

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
JANUARY 26, 2017**

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.

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 fifteen (15) 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 – Quarry issues

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident Bill Leyden questioned if the cameras placed in the parks have been helpful. It was stated, yes, the cameras have been helpful.

Mr. Leyden also asked about the West Tract road reconstruction of Old Route 100. It was explained the West Tract has been taken over by the bank and the bank is actively working on selling the property. It is the hope of the township that the property will be purchased by a developer and the reconstruction project on Old Route 100 will be completed by the developer.

Peg Stewart asked if the same Development Plan would be used and it was explained the Plan cannot be changed without the township's approval.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 15, 2016 AND THE REORGANIZATION OF JANUARY 3, 2017

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Ernest Gehman to approve the minutes for the December 15, 2016 and the Reorganization of January 3, 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 January 26, 2017, and to file the treasurer's report for audit. **No comments received.**

All ayes

TAX COLLECTOR

Tax Collectors Report for the month of December 2016:

Real Estate	\$ 7,673.60
Light Tax	\$ 117.60
Per Capita	<u>\$ 1,127.70</u>
Total	\$ 8,919.00

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by James Roma adopting Resolution 2017-17 increasing the Tax Certification Fee from \$20 to \$25. **No comments received.**

All ayes

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.

Mr. Brochon is requesting authorization to purchase a volute for pump #2 at the Weinstein Pump Station. Currently the incorrect volute is installed on this pump. Once replaced the capacity of the pump will be increased. The estimated cost for replacement is about \$5,000.

A motion was made by Ernest Gehman and seconded by David Moyer authorizing Gilmore & Assoc. to replace the incorrect volute on Weinstein Pump #2 not to exceed \$5,000. **No comments received.**

All ayes

Mr. Brochon stated he is working on the 2017 I/I Program, preparing the scope of work and will be requesting quotes from contractors for televising and cleaning of the sewer system. Chairman Roma requested letters be sent out to residents prior to the start of the televising.

Mr. Brochon also indicated he will begin work on the Annual Chapter 94 Waste Loan Management Report due to DEP by March 31st.

Supervisor Moyer requested the sewer easement maintenance be done as soon as possible.

Public Comment:

Connie Cordova asked the Board of Supervisors what the non-connect sewer rate is and it was explained it is a charge for reserved sewer capacity which is not being used.

Ms. Cordova also asked if the discussions are ongoing between the Township and Spring Valley Village regarding the purchase price for EDU's or has this matter been resolved. Mr. Sichler indicated the discussions are still ongoing.

John Wynne asked the Sewer Engineer what the current utilization rate is at the Treatment Plant. Mr. Brochon will check and report back at the next meeting.

Peg Stewart questioned if the Longacre Dairy usage is being monitored to see if the EDU number decided on is the correct number. Mr. Sichler stated he was at a site visit and the numbers are good.

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

SUPERVISORS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Barto Road Traffic Signal** – the outstanding taxes have been paid and the packet of outstanding items have been delivered to the Engineer and should be going to PADOT shortly. The project will be bid in February and awarded at the March meeting. There is a lead time of two to three months for ordering the poles. Work should begin in summer and go through fall.

Public Comment:

Resident Bill Leyden expressed concerns regarding the traffic light at Route 100 and Niantic Road. The Manager will check into Mr. Leyden's concerns.

Laura Pagotto questioned if a guiderail will be placed along Forgedale Road in the area where the bridge was removed. Mr. Sichler stated it is not part of the County plan.

- **Recycling Contract**-Mr. Sichler met with Cougles Recycling and review performance and some suggestions were made how the township can improve, such as separating the #1 from #2.
- **Boyertown Soccer Club** – Attorney contacted the Township Solicitor and indicated he will get a contract to him for review.
- **Stauffer Road Crosswalk** – LTL submitted their report on the crosswalk which will be placed between Eagles Watch North and Eagles Watch South across

Stauffer Road and is on the east side of the intersection. This will be done during warm weather.

- **Auchenbach Waiver Request** – A motion was made by Ernest Gehman and seconded by David Moyer waive the planting of the trees as shown on the approved Carl Schaeffer Subdivision Plan and replace with one evergreen tree as described by LTL Consultants review letter dated January 23, 2017. **No comments received.**

All ayes

- A motion was made by James Roma and seconded by David Moyer amending the appointment of Linwood Heffner to the Water Authority Board to fill the vacant position with the term to expire 2017. **No comments received.**

All ayes

- A motion was made by Ernest Gehman and seconded by David Moyer to appoint James Roma to the Water Authority Board with a term to expire 2021. **No comments received.**

All ayes

- A motion was made by David Moyer, seconded by James Roma approving an installment payment agreement for sewer accounts 516 & 51699 to avoid litigation. **No comments received.**

All ayes

NEW BUSINESS

- A motion was made by Ernest Gehman and seconded by David Moyer authorizing the participation of the 2017-2018 Costars State Salt Contract. **No comments received.**

All ayes

- A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by James Roma adopting the Revised Erosion & Sediment Control Memorandum of Understanding. **No comments received.**

All ayes

- A motion was made by Ernest Gehman, seconded by David Moyer authorizing the Bally Springs escrow release #5 in the amount of \$84,503.95. **No comments received.**

All ayes

- A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Ernest Gehman accepting the 2016-2017 School Year Per Capita Tax Exonerations as submitted by the Tax Collector. **No comments received.**

All ayes

- A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Ernest Gehman authorizing the Solicitor to draft a blighted property ordinance for review. **No comments received.**

All ayes

- A motion was made by James Roma and seconded by Ernest Gehman authorizing the Solicitor to work with the Township Engineer and the Township Manager to update the township ordinance to address the medical marijuana dispensary and growing operation guidelines. **No comments received.**

All ayes

- A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by James Roma authorizing Rich Sichler and John Weber to proceed with the advertisement of seasonal requirements. **No comments received.**

All ayes

SUBDIVISIONS/PLANNING

Mr. John Aston is present representing the Weller-Guest Plan. The Plan has been recommended for approval by the Planning Commission. Mr. Weber indicated the Plan is ready for approval without any conditions. A motion was made by Ernest Gehman and seconded by David Moyer approving the Weller-Guest Lot Line Adjustment Minor Plan. **No comments received.**

All ayes

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, February 23, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

Chairman Roma announced an Executive Session was held at 5:30 p.m. this evening concerning litigation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Ernest Gehman to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:04 p.m. **No public comment received.**

All ayes

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Sichler
Manager/Secretary