

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson 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.

It was announced Executive Sessions were held on January 18th and January 28, 2016 regarding personnel and potential litigation.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Supervisors, James Roma; David Moyer, Ernest Gehman, Solicitor, Daniel Becker, Esquire; John Weber representing LTL Consultants, Stuart Rosenthal, Gilmore & Assoc., staff member Susan Brown and approximately seventeen (17) 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 REQUEST

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident Curtis Rader spoke about quarry issues.
Resident Bill Leyden spoke about snow removal.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 17, 2015 AND THE REORGANIZATION OF JANUARY 4, 2016

A motion was made by Ernest Gehman and seconded by David Moyer to approve the minutes for the December 17, 2015 and the Reorganization of January 4, 2016.

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 January 28, 2016, and to file the treasurer's report for audit. **No public comments received.**

All ayes

TAX COLLECTOR

Tax Collectors Report for the month of December 2015:

Real Estate	\$ 7,734.50
Interim Tax	\$ 6.24
Hydrant Tax	\$.48
Light Tax	\$ 17.60
Per Capita	<u>\$ 1,258.70</u>
Total	\$ 9,017.52

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

A copy of the Eastern Berks Fire Department Report is in the binders.

ZONING/SEO REPORT

Reports are in the binders

SEWER ENGINEER'S REPORT

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

A copy of the Miller Environmental Report is enclosed.

The manhole project in the easement area at Padre Pio is complete with the exception of one which was dropped and the contractor is waiting for the replacement casting.

The Corrective Action Plan with respect to the organic overload has been satisfied and a letter dated December 14 2015 has been issued by DEP which relieved the Township of any further responsibility.

The Hydraulic Corrective Action Plan which addresses Swamp Creek and Weinsteiniger Pump Stations has been submitted to DEP and an agreement has been reached and the Township will be proceeding with I/I work in order to reduce the flows.

The renewal of our Docket (DRBC Permit) is in draft form and will be up for approval at the February DRBC meeting.

The annual Chapter 94 Report is underway and will be submitted prior to the March 31, 2016 deadline.

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

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

The Planning Commission meeting for February was canceled. Engineer Weber has been working with the Solicitor on preparing the Improvements and Financial Security Agreements for Bally Springs Phase II however the Developer has not provided a Letter of Credit so this project remains on hold until that is received.

The stake out work has been completed for the Hillcrest Road turn around.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

The Sergeant's made the sewer connection prior to the scheduled DJ hearing therefore the hearing was terminated.

SUPERVISORS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Roma thanked the Public Works Dept. for the great job removing the snow and to the office staff for reporting to work.

A motion was made by Ernest Gehman and seconded by David Moyer accepting the resignation of Christopher Bashore from the position of Township Manager effective January 19, 2016. **No comments received.**

All ayes

Public Comment:

Curtis Rader questioned why Mr. Bashore resigned his position. Mr. Roma stated Mr. Bashore had a better opportunity.

A motion was made by Ernest Gehman and seconded by David Moyer to issue a notice to Miller Environmental with the intent not to automatically renew the Agreement for Operations and Maintenance of the Washington Township Sanitary Sewer Facilities. **No comments received.**

All ayes

A motion was made by David Moyer. Mr. Moyer stated he would like to see the operation of the sewer system come in-house. Mr. Moyer stated he feels we would have more control and receive better service. Motion seconded by Ernest Gehman authorizing Gilmore & Associates to issue a Request for Proposal for sewer operator services. **No comments received.**

All ayes

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by James Roma to award the 2016 Sanitary Sewer Cleaning and Televising project to Pipe Data View Services based on their proposal dated January 26, 2016. **No comments received.**

All ayes

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Ernest Gehman awarding the Comminutor Replacement to Eastern Environmental Contractors, Inc. based on their bid of \$52,920. **No comments received.**

All ayes

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Ernest Gehman approving the application for Township Road Occupancy Permit for work to occur for the full length of

the right of way at Stauffer Road and Eagles Watch Drive South subject to the Roadmaster and Engineers review. **No comments received.**

All ayes

A motion was made by Ernest Gehman to appoint Frank Gehringer to the Planning Commission. A motion was made by David Moyer to appoint Duane Clemmer for Planning Commission. Chairman Roma seconded the motion to appoint Frank Gehringer to Planning Commission. **No comments received.**

All ayes

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Ernest Gehman appointing Jimmy Treichler to the Board of Auditors. **No comments received.**

All ayes

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Ernest Gehman approving the Asphalt Maintenance Solutions (AMS) proposal to apply Polymer Modified Fog Sealer on Apple Street. **No comments received.**

All ayes

A motion was made by Ernest Gehman and seconded by David Moyer authorizing the necessary repairs to truck #2. **No comments received.**

All ayes

A motion was made by Ernest Gehman and seconded by David Moyer adopting Resolution 2016-17 adopting the BWB Emergency Management Agency Emergency Operations Plan. **No comments received.**

All ayes

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by James Roma to adopt Resolution 2016-18 adopting the Declaration of Disaster Emergency for the snow storm of January 22 thru January 24, 2016. **No comments received.**

All ayes

A motion was made by James Roma and seconded by David Moyer accepting the 2015 Per Capita Tax Exonerations as submitted by the Tax Collector. **No comments received.**

All ayes

SUBDIVISION EXTENSION

None

SUBDIVISIONS/PLANNING

COMMUNICATIONS

Copy of the ARB Delinquent Account Report is enclosed.
Copy of the Board & Committee vacancies list is enclosed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Thursday, February 25, 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 approximately 7:45 p.m. **No public comment received.**

All ayes

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Brown
Administrative Assistant