

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
JULY 28, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

Vice - Chairman David Moyer 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.

Vice-Chairman Moyer announced an Executive Session was held earlier this evening, July 28, 2016, regarding personnel and litigation issues.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Supervisors, Ernest Gehman, David Moyer, Township Manager, Richard Sichler; Solicitor, Daniel Becker, Esquire; John Wetzell representing LTL Consultants, Brian Brochon, Gilmore & Assoc., Staff member, Susan Brown and approximately sixteen (16) residents in attendance.

Absent: James Roma

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

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- **Curtis Rader** – Quarry Issues. The Supervisors had no comment to Mr. Rader's statement.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 23, 2016

A motion was made by Ernest Gehman and seconded by David Moyer to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2016 meeting as prepared.

No public comment received.

All ayes

TOWNSHIP REPORTS

A motion was made by Ernest Gehman 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 July 28, 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 July 2016:

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| Real Estate Tax | \$32,830.65 |
| Interim Tax | \$ 683.70 |
| Light Tax | \$ 36.00 |
| Hydrant Tax | \$ 25.58 |
| Per Capita Tax | \$ 253.00 |
| Amusement Tax | <u>\$ 3,390.80</u> |
| Total | \$37,219.73 |

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.

- It was reported the Comminutor was installed last week and moving toward contract completion on this project.
- Two (2) lateral repairs have been completed of the five (5) identified during the I/I investigation.
- A semi-annual progress report has been submitted to DEP in accordance with the Corrective Action Plan

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

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

- The bids are out for the road reconstruction project
- Verbal approval has been obtained from PADOT for the Barto Road/Route 100 traffic signal

Public Comment

Connie Cordova, asked if the township does any inspections at the entrance to Spring Valley Village. It was explained this area is currently a construction entrance. If this is part of the subdivision plan and there is something they are required to do, which is a township improvement, then it will be inspected by the appropriate inspectors.

SOLICITOR

SUPERVISORS UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Barto Road traffic signal update – notification was received from the State of PA that the township did not receive the Multi Model Transportation Fund Grant. There are some documents that need to be put in place to get an actual approval.

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Ernest Gehman authorizing the Solicitor to move forward with the necessary documentation and also address outstanding title issues to obtain a final approval for the traffic signal and for LTL to prepare bid specifications. **No comments received.**

All ayes

- Anthony's Mill Road bridge update – this project is still scheduled for this year
- A motion was made by Ernest Gehman and seconded by David Moyer approving Resolution 2016-12, to insure compliance with PA Act 205 pertaining to the solicitation of professional services contracts. **No comments received.**

All ayes

- A motion was made by Ernest Gehman, seconded by David Moyer awarding the contract for operation of wastewater treatment plant, collection system and water system, to EEMA O M Services, Inc. **No comments received.**

All ayes

- 2016 Township road projects – Two bids were received for the 2016 Bituminous Seal Coat Project. A motion was made by Ernest Gehman and seconded by David Moyer awarding the bid to AMS for option C in the amount of \$47,095.20
- Kubota roadside mower – repairs have been made and the mower is working fine

SUPERVISORS NEW BUSINESS

- A motion was made by Ernest Gehman and seconded by David Moyer appointing Richard Sichler to the Berks County Earned Income Tax Collection Bureau Executive Committee as a municipal representative for the Boyertown School District. **No comments received.**

All ayes

- Berks County asked if the township would like to join the Uniform Construction Code Countywide Appeals Board to eliminate the need of a Township Appeals Board. **No action taken.**
- A motion was made by Ernest Gehman and seconded by David Moyer accepting a Repository Bid of \$500 for a mobile home located at 454 Lenape Road. **No comments received.**

All ayes

- A motion was made by Ernest Gehman, seconded by David Moyer to replace the failed Niantic Road traffic sensor loop with a video system in the amount of \$3,653. **No comments received.**

All ayes

SUBDIVISION EXTENSIONS

None

SUBDIVISIONS/PLANNING

None

COMMUNICATIONS

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next WTMA (water) meeting will be held on Thursday, October 27, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

The next board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Thursday, August 26, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Ernest Gehman extend the Berks County permit for the removal of Anthony's Mill Road bridge through the end of 2016.

No comments received.

All ayes

Public Comment

Resident questioned the status of the solar light for the intersection of Stauffer Road and Route 100. The Township Manager explained he spoke with a PADOT representative who was unfamiliar with this type of lighting but would check into it and get back to him prior to the next meeting.

Resident also asked what the results of the forensic audit were. It was explained the audit will not get underway until September.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Moyer announced an executive session was held earlier this evening pertaining to personnel matters and litigation.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ernest Gehman and seconded by David Moyer to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. **No public comment received.**

All ayes

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Sichler
Township Manager/Secretary