaza, 330 Pine Street, 1st Floor Commissioners’ Briefing Room.

9.0 ADJOURN COMMISSIONERS’ MEETING. The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 a.m.