

Minutes of the Wyoming County Democratic Committee meeting
Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2021, at 7, via Webex, Tunkhannock

1. Call to order, pledge of allegiance to the flag.
2. Roll Call of Members: Jeff Zimmerman, Nadia Villanueva, Sandy Goodwin, Cynthia Stevens, Vicki Prekel, Abe Kukuchka, Lynn Manheim, Officers: Sharon Neumane, Treasurer, Michael Stabinsky, Vice Chair, Laura A. Dickson, Chair, David Martin, Secretary, Phillip Shebby, Patrick Mahoney, Molly Mahoney, Jean Harris, Nadia Villanueva, Howard Fisher, Barbara Reel, Karl Bestedder, Pat Carbone, Michael Klees, Caroline Ries, Janet and Bill Shaw
Present: Laura, David Mike K, Jean, Sharon, Jean, Bill, Janet, Pat, Karl, Barb, Howard, Mick
Excused: Vicki, Cynthia, Pat
Guests: Ernie, Kenneth Brocius, Nancy, Jaclyn
3. Approval of previous Meeting Minutes –
 - a. Motion to approve made by Sharon
 - b. Seconded by Karl
 - c. # in favor: All # Opposed: none
4. Acceptance of Treasurer's Report – Sharon Neumane
 - a. Old Balance \$ 7733
 - b. New Balance: \$6223
 - c. Motion to accept made by Barb
 - d. Seconded by Janet
 - e. # in favor: All # Opposed:
- 5 Report from Ernie King, Commissioners update: Ernie continues to work on county office cyber security and with the IT department. He's worked with the County Housing and Redevelopment Authority and has taken steps regarding the \$700,000 dept that has existed for 12 years. Ernie worked with the Authority to turn the project over to Trehab, and they got a \$3 million dollar contract for Nickolson housing that will remove the debt and provide senior housing similar to the facility on Cracker Jack road in Mehoopany. Farm Bureau has created a website for selling of Wyoming County Farm goods, and a State Wide Website does exist for farm goods. He is also working on a wastewater issue with a Tunkhannock Borough. He recently attended the Republican dinner, and enjoys surprising the guests with his presence. He continues to work with Habitat and there are a couple of their units in foreclosure and they are trying to get them occupied again. The county had a day of tax appeals and as a result he wishes we could change our tax system, because there are aspects that are out of control. They are using a drone to pick up properties that have not been recorded in the system. This is because the municipal authorities do not follow up on building permits. There's a task force working on other uses of Tyler hospital. A mental hospital is needed as an alternative for arrest. The N Tier Regional committee is interested in such a facility. The Carpenter's are interested in starting an apprenticeship program here, and it could incorporate former prisoners. Carpenters Union has said they will be involved with not violent offenders. They are looking at the approval requirements for a company trying to install two rail spurs for a big sand plant at rt 92 and the bypass. There's little to do to prevent such facilities without a zoning ordinance.
6. Old business: Support for candidates, signage distribution, etc. Nancy has signs in her barn.
7. New business: Laura will contact Caroline regarding her continued participation in the committee as she pursues her college studies. Committee members are asked to try to spend some time at their precincts on Tuesday, election day. All committee positions are up for election in the spring. The Democratic Women's Society holiday gathering will be in Dec. at the Fireplace restaurant.
8. Adjournment, next meeting date Tuesday, November 23, 2021, at 7.