

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson James Roma called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Washington Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:19 p.m., at the Washington Township Municipal Building.

**ROLL CALL**

The following members were present: Supervisors, James Roma; David Moyer, Ernest Gehman, Solicitor, Dan Becker, Esquire; John Weber representing LTL Consultants, Brian Brochon, Gilmore & Assoc., Township Manager, Richard Sichler, staff member Susan Brown and approximately twenty-six (26) 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**

**Curtis Rader**-Quarry issues.

**John Wynne**-Rotelle. Mr. Wynne stated he was confused by last month's actions regarding Roselle Development. Mr. Wynne feels this is an ethical issue.

**Connie Cordova**-Turfing incident. At the July meeting it was mentioned there were some incidents that had taken place at some of the parks and was wondering if Mr. Sichler checked into surveillance. Ms. Cordova wanted to make the township aware of an incident that took place in Spring Valley Village. Ms. Cordova also stated there were shots fired believed to be coming from the Cheers Tavern area at approximately 3:00 am.

**Jim Treichler**-Asked if any of his concerns from the last meeting have been addressed. Mr. Sichler stated there are a few minor changes that need to take place with the traffic light. Punch lists have been developed and a few minor issues will be addressed none of which relate to any of Mr. Treichler's concerns of last month. Mr. Treichler again asked for the township to reinstall his fence in front of Wendy's at the township's expense. It was explained the re-installment of the fence was not on the PennDOT plan. Mr. Roma stated that the Land Development Plan does not indicate that the township required the fence when it was originally installed.

Mr. Treichler is also asking for the township to repair the swale at his entrance/exit at Gehringer Road. Mr. Treichler's claim is cars are bottoming out when they are entering and exiting. Mr. Treichler wants the township to mill out the area on his property to meet

the township road. Mr. Treichler also stated the one-way signs that were taken down have not been replaced. Mr. Sichler will make sure both signs are replaced. Supervisor Moyer stated when Gehringer Road gets repaired and overlaid the issue will be addressed but the township will not be going off the right of way to improve Mr. Treichler's property. This could be two years from now until Gehringer Road is completed. As far as the fence is concerned, it is 25 years old and Mr. Moyer stated the township would supply the labor but the township is not going to purchase a new fence. Supervisor Gehman stated if Mr. Treichler purchased the posts he would install the fence for Mr. Treichler.

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by James Roma to supply labor only to install the fence and for the repair of the swale will be completed when Gehringer Road is overlaid and will fix to the right of way only. **No comments received.**

**David Moyer – aye**

**James Roma – aye**

**Ernest Gehman – opposed**

Mr. Treichler stated the mailbox installed at the Weller property and the Schrum Garage now has created a situation where the mail carrier is driving through the mud and tracking it through his parking lot. The Roadmaster will dig the area out and place stone down to eliminate the mud. Mr. Treichler also stated since the installation of the island at the garage there is no way for the water to run off the parking lot. It was explained PennDOT wants defined entrances. Mr. Moyer stated Mr. Treichler wanted the river rock, had it been up to him it would be grass. Mr. Moyer stated it's going to be an issue when it snows and the road is plowed. Mr. Treichler also stated he has asked the township for markers to be placed at the entrance/exit at the garage. Mr. Moyer stated markers were not on the plan and if Mr. Treichler wants markers he should put them in. Mr. Treichler also stated there are two driveways next to the garage, one had the end of the driveway "dressed up" and the other one they did not and would like to know why.

#### **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2017**

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by James Roma to approve the minutes for the meeting of September 28, 2017 as prepared. **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 October 26, 2017, and to file the treasurer's report for audit. **No comments received.**

**All ayes**

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

**TAX COLLECTOR**

Tax Collectors Report for the month of September 2017:

Real Estate Tax	\$ 1,080.78
Per Capita Tax	\$ 459.50
Amusement Tax	\$ <u>6,562.08</u>
Total	\$ 8,102.36

**FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

A copy of the Eastern Berks Fire Department Report is in the binders. YTD 331 calls and this month there have been 28 calls.

**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

The NPDES Permit is expected to be issued the end of October or November. The CAP Plan Analysis Report has been submitted to DEP at their request. It was also reported to DEP that the Township has completed the 12-month monitoring period at the Swamp Creek Pump Station and to date no response has been received from DEP.

Engineer drawings were received for the proposed Swamp Creek Pump Station expansion from the developer and are currently under review.

One price quote has been received for the repair of two sewer lines. The Township Manager will work with Mr. Brochon to obtain additional quotes. A motion was made by James Roma and seconded by David Moyer authorizing the Township Manager and the Sewer Engineer to seek out additional bids not to exceed \$10,500 and to initiate the work. **No comments received.**

**All ayes**

**TOWNSHIP ENGINEER**

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

A motion was made by James Roma and seconded by David Moyer authorizing the release of \$95,961.78 for Bally Springs Phase 2, Release #6. **No comments received.**

**All ayes**

A motion was made by David Moyer, seconded by Ernest Gehman authorizing the release of \$229,297.68 for Bally Springs Phase 3, Release #2. **No comments received.**

**All ayes**

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT**

A motion was made by James Roma and seconded by Ernest Gehman to move ahead with the PRD Amendment as described. **No comments received.**

- James Roma – aye**
- Ernest Gehman – aye**
- David Moyer - opposed**

A motion was made by Ernest Gehman and seconded by David Moyer approving the Property Maintenance Ordinance. **No comments received.**

**All ayes**

Rental Ordinance will be tabled for now.

**SUPERVISORS**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Barto Road traffic light update & Payment Application #2 – Punch lists have been developed. Payment will not be released until all punch list items are completed.

A motion was made by Ernest Gehman and seconded by David Moyer authorizing the Township Manager to advertise the proposed 2018 Budget. **No comments received.**

**All ayes**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Sewer Billing Schedule – currently the sewer is billed quarterly beginning December 1<sup>st</sup> however this cycle does not match a calendar quarter and it is very difficult for resident to understand our billing cycle. The first bill of the year would be for four months, Dec., Jan., Feb., and March, however residents would have an extra month to pay the bill. The remainder of the year would be billed for three-months on the calendar quarters. A motion was made by Ernest Gehman, seconded by David Moyer authorizing the change to the sewer billing schedule to reflect calendar quarters as presented. **No comments received.**

**All ayes**

A motion was made by Ernest Gehman and seconded by David Moyer authorizing the use of the Washington Park for Relay for Life at no charge however there will be no donation given this year. **No comments received.**

- Ernest Gehman – aye**
- David Moyer – aye**
- James Roma - opposed**

A motion was made by James Roma, seconded by David Moyer authorizing the proposed 2018 Holiday Schedule and all the meeting dates to be advertised in December. **No comments received.**

**All ayes**

A motion was made by James Roma and seconded by Ernest Gehman authorizing the purchase of shelving units not to exceed \$800. **No comments received.**

**All ayes**

Road inspection is typically done in April each year and then design the projects. Mr. Sichler is proposing to design projects in the winter and get the bids out before contractors are scheduled. Mr. Sichler and the Roadmaster will work on a list of potential projects.

The new truck is projected to arrive the week of Thanksgiving. A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Ernest Gehman authorizing the Township Manager to put the 1996 International Truck out for bid with a reserve bid of \$8,500. **No comments received.**

**All ayes**

### **SUBDIVISION/PLANNING**

**Brooke-Fronheiser Minor Plan** – Mr. Mike Aston was present this evening to discuss the Brooke-Fronheiser Minor Plan. A motion was made by David Moyer, seconded by Ernest Gehman accepting the waiver requests as outlined in the LTL Review Letter dated 10/19/17, items #1,2,9 & 10. **No comments received.**

**All ayes**

A motion was made by Ernest Gehman, seconded by David Moyer accepting the deferral request as outlined in the LTL Review Letter dated 10/19/17 item #7. **No comments received.**

**All ayes**

A motion was made by David Moyer, seconded by Ernest Gehman authorizing the Township Manager to sign the Planning Exemption Request and the Non-Building Declaration as outlined in the LTL Review Letter dated 10/19/17. **No comments received.**

**All ayes**

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by James Roma granting conditional Final approval based upon the LTL Review Letter dated 10/19/17 and conditioned upon the submission of signed and notarized plans and approval of the Planning Exemption by DEP. **No comments received.**

**All ayes**

### **SUBDIVISION EXTENSION**

None

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

- Copy of the ARB Delinquent Account Report is enclosed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Thursday, November 16, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

**Public Comment:**

**John Wynne**, stated the change to the sewer billing schedule will change the proposed budget figures.

**Jim Treichler**, asked who is responsible to maintain the ADA walkways that were installed for the traffic light and it was stated the property owners are to maintain them.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Ernest Gehman and seconded by David Moyer to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:13 p.m. **No public comment received.**

**All ayes**

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Sichler  
Manager/Secretary