

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
OCTOBER 25, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman David Moyer called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Washington Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:01 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, Daniel Becker, Esquire; John Weber representing LTL Consultants, Brian Brochon, Gilmore & Assoc., Township Manager, Richard Sichler, staff member Susan Brown and approximately ten (10) residents in attendance.

Absent:

TAPING OF MEETING

The meeting was recorded as an aid in the preparation of the minutes. It was noted that no one other than township staff was taping the meeting this evening.

SPECIAL REQUEST

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jay Jeffries, 7 Bunting Court, asked if the township could readdress the street light request at Route 100 and Stauffer Road. Mr. Jeffries also informed the Board Members the yellow double arrow sign located on Route 100 across from Stauffer Road has been knock down and needs to be reinstalled. Mr. Sichler will contact PADOT to have the sign replaced.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2018

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

All ayes

Chairman Moyer announced an Executive Session was held this evening to discuss potential litigation.

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 October 25, 2018, and to file the treasurer's report for audit. **No comments received.**

All ayes

TAX COLLECTOR

Tax Collectors Report for the month of September 2018:

Real Estate Tax	\$ 695.28
Interim Tax	\$ 505.04
Per Capita Tax	\$ <u>1,936.70</u>
Total	\$ 3,137.02

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

A copy of the Eastern Berks Fire Department Report is enclosed. Chairman Moyer stated this is Fire Prevention Month. The Dept. is selling fire extinguishers if anyone is interested.

ZONING/SEO REPORT

Reports are in the binders.

Mr. Weber reported there is a mobile home behind the Washington Inn which was abandoned several months ago. Citations were issued, there was no response and now a hearing has been scheduled for November 8, 2018 at 10:30 am at the District Justice Office.

At last months meeting there was discussion regarding a septic system located at the corner of Old Route 100 and Limekiln Road. Repairs have been made to the system and the area has dried out; the systems appears to be functioning properly.

SEWER ENGINEER'S REPORT

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

A copy of the EEMA O & M Report is enclosed

Mr. Brochon reported the PADEP has issued the permit for the Swamp Creek Pump Station upgrade. The contractor has issued submittals for review of materials and equipment.

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

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

Bally Springs Phase 2 dedication punch list was issued and a meeting was held with the developer and contractor however it does not appear that they will do the dedication work this fall and will be put off until spring.

The MS4 Annual Report was submitted to DEP on September 30, 2018.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None

SUPERVISORS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **2019 Budget**-A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by James Roma authorizing the advertisement of the 2019 Budget as presented at the workshop meeting of October 15, 2018. **No comments received.**

All ayes

- **1957 Caterpillar Grader**-This is up for auction for about another two weeks.
- **Holding Tank Ordinance**-A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Thomas Powanda authorizing the advertisement of the Holding Tank Ordinance. **No comments received.**

All ayes

- **Park Grant return of funds**-A motion was made by James Roma, seconded by Thomas Powanda authorizing the refund of unexpended grant money to Pottstown Area Health and Welfare in the amount of \$4,279.55. **No comments received.**

All ayes

NEW BUSINESS

- **Rotose Partnership Professional Services Agreement**-agreement and check in the amount of \$2,000 has been received. The escrow will be replenished as needed.
- **Caselle Annual Maintenance Agreement**-A motion was made by James Roma and seconded by Thomas Powanda authorizing the renewal of the annual maintenance agreement in the amount of \$6,908. **No comments received.**

All ayes

- **Pension Plan**-The Township has been notified there is excess interest in the amount of \$15,454. After some discussion a motion was made by James Roma authorizing the distribution as presented by PMRS. There was no second to the motion, motion failed.

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Thomas Powanda distributing \$765 to retirees, \$5,533 to active employees and \$9,156 to Plan Sponsor (Township). **No comments received.**

David Moyer – aye

Thomas Powanda – aye

James Roma – opposed

- **Electric provider contract renewal**-A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Thomas Powanda authorizing the renewal of the Electric Provider Contract. **No comments received.**

All ayes

- **Animal Rescue League**-Offering a contract to municipalities in the amount of \$1,500. After some discussion it was decided to table this until a later time.
- **Berks County Hazard Plan Update**-A motion was made by Thomas Powanda and seconded by James Roma adopting Resolution 2018.23 Hazard Plan Update. **No comments received.**

All ayes

SUBDIVISION/PLANNING

None

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 15, 2018 at 7:00 pm. *(Please note this is one week early due to the Thanksgiving Day Holiday)*

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by James Roma and seconded by David Moyer to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:33 p.m. **No public comment received.**

All ayes

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Sichler
Manager/Secretary