

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MINUTES  
MARCH 7, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson James Roma called the special meeting of the Washington Township Board of Supervisors to order at 6:30 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, Township Manager, Richard Sichler, staff member Susan Brown and approximately six (6) 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**

None

**SUPERVISORS**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- **Spring Valley Village Escrow Agreement** – Mr. Sichler explained the township has been in talks with Spring Valley Village (SVV) to upgrade the Swamp Creek Pump Station at their cost in exchange for the purchase of EDU's. A meeting was held with DEP last week and they were very receptive to the idea. DEP has indicated the upgrade would relieve the township from their corrective action plan. In the interim SVV would like to purchase EDU's at the current price would go into an escrow account and the money would be returned upon completion of the pump station.

A motion was made by Ernest Gehman and seconded by David Moyer to enter into an agreement with Spring Valley Village to create an escrow account for the purchase of EDU's at the price of \$9,830 subject to the creation of a 47 EDU exchange for renovation of the Swamp Creek Pump Station as previously

discussed at the February Board of Supervisors Meeting. **No comments received.**

**All ayes**

- **Board of Auditors** – there are two candidates, Scott Herbst and John Wynne, for the position of Auditor. This will be tabled until the March meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- **New truck specifications** – money has been budgeted for the purchase of a large truck this year to replace a 21-year-old truck. Various price quotes have been received and there is a least a six-month lead time for delivery of the truck. Supervisor Gehman indicated he is not in favor of a stainless-steel body or an automatic transmission.

#### **Public Comment:**

**Tom Powanda** stated if you test for your CDL license on an automatic you cannot drive a manual shift truck and if you take the test on a manual shift you cannot drive an automatic. Most people are going to test on an automatic so if you have a new hire chances are they will have taken their test on an automatic.

Supervisor Moyer has done extensive research on a replacement truck and would be in favor of an automatic. A stainless-steel body can be removed and placed on a new chassis to save money on the purchase of a replacement truck in the future. Mr. Moyer also indicated he was not in favor of purchasing the Freightliner, he felt it was uncomfortable.

There was lengthy discussion regarding the body type, manual vs. automatic transmission and push button start. Chairman Roma stated the planning to replace trucks should be after 10 years of service. The current truck could be placed on an auction site with a starting bid at the trade value. There are a few items Roadmaster Mohr will get additional information on and get back to the Manager prior to the next Board of Supervisors meeting so a final decision can be made. The Road Crew preference is to purchase the Freightliner.

### **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,

Richard Sichler  
Manager/Secretary