

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
JULY 26, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson David Moyer 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, David Moyer, Thomas Powanda, James Roma, Solicitor, Alex Elliker, Esquire; John Weber representing LTL Consultants, Brian Brochon, Gilmore & Assoc., Township Manager, Richard Sichler, staff member Susan Brown and approximately eighteen (18) 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 COMMENT

Charles Lawrence, 267 Crowhill Road, checking to see if the Supervisors have made any progress with respect to the speeding issue on Crowhill Road. Supervisor Moyer stated he would like to loan a speed sign and will be checking a website.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 28, 2018 AND SPECIAL MEETING OF JULY 11, 2018

A motion was made by Thomas Powanda and seconded by David Moyer to approve the meeting minutes as prepared. **No comments received.**

All ayes

TOWNSHIP REPORTS

A motion was made by James Roma and seconded by Thomas Powanda 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 July 26, 2018, and to file the treasurer's report for audit. **No comments received.**

All ayes

TAX COLLECTOR

Tax Collectors Report for the month of June 2018:

Real Estate Tax	\$ 33,043.95
Interim Tax	\$ 2,347.05
Per Capita Tax	\$ 209.00
Light Tax	\$ 12.00
Amusement Tax	<u>\$ 9,174.76</u>
Total	\$ 44,786.76

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

A copy of the Eastern Berks Fire Department Report is enclosed.

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 EEMA O & M Report is enclosed

The Corrective Action Plan was submitted to PADEP on June 30, 2018.

The Water Quality Management Application for Swamp Creek Pump Station was submitted to PADEP. Some preliminary comments were received from PADEP and are awaiting further response.

Linwood Heffner, asked if the PLC installed at the WWTP is new or refurbished and who is doing the installation? Mr. Sichler stated it is a new unit and it is being installed by G3 Automation. Mr. Heffner asked if the Plant Operators are involved with the installation process and Mr. Sichler stated they are due to the fact that the Plant must continue to run during the process.

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

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

- 2018 Road Projects –full depth reclamation and paving of Lenape Road, a portion of Heydt's Schoolhouse Road and Deer Run Road. The completion date was scheduled for August 15th however a request for a time extension was received from Asphalt Paving Systems. Due to all the rain the contractor is delayed and are requesting a time extension until August 27th. It was the recommendation of Mr. Weber to extend until August 25th so the work would be completed before the state of the school year. A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by James Roma extending the FDR and paving contract from August 15, 2018 to August 25, 2018. **No comments received.**

All ayes

- MS4 Permit-The Township is required to obtain a new MS4 Permit. The permit application is due October 2, 2018. A motion was made by James Roma, seconded by Thomas Powanda authorizing LTL Consultants to proceed with the

preparation of the MS4 Permit Application with a cost not to exceed \$14,000. **No comments received.**

All ayes

- Bally Springs Phase 2 & 3 Street lights-Mr. Backenstose was present this evening to request approval to use MetEd LED street lights rather than the lights shown on the original Subdivision Plan. This would be the Colonial light with the MetEd Option #5. A motion was made by James Roma and seconded by Thomas Powanda authorizing the change to Bally Springs Phases 2 & 3 street lights from the Cobra light to the Colonial LED light with MetEd option #5 and the developer to pay the \$2,000 up front cost. **No comments received.**

All ayes

- Bally Springs Phase II –LTL has completed the dedication punch list for Phase II and will be mailed out tomorrow.

Public Comment

Connie Cordova, asked if it is complicated to change a street name in a subdivision. Mr. Weber indicated the names and addresses have already been assigned. Ms. Cordova indicated there has been delayed response due to the same street names with north and south. It was explained there had been an adjustment to the numbering of the addresses several years ago to designate between north and south.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

None

SUPERVISORS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Wastewater Treatment Plant Controller Upgrade** – Mr. Sichler indicated the controller has been installed and is up and running. They were able to do the installation during normal business hours which minimized the Operators time.
- **Pike Township Intergovernmental Agreement** – The Pike Township Intergovernmental Agreement Ordinance has been advertised and is ready for adoption. A motion was made by Thomas Powanda and seconded by David Moyer adopting Ordinance 2018-2 Pike Township Intergovernmental Agreement. **No comments received.**

All ayes

- **Boyertown Soccer Club J.K. Memorial Field** – A motion was made by James Roma and seconded by David Moyer authorizing the Amended Lease Agreement for the J.K. Memorial Field between Washington Township and Boyertown Soccer Club. **No comments received.**

All ayes

NEW BUSINESS

- **Well Isolation Agreement** – The Township has received a request for a Well Isolation Agreement for property located at 2323 Old Route 100. The existing on-lot septic system has failed however due to the size of the property the only

place for the replacement system is less than 100 feet from the existing well. DEP has a process for a well isolation distance waiver at the request of the property owner. Kozloff Stoudt has prepared a Declaration of Agreement which would need approval. A motion was made by Thomas Powanda and seconded by James Roma granting the waiver and approving the Declaration of Agreement for 2323 Old Route 100, property owned by Chad Sell and Bev Coller. **No comments received.**

All ayes

- **Donation to Center for Excellence in Local Government** – Mr. Paul Janssen did an excellent job with the Sewer System study and presentation at no cost to the township. A motion was made by James Roma and seconded by Thomas Powanda approving a \$1,000 donation (\$500 from General Fund - \$500 from Sewer Fund) to Center for Excellence in Local Government, with a letter of thank you. **No comments received.**

All ayes

Public Comment

Connie Cordova, asked if the Supervisors have talked about Mr. Janssen's report and thinking about what you will do? Chairman Moyer stated he is actively pursuing some things however the Supervisors have not discussed anything between them with respect to his report. Ms. Cordova stated that in Mr. Janssen's report he indicates there were 35 EDU's added since 2012 however Ms. Cordova stated according to her calculations 54 news homes have been added. It was explained the report is only considering the EDU's that have been paid since 2012, not taking into account EDU's that were prepaid.

- **Grandview Speedway start time** -A resident inquired as to how late a race can start. Chairman Moyer stated this is being researched.
- **Trailer Loading Ramp** – A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by James Roma authorizing the purchase and installation of a third trailer ramp to be installed by Powerco for a cost of \$1,703. **No comments received.**

All ayes

- **File Cabinets purchase** – A motion was made by Thomas Powanda and seconded by James Roma authorized the purchase of four (4) file cabinets for a cost of \$2,714.20. **No comments received.**

All ayes

- **Panel or room air conditioning for WWTP** – The installers of the Controller at the WWTP recommended the purchase of a panel air conditioner. During the hot months the old system did not operate consistently. The panel air conditioner was recommended to help extend the life of the equipment. Mr. Sichler will obtain pricing.

SUBDIVISION/PLANNING

Shuhler Farm Subdivision/Bally Well – Mr. Weber explained the Plan was conditionally approved by the Planning Commission however the major condition is there needs to be an agreement drafted regarding the conveyance of Lot #2, the Bally well lot. If Bally does not get a well permit the conveyance of the lot will be dictated by the agreement, which states it would go to Mr. Ehst and be combined in common deed with the other Ehst property. Bally's Solicitor is drafting the agreement however it is not ready for

approval at this time. The Plan is not creating any new sewage flows so they will be using the Request for Planning Waiver and Non-Building Declaration of which the Planning Commission has recommended approval. A motion was made by Thomas Powanda and seconded by David Moyer approving the Planning Waiver and Non-Building Declaration for the Shuhler Farm Subdivision and for the forms to be executed. **No comments were received.**

All ayes

Public Comment

Marvin Steward, asked if there was any update on the West Tract. Mr. Sichler stated he has not heard anything official but thinks it may have sold.

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, August 23, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

EMA & Berks County Oath Keepers will be holding a disaster preparation, Saturday, September 29, 2018 at Bechtelsville Fire Company.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by James Roma and seconded by Thomas Powanda to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:53 p.m. **No public comment received.**

All ayes

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Sichler
Manager/Secretary