

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 25, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman James Roma called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Washington Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:06 p.m., at the Washington Township Municipal Building. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Roma announced an Executive Session was held earlier this evening, August 25, 2016, regarding real estate and potential litigation.

Chairman James Roma announced the regular meeting will be recessed at 7:07 p.m. Chairman Roma called the Public Hearing to order at 7:07 p.m. An application was received from Mr. Allen Jerome Silberman, 34 Wilt Road, requesting his property to be placed into the Agricultural Security Area. Mr. Becker reviewed the exhibits and postings to include:

- 1) Agricultural Security Application
- 2) Resolution acknowledging receipt of the Application
- 3) Notice of Proposal
- 4) Notice of Publication
- 5) Affidavit of Publication
- 6) Affidavit of Posting
- 7) Letter of Conveyance
- 8) Berks County Planning Commission Review Letter
- 9) Notice of Public Hearing
- 10) Proof of Publication for Notice of Public Hearing
- 11) Affidavit of Mailing
- 12) Affidavit of Posting of the Notice
- 13) Affidavit of Posting
- 14) Proposed Resolution

**Public Comment:**

Mr. Wynne asked what an Ag Security Area is? Mr. Becker explained it's an area created that allows for agricultural activity to occur and provides additional protection to people who are conducting agricultural activities in that area.

This concludes the Public Hearing portion of the meeting at 7:15 p.m. and the regular meeting will now reconvene.

**ROLL CALL**

The following members were present: Supervisors, Ernest Gehman, David Moyer, James Roma, Township Manager, Richard Sichler; Solicitor, Daniel Becker, Esquire; John Weber representing LTL Consultants, Stuart Rosenthal, Gilmore & Assoc., Staff member, Susan Brown and approximately nineteen (19) residents in attendance.

**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**

- **LeRoy Renson** – Property maintenance issues with the neighboring property. Supervisor Gehman will talk to the neighbor about keeping his property maintained. The Supervisors also instructed Mr. Renson to fill out a complaint form.
- **Curtis Rader** – Quarry Issues.
- **Peg Stuart** – Questioned if there was a reason given why the township did not receive the grant for the traffic light. Mr. Sichler explained there was a lot of competition for the grant and only 30% of all the applicants were funded. The projects that received the grants were cooperative projects and in more urbanized areas of the state.
- **Shawn Skoog** – Deer Run Road property. Mr. Skoog questioned why a hearing scheduled for a property owner on Deer Run Road was cancelled. It was explained that much of the junk on the property has been removed but the township will continue to monitor the property for compliance.

Chairman Roma stated Washington Township would like to extend condolences to the Longacre family upon the passing of Mr. Newton Longacre.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 28, 2016**

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

**No public comment received.**

**All ayes**

**TOWNSHIP REPORTS**

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Ernest Gehman 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 August 25, 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:

Real Estate Tax	\$ 3,461.85
Interim Tax	\$ 151.82
Hydrant Tax	\$ 32.30
Per Capita Tax	\$ 4,132.90

Amusement Tax	<u>\$ 4,699.10</u>
Total	\$12,477.97

**FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT**

A copy of the EBFD Report is enclosed. A request was received from the EBFD asking for a letter from the township approving the route and the use of those roads for a parade on September 24, 2016. A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Ernest Gehman approving the use of roads as outline in the EBFD letter dated August 23, 2016 and authorizing the Township Manager to draft a letter of approval. **No comments received.**

**All ayes**

**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.

- The Comminutor has been installed and is operating properly. A motion was made by Ernest Gehman and seconded by David Moyer authorizing payment #1 to Eastern Environmental in the amount of \$50,274. **No comments received.**

**All ayes**

- Gilmore is seeking authorization to proceed with a grant application to DCED. This is under a new small water sewer grant program with a 15% match required. A motion was made by Ernest Gehman, seconded by David Moyer authorizing the Engineer to proceed with the grant application. **No comments received.**

**All ayes**

- The Semi-annual report was submitted to DEP to report on the progress with respect to the Corrective Action Plan. The bulk of the repairs have been made and it is the recommendation of the Engineer that the Township start the 12-month evaluation period for Swamp Creek Pump Station. A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Ernest Gehman authorizing the Engineer to proceed with notifying DEP to start the 12-month evaluation of Swamp Creek Pump Station operation. **No comments received.**

**All ayes**

- Mr. Rosenthal reported the impeller is underperforming on Pump 2 which was replaced in April. The Vendor is recommending re-examination of the pump to determine if the correct volute is installed. After some discussion it was decided the Township Manager would get pricing on the necessary equipment to pull the pump.

**Public Comment:**

John Christman, questioned if there is planning for replacement of worn parts. Mr. Sichler explained budgeting is done for routine repairs and there is also money for capital expenses. Mr. Christman suggested a long range plan should be considered.

**TOWNSHIP ENGINEER**

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

Bally Springs Phase II escrow release #3 was requested in the amount of \$102,621.70. A motion was made by Ernest Gehman and seconded by David Moyer authorizing escrow release #3 in the amount of \$102,621.70. **No comments received.**

**All ayes**

Engineer Weber also stated the curb will be going in today and they are scheduled to pave the roads the week of September 6<sup>th</sup>.

**SOLICITOR**

**SUPERVISORS UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by James Roma accepting the property located at 34 Wilt Road into the Agricultural Security Area. **No comments received.**

**All ayes**

- A motion was made by Ernest Gehman and seconded by David Moyer approving the Pension Ordinance 2016-3. **No comments received.**

**All ayes**

- Barto Road traffic signal update – Mr. Becker indicated there are a number of documents that need to be approved with respect to the traffic signal. There are seven documents for approval and execution:

Three temporary construction easements

Partial release of easement

Deed of easement

Deed Fee Simple

Resolution authorizing the Deed Fee Simple & Partial release easement

A motion was made by Ernest Gehman and seconded by David Moyer approving the documents as outlined. **No comments received.**

**All ayes**

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by James Roma authorizing the Township Officials to execute any other documents that may become necessary to achieve the final PADOT approval. **No comments received.**

**All ayes**

- Anthony's Mill Road bridge update – there is no update at this time.
- 2016 Township road projects – AMS Notice to Proceed has been issued on the seal coat project.

A motion was made by Ernest Gehman and seconded by David Moyer awarding the Road Reconstruction Project for Robin Hill and Hillcrest Road to H & K Group in the amount of \$182,185.00. **No comments received.**

**All ayes**

- Public Works building roof has been evaluated and suggested to apply coating with an estimated cost of \$750 in materials with the Public Works Department applying the material. It was suggested both roofs be completed. A motion was made by David Moyer, seconded by Ernest Gehman to repair the flat roof on the Public Works building. **No comments received.**
  - **All ayes**

### **SUPERVISORS NEW BUSINESS**

- Web site update – it was suggested to further research. A motion was made by James Roma and seconded by David Moyer authorizing the Township Manager and staff to research new web site providers. **No comments received.**
  - **All ayes**
- Supervisor Moyer stated the roadside mower is in need of new front tires. A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Ernest Gehman authorizing the purchase of two new tires for the roadside mower. **No comments received.**

**All ayes**
- Supervisor Moyer also questioned the maintenance of the sewer easements. A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by James Roma authorizing the rental of the necessary equipment to clear the easement areas. **No comments received.**
  - **All ayes**

### **Public Comment:**

**Laura Pagotto** thanked the Roadcrew for relining the crosswalk on Stauffer Road at Spring Valley Village.

### **SUBDIVISION EXTENSIONS**

None

### **SUBDIVISIONS/PLANNING**

None

### **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, September 22, 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 8:42 p.m. **No public comment received.**

**All ayes**

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Sichler  
Township Manager/Secretary