

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson James Roma called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Washington Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:04 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 sixteen (16) 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

John Christman, inquired about the surveys that were sent out to residents in December. It was explained to Mr. Christman this was done as a result of the Joint Comprehensive Plan update. The township is still receiving survey responses through March and the information will be compiled and the results will be made public.

Curtis Rader spoke about Martins Quarry small particles.

Charles Rhodes expressed concerns about Euros located along Route 100. This property currently has 33 vehicles parked around the building as well as 5 additional vehicles parked on the property across the street at 11 Ehst Road. A notice of violation has been issued by LTL Consultants and they are beyond their time to comply. LTL has been instructed to proceed with enforcement.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 26, 2017

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Ernest Gehman to approve the minutes for the January 26, 2017 meeting.

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 February 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 January 2017:

Interim Tax	\$271.75
Per Capita Tax	\$ 40.40
Amusement Tax	<u>\$283.22</u>
Total	\$595.37

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 Sewer Engineer's Report is enclosed

A copy of the EEMA O & M Report is enclosed

Mr. Brochon reported five quotes were received for the annual televising of the sewer lines with the lowest bid from Pipe Data View Services in the amount of \$10,100. A motion was made by Ernest Gehman and seconded by David Moyer awarding the sewer televising project for 2017 to Pipe Data View Services as proposed in Gilmore & Assoc. memo dated 2/17/17. **No comments received.**

All ayes

Mr. Roma reminded Mr. Brochon that letters need to go out to residents prior to commencing the televising.

Public Comment:

Mr. Starnes asked what the capacity is at the treatment plant and how much is currently being used. Mr. Brochon stated the rated capacity is 250,000 gpd and currently it is averaging about 60% capacity.

Mr. Heffner had questions regarding a pump which was pulled at the Weinstein Pump Station. Mr. Heffner questioned if the township has ever thought about purchasing a hoist to save money. Mr. Moyer explained there are some things in the works.

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

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

Bally Springs Phase III Plan will be submitted to the Planning Commission for review at their April meeting. This phase consists of forty single family homes.

Mr. Weber indicated he has been working on the roof replacements for the maintenance garage and the waste water control building. Those projects will be advertised on Sunday and bid opening is scheduled for March 20, 2017. Recommendations will be made at the March meeting.

The traffic signal was advertised this past Sunday and will again be advertised this coming Sunday and again those bids will be opened on March 20th with recommendations at the March meeting. DEP has responded with some comments and Mr. Weber is working with Mr. Becker to get those items addressed hopefully by next month.

Supervisor Moyer asked about the Pump Station at Meadowbrooke and who is responsible. Mr. Becker indicated the township is responsible for all sewage facilities within the municipality. Mr. Moyer suggested having them hook up to the sewer system to eliminate the need for the pump station and reduce the liability for the township. Mr. Sichler will contact the property management company to discuss this matter.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None

SUPERVISORS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Barto Road Traffic Signal** – this has already been discussed. All construction documents are posted on PennBid.
- **Recycling Contract**-Transportation cost has been increased from \$150 to \$200 for a round trip along with some other changes. It is Mr. Sichler's recommendation to go ahead and enter into this contract. A motion was made by James Roma and seconded by Ernest Gehman to renew the contract with Cogle Recycling per the contract submitted by the Township Manager with the noted adjustments. **No comments received.**
All Ayes
- **Boyertown Soccer Club** – contract is under review.
- **2017 Seasonal Requirements RFP** – this will be ready for next month's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- H & K Group, Inc. at the Bechtelsville asphalt plant is applying for Beneficial Use of Hot Mix for Baghouse Fines permit. This is a renewal and they are looking for comments from the township. Comment period is open until 4/7/17. This will be passed along to the EAC as well for review.
- Spring Valley Village proposed reconstruction of Swamp Creek Pump Station. There have been agreements discussed and an action to consider is to look at an escrow agreement until an agreement can be put in place. This would consist of taking the full value of an EDU and placing the money in escrow to allow a building permit to be issued until an agreement can be reached. Mr. Roma indicated the Board does not have a problem with this proposal and the Solicitor will follow up with the details on this.

Mr. Sichler wanted to recognize Berks-Mont Towing. They came out on a Saturday when our largest truck broke down and towed the truck back to the township garage and never billed the township for the work. A letter of thank you will be sent to them.

Road inspection will be tentatively scheduled for Thursday, April 27th with an optional date of Friday, April 28th.

Mr. Sichler reported the Purchasing Council is collecting all the municipality information so they can help A-1 Line Painting schedule the work.

It was suggested having a workshop to work on the new truck specifications. The workshop will be scheduled for Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. This meeting will be advertised by the Township Manager.

SUBDIVISION/PLANNING

None

SUBDIVISION EXTENSION

None

COMMUNICATIONS

- Copy of the ARB Delinquent Account Report is enclosed.
- PADOT notification of Public Plans Display for Route 100 repairs is available for viewing at the Hereford Twp. Building until 3/7/17

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, March 23, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Ernest Gehman to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:16 p.m. **No public comment received.**

All ayes

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Sichler
Manager/Secretary