

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
MAY 26, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman James Roma called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Washington Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:00 p.m., at the Washington Township Municipal Building. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Roma announced Executive Session was held this evening concerning litigation and real estate issues.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Supervisors, James Roma; Ernest Gehman, David Moyer, Township Manager, Richard Sichler; Solicitor, Daniel Becker, Esquire; John Weber representing LTL & Assoc., Stuart Rosenthal & Brian Brochon, Gilmore & Assoc., Staff member, Susan Brown and approximately twenty-six (26) residents in attendance.

Absent:

TAPING OF MEETING

The meeting was recorded as an aid in the preparation of the minutes. It was noted no one other than township staff was taping the meeting this evening.

SPECIAL REQUESTS

Boyertown Soccer Club requested to be on the agenda, however there was no one present this evening. This will need to be rescheduled.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Curtis Rader, spoke about quarry issues.

Sara Grove, expressed concerns regarding the Lenape Mobile Home Park. Mr. Becker has assured Ms. Grove that the township is still working to correct the issues by working with the District Justice. Mr. Becker also stated if the residents believe there is illegal activity at this property the residents need to contact the State Police.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 28, 2016

Supervisor Moyer asked for a correction to the April minutes on page 4, motion concerning the pay increase for the seasonal employee. A motion was made by David Moyer, seconded by Ernest Gehman authorizing the \$1.00 per hour pay increase for the seasonal employee retroactive to April 1, 2016. **No comments received.**

David Moyer – aye

Ernest Gehman – aye

James Roma – opposed

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Ernest Gehman to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2016 meeting as amended.

No public comment received.

All ayes

TOWNSHIP REPORTS

A motion was made by James Roma and seconded by David Moyer to approve the payment of all bills for the General Fund, Highway Aid Fund, Recreation Fund, Street Light Fund, Traffic Impact Fund, Sewer Fund and Building Escrow Funds up to and inclusive of May 26, 2016, and to file the treasurer's report for audit. **No public comment received.**

All ayes

TAX COLLECTOR

Tax Collectors Report for the month of April 2016:

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| Real Estate Tax | \$458,308.83 |
| Interim Tax | \$ 153.90 |
| Light Tax | \$ 2,400.02 |
| Hydrant Tax | \$ 2,117.35 |
| Per Capita Tax | \$ 165.00 |
| Total | \$463,145.10 |

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

A copy of the EBFD Report is enclosed.

ZONING/SEO REPORT

Reports are enclosed.

SEWER ENGINEER'S REPORT

A copy of the Sewer Engineer's Report is enclosed.

A copy of the Miller Environmental Report is enclosed.

Three proposals were received for the Operation and Maintenance Contract Services for the Treatment Plant and Pump Stations from Miller Environmental, EEMA O & M Services and M & B Environmental. Interviews will be scheduled in the near future.

The I/I Study has been completed in the Swamp Creek Pump Station service area. There are six (6) laterals in need of repairs. Mr. Brochon will work with the Township Manager to notify residents of the needed repairs. There was a defect in a manhole at two locations which have been repaired. After all repairs have been completed it is recommended, as part of the corrective action plan, the township enter into the twelve (12) month monitoring period of the pump station.

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

Mr. Weber reported the first lot has been sold in the Franola Subdivision, construction has begun on the house and inspection of the stormwater management facilities has been completed. The construction is ongoing.

Construction has begun on Bally Springs Phase II and the first permit has been issued for the model home at the top of Docwill Drive.

The berm on Kulp's Road has been reinstalled by Mr. Toub, after inspection, it was noted there is some minor clean-up at the one end of the berm however the berm is functional. Mr. Toub indicated the berm never went to his property line.

Everything was submitted back to PADOT on the traffic light and they have come back with a few minor comments on some of the deeds. It's the Engineers recommendation to bid the traffic light late this year so it's ready to go early next year.

SOLICITOR

SUPERVISORS UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SUPERVISORS NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by James Roma authorizing the Township Manager to use on line auctions for the sale of surplus equipment. **No comments received.**

All ayes

The Supervisors requested a letter of thank you be sent to Martin Stone Quarry for the donation of 115 tons of stone for the completion of the parking lot at Washington Park.

A request was received from PADOT to utilize Dairy Lane as part of Old Route 100 detour for a short duration during a project in October 2016. The Township Manager will contact PADOT to inquire as to if they would be so inclined to repair the headwall at Dairy Lane. A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Ernest Gehman allowing PADOT to utilize Dairy Lane for the detour route. **No comments received.**

All ayes

A motion was made by David Moyer, seconded by James Roma allowing the Berks County Tax Collection Committee to use third party vendors to assist in the collection of EIT taxes. **No comments received.**

All ayes

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by James Roma allowing the creation of a resolution appointing Richard Sichler as a delegate to the Berks County Tax Collection Committee. **No comments received.**

All ayes

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Ernest Gehman accepting the application for 34 Wilt Road owned by Alan Jerome Silberman to be placed into the Agricultural Security area and to begin the process. **No comments received.**

All ayes

A motion was made by Ernest Gehman, seconded by David Moyer authorizing the participation to seek BCCPC bids for 250 tons of salt to be provided with no obligation to purchase. **No comments received.**

All ayes

A motion was made by Ernest Gehman and seconded by David Moyer authorizing the renewal of the Field Use Agreement with the Boyertown Soccer Club subjected to the investigation by the Township Manager all the expenses involved and to be built into the agreement not to exceed \$900. **No comments received.**

All ayes

A motion was made by James Roma and seconded by David Moyer authorizing the Township Manager to seek construction ideas for the roof replacement for the Public Works building. **No comments received.**

All ayes

A motion was made by Ernest Gehman and seconded by David Moyer authorizing the Consulting Agreement with Berks County for the renewal of the Hereford/Washington Township Joint Comprehensive Plan. **No comments received.**

All ayes

A motion was made by David Moyer, seconded by Ernest Gehman authorizing the release of \$79,495 subject to the developer paying all outstanding escrow fees. **No comments received.**

All ayes

A motion was made by Ernest Gehman and seconded by David Moyer authorizing the waiver request to Maple Springs Vineyard for the submission of an annexation plan for Aston Plan 2466-MSVCA from the SALDO review process for the annexation of two properties. **No comments received.**

All ayes

Supervisor Moyer stated they are pursuing a possible night light at Route 100 and Stauffer Road.

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded Ernest Gehman authorizing the Township Manager to work on getting estimates for contracting the road repair work for the road work identified in Hoffman Estates, Back Country Road, Hillcrest Road, Robin Hill Road and Cubbler Court. **No comments received.**

All ayes

A motion was made by James Roma, seconded by David Moyer authorizing the solenoid repair not to exceed \$1,600 if the mower is not running by June 15th to rent a mower for the roadside mowing. **No comments received.**

All ayes

A motion was made by James Roma and seconded by David Moyer authorizing the Township Manager and the Roadmaster to contact the Borough of Bechtelsville regarding the repairs on Limekiln Road and to repair the area already disturbed by Washington Township. **No comments received.**

All ayes

SUBDIVISION EXTENSIONS

None

SUBDIVISIONS/PLANNING

COMMUNICATIONS

- Copy of the ARB Delinquent Account Report
- Copy of Board & Committee vacancies

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Thursday, June 23, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ernest Gehman and seconded by David Moyer to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. **No public comment received.**

All ayes

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Sichler
Township Manager/Secretary