

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
MARCH 23, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson James Roma called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Washington Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:05 p.m., at the Washington Township Municipal Building. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Roma announced an Executive Session was held this evening at 6:00 p.m. with respect to litigation.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Supervisors, James Roma; David Moyer, Ernest Gehman, Solicitor, Daniel Becker, Esquire; John Weber representing LTL Consultants, Brian Brochon, Gilmore & Assoc., staff member Susan Brown and approximately twenty-three (23) 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

Curtis Rader, spoke about quarry issues.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Christman, 5 Magpie Court, congratulated the Board for considering John Wynne for the Board of Auditor position.

Mr. Christman also expressed his concerns regarding the State proposed \$25.00 fee to each resident for State Police coverage. Mr. Christman stated perhaps it is time for the Supervisors to consider a stand-alone police force or joining with a neighboring police force for coverage.

Romney Long, Anthony's Mill Road, commented she also has done some research on police coverage and having a stand-alone police force would cost approximately \$150 per resident and feels the proposed \$25.00 is a bargain.

Jim Daulerio, 17 Wren Drive, stated there is a property located at 18 Stauffer Road where there is use of a semi-automatic firearm. Mr. Becker indicated it is very difficult to regulate the discharge of firearms but did state the township could look into the matter

to see if there is any risk of danger being created. LTL Consultants will look into the matter.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 23, 2017 AND SPECIAL MEETING OF MARCH 7, 2017

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Ernest Gehman to approve the minutes for the meeting of February 23, 2017 and the minutes of the special meeting held on March 7, 2017.

No comments 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 March 23, 2017, and to file the treasurer's report for audit. **No comments received.**

All ayes

TAX COLLECTOR

Tax Collectors Report for the month of February 2017:

Interim Tax	\$170.35
Per Capita Tax	<u>\$ 10.00</u>
Total	\$180.35

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

It was noted at last month's meeting the properties at 11 Ehst Road and 978 Route 100 were discussed. There were three citations filed with the District Justice for each property for a total of six citations. LTL is waiting to receive notification of the hearing.

SEWER ENGINEER'S REPORT

A copy of the Sewer Engineer's Report is enclosed

A copy of the EEMA O & M Report is enclosed

Mr. Brochon reported the I/I investigation will begin the week of April 10th, notices will be sent out to residents living in the area.

The 2016 Chapter 94 Wasteload Management Report has been completed and will be submitted next week to DEP.

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

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

Mr. Weber reported currently there are two Plans that have been submitted to the Township Planning Commission; Bally Springs Phase III, to be reviewed at the April meeting and Brooke/Fronheiser, to be reviewed at the May meeting.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None

SUPERVISORS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Barto Road Traffic Signal** – There were five bids received on the project, Landis C. Deck \$799,608.00, Marino Corp. \$781,289.40, Schlouch Inc. \$733,974.65, Barwis Construction \$656,940.00, and the apparent low bid by Grace Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$654,363.94. Chairman Roma indicated the township cannot use funds from other areas of the budget and must be specifically fund the project from Liquid Fuels, General Fund or Traffic Impact Fees. The Township Manager verified the funds are available to cover the cost of the light. After lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Ernest Gehman and seconded by David Moyer to award the traffic light bid of \$654,363.94 to Grace Industries, Inc. conditioned upon the submission of all required contract documents and effective upon issuance of the permit. **No comments received.**

All ayes

Supervisor Moyer stated there is some work to be done on Barto Road such as the turn at the township building and the intersection of Barto Road and Old Route 100.

Public Comment:

Connie Cordova asked what the status is of the solar light at Stauffer Road. Mr. Sichler stated he did speak with PADOT and the only permitting required for a light would depend on where the light would be placed. Mr. Moyer felt there is no money available for this light based upon the added funds needed to cover the cost of the traffic light, to which Mr. Roma agreed. The Township Manager will investigate further and put a plan in place for future purchase and installation of the light.

- **Boyertown Soccer Club – JK Memorial Field** – *this is ongoing*
- **2017 Seasonal Requirements bid results** – A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by James Roma awarding the low bid to Penn Petroleum, Inc. T/A William R. Gift with a gasoline bid of \$1.56 per gallon for unleaded gasoline, \$1.63 per gallon for diesel fuel and \$1.62 per gallon for fuel oil. **No comments received.**

All ayes

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Ernest Gehman to reject all bids for aggregate and Bituminous Materials. **No comments received.**

All ayes

- **Public Works and Treatment Plant roof project bid results** – A motion was made by James Roma and seconded by Ernest Gehman awarding the low bid to Weaver Companies, Inc. DBA Weaver Roofing and Exteriors for a bid price of \$98,798.00 with a 30-year warranty, conditioned upon the submission of all required contract documents. **No comments received.**

All ayes

- **H & K Bechtelsville Asphalt Plant Beneficial Use of Residential Waste Permit Application** – there were no comments
- **Plow truck specifications** – A motion was made by Ernest Gehman and seconded by David Moyer authorizing the purchase of the Berman Freightliner truck with body and equipment as outlined in quote for the purchase price of \$172,023. **No comments received.**

All ayes

- **Spring Valley Village, Swamp Creek lift station update** – *still in negotiations*

NEW BUSINESS

- **Stormwater Management Waiver Request** – after some discussion it was decided a waiver request is not needed. The property owner will work with LTL Consultants to meet the ordinance requirements.
- **EPA request – Crosley Farms Superfund site** – requested the township to flag a particular parcel of land located within the township that if this land is ever developed that the potential developer be directed to speak with the EPA first since this is located within a superfund site.
- **Seasonal Employee** – A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by James Roma authorizing the Township Manager to advertise for one seasonal employee for grass cutting for summer of 2017. Supervisor Gehman asked what the pay rate is for this position and it was stated \$13.00 per hour. **No comments received.**

All ayes

- **Texas Eastern Pipeline** – Mr. Sichler stated he received an email from Texas Eastern stating they are applying for a Driveway Permit for Dale Road, which is a state road and need a letter from the township stating the township is aware they are apply for an HOP from the state.
- **Meadowbrook Pump Station** – Mr. Sichler stated Wells Fargo Bank will be reimbursing the township for all the expenses associated with the necessary repairs completed at the pump station.
- **Board of Auditors Vacant Position** – The Township has received two applications for the vacant Board of Auditors position. One from Mr. John Wynne and one from Mr. Scott Herbst. A motion was made by Ernest Gehman and seconded by David Moyer appointing Mr. John Wynne to the vacant Board of Auditors position. **No comments received.**

Ernest Gehman – aye

David Moyer – aye

James Roma – opposed

- **Annual Road Inspection** – the annual road inspection will be Friday, April 28th at 8:00 a.m.

Chairman Roma thanked the Public Works Department for their efforts during the recent snow storm.

SUBDIVISION/PLANNING

None

SUBDIVISION EXTENSION

None

COMMUNICATIONS

- Copy of the ARB Delinquent Account Report is enclosed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next WTMA (water) meeting will be held on Thursday, April 27, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

The next board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Thursday, April 27, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Called for Executive Session at 8:45 p.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:55 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Ernest Gehman to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:56 p.m. **No public comment received.**

All ayes

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Sichler
Manager/Secretary