

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
APRIL 28, 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 Sessions were held on April 28, 2016 for personnel matters, real estate and potential litigation.

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-one (21) 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

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Bill Leyden questioned if the camera at the Washington Park has resulted in anyone being caught vandalizing the park. It was stated since the camera was installed it has deterred people from vandalizing the area. Mr. Leyden also asked if permanent no parking signs could be put up along Victoria Drive due to parking on both sides of the street during soccer games. The Soccer Club has been asked to spread out the games during tournaments.
- Curtis Rader, spoke about Quarry issues.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 24, 2016

A motion was made by Ernest Gehman and seconded by David Moyer to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2016 meeting as amended.

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 April 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 March 2016:

Real Estate Tax	\$93,913.95
Interim Tax	\$ 5.67
Light Tax	\$ 290.08
Hydrant Tax	\$ 728.25
Amusement Tax	\$ 19.60
Per Capita Tax	\$ 42.00
Total	\$94,999.55

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.

- The Chapter 94 Report was submitted to DEP at the end of March.
- A Pre-proposal meeting was conducted for potential O & M Contractors. The RFP for O & M Contractors has been issued and proposals should be received in mid-May.
- I/I work was conducted in the Swamp Creek drainage area. Significant leaks have been identified in three manholes and five laterals. Reevaluation next week of four laterals and four additional laterals that need a second look.
- The Comminutor will be available sooner than expected. The Contractor is looking at installation in May.
- The Weinsteiger pump #2 impeller has been replaced, testing has been completed and the output has improved but still seeing some output differences between the two pumps. Will continue to work with the vendor to troubleshoot this pump.

Public Comment:

Laura Pagotto, asked how many hours per day someone physically is at the sewer plant? It was explained it varies day to day but typically two to four hours. Ms. Pagotto also asked if there is a five-year plan for replacement of old equipment? Mr. Rosenthal explained a number of components have been identified for replacement part of which hinges on the implementation of the Act 537 Plan. These upgrades will modernize the treatment plant and pump stations however this has not been done in a formal five-year plan.

John Wynne, stated he understands there is a “hit list” but there needs to be costing out of the hit list and decisions made by the Supervisors as to when this gets funded. Mr. Rosenthal explained the capital budget is done on a yearly basis and fund what is needed. Mr. Wynne stated to take off the table the concern that has been expressed by the Board of Supervisors that they need to have a surplus of funds on hand for emergencies. Mr. Wynne asked how is that worry removed without addressing the things on the hit list? Mr. Wynne asked how much would it be to accelerate the funding of the hit list and get it all done? Mr. Rosenthal indicated that a reserve of funds needs to be maintained at all times whether the system is new or not and the reserve being maintained is not that significant. Mr. Rosenthal stated the system continues to operate and operate well. Supervisor Moyer stated there is preventative maintenance that is being done to the system and it would take a lot of money to complete everything at one time. Mr. Wynne asked for a list of items and the cost for each so they can better understand the needs. Supervisor Moyer stated they would need a few months to put something together.

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Ernest Gehman authorizing the extension of Miller Environmental as the Sewer Plant Operator for three (3) months. **No comments received.**

All ayes

Public Comment:

Curtis Rader stated Mr. Rosenthal sitting up there has a direct conflict of interest.

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Ernest Gehman authorizing the Township Manager to advertise for sewer plant employees. **No comments received.**

All ayes

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

- Mr. Weber has been working with the Solicitor on the final agreements and easement agreements for Bally Springs Phase II. The Letter of Credit has been delivered to the Township and the Developer has the Plans for recording. The construction has begun on Phase II and will be on site as work continues.
- Clover Hill Subdivision Developer recently received a letter from DEP regarding the NPDES Permit review and there were a number of items that need to be addressed.
- Mr. Weber met with Mr. Toub from Kulps Road to address the water concerns of the neighbor Mrs. Raitzky. Mr. Toub has agreed to restore the berm sometime between May 5th and May 11th.
- The traffic signal is in a holding pattern due to the grant applications. There is still hope for one of the grants.

Public Comment:

John Christman expressed concerns about the intersection at Route 100 and Stauffer Road. Mr. Christman asked if there is a plan to address the safety issues at this intersection? Mr. Weber stated there are no specific plans but this intersection has been looked at in the past. Mr. Weber also explained this is a PADOT roadway and would

need to be approved by PADOT. There was discussion about solar lighting at the intersection to help residents see where to turn. The Township Manager will contact the State Police regarding the speeding on Route 100 and will check into the solar lighting.

A motion was made by Ernest Gehman and seconded by David Moyer authorizing the reconfirming of the temporary construction easement for the traffic light at Barto Road. **No comments received.**

All ayes

SOLICITOR

SUPERVISORS UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SUPERVISORS NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Ernest Gehman and seconded by David Moyer authorizing a \$1.00 per hour pay increase for the temporary seasonal employee retroactive to April 1, 2016. **No comments received.**

David Moyer – aye
Ernest Gehman – aye
James Roma - opposed

A motion was made by James Roma and seconded by Ernest Gehman authorizing a contribution of \$250 from the recreation fund to provide the food for the annual 5K Friends for Life Relay event on June 4, 2016. Supervisor Moyer stated the request for funds should be made at budget time so it can be properly budgeted.

James Roma – aye
Ernest Gehman – aye
David Moyer - opposed

Supervisor Gehman and Supervisor Moyer are considering selling two parcels of township open space, one located at Cubbler Court and the other located at Hoffman Estates. Mr. Moyer spoke with neighboring property owners who stated they would be in favor of the township selling the properties. Mr. Moyer stated he would want the money from the sale of the properties to only be used for the purchase of other open space. Mr. Becker stated the township can only sell to the high bidder. There is a process the township must go through to sell the properties.

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Ernest Gehman authorizing the Township Engineer and the Solicitor to review of the Plans, Plan Notes and the Deeds to see if there are any restrictions. **No comments received.**

Ernest Gehman – aye
David Moyer – aye
James Roma - opposed

The Township Manager will touch base with the Funding Committee for the DCNR Multi Modal traffic light grant.

SUBDIVISION EXTENSIONS

None

SUBDIVISIONS/PLANNING

COMMUNICATIONS

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual spring clean-up will be held Saturday, May 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Red Barn Recycling Center.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Ernest Gehman to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m. **No public comment received.**

All ayes

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Sichler
Township Manager/Secretary