

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 28, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson 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, James Roma; David Moyer, Thomas Powanda, Solicitor, Daniel Becker, Esquire; John Weber representing LTL Consultants, Township Manager, Richard Sichler, 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

Richard Mingey and Dan McKenna were present this evening to present concept plans for land holdings in the township. Mr. Mingey distributed handouts to the board members. Mr. Mingey's proposed projects consist of 2 twin units on one acre at Stauffer Road and Nell Lane, 1 single family home on 14 acres located at Old Route 100 and Barto Road, 1606 Main Street, Bally to include 48 units on 10 acres, 105 acres at Kutztown Road for 17 estate lot single family homes and 258 age targeted units on 78 acres on Schwenkfelder Road. Five of the sewer connections would be to the Washington Township sewer system and the remaining sewer lots would be to the Bally Treatment Plant.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Powanda, Weisstown Road, thanked the Roadcrew for the great job during the storms.

It was announced former Township Supervisor Herman Shuhler passed away on January 30, 2018, condolences to Mr. Shuhler's family and a moment of silence was observed.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 24, 2019

A motion was made by James Roma and seconded by Thomas Powanda to approve the minutes as prepared for the January 24, 2019 meeting. **No comments received.**

All ayes

TOWNSHIP REPORTS

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by James Roma 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 February 28, 2019, and to file the treasurer’s report for audit. **No comments received.**

All ayes

TAX COLLECTOR

Tax Collectors Report for the month of January 2019:

Interim Tax	\$ 650.63
Per Capita Tax	<u>\$ 616.00</u>
Total	\$ 1,266.63

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 EEMA O & M Report is enclosed

There has been some preliminary work on the Swamp Creek Pump Station. The next phase of the work will require the bypass of the station which will be done in March.

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

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

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

SUPERVISORS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Roadside mower** – Purchase price of the tractor came down \$5,405.50, the broom price stayed the same at \$6,150.40 and the PO was issued for both. The snow pusher dropped in price to \$1,603.60. The boom mower attachment bids were opened this morning, only one bid received, from Robert E. Little, for \$43,842.79. Mr. Sichler explained there was \$210,000 for the mower and right now we are just a bit over \$184,000. A motion was made by Thomas Powanda and seconded by David Moyer to purchase the Flail Mower from Robert E. Little not to exceed \$43,842.79. **No comments received.**

All ayes

- **Shoring & gas monitor purchases** – 3 quotes were received, the low quote was from Norris Sales Company. A motion was made by Thomas Powanda and

seconded by James Roma to purchase the shoring equipment for a cost not to exceed \$3,239.21. **No comments received.**

All ayes

A motion was made by James Roma and seconded by Thomas Powanda to purchase the gas entry monitor kit, Honeywell XTXWHM-Y-NA-CS from Amazon.com not to exceed \$1,000. **No comments received.**

All ayes

- **Office lighting upgrade** – Received 4 quotes for the installation of all 109 light fixtures with the low quote of \$2,360 from R.J. Electric. Denny’s Electric could get the lighting units for \$6.00 less per unit for a savings of \$700 and will help with the Met-Ed rebate which will get \$2,000 back after installation. A motion was made by Thomas Powanda and seconded by James Roma authorizing the purchase of the LED retro fit kits to replace light fixtures on both floors of the township building, installation by R.J. Electric for \$2,360 and fixtures by Denny Electric. **No comments received.**

All ayes

A motion was made by James Roma, seconded by David Moyer authorizing the Township Manager to complete the necessary paperwork for the Med-Ed rebate program of a cost not to exceed \$500. **No comments received.**

All ayes

- **Security Window** – Installation of a level 1 bullet resistant service window with deal tray, speaker hole and resistant panel underneath the window. Low quote of \$4,053.54 received Quality Door Service Inc. A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Thomas Powanda for purchase and installation of level 1 bullet resistant service window to include deal tray, speaker hole and resistant panel under the window not to exceed \$4,053.54 by Quality Door Service Inc. **No comments received.**

All ayes

- **2019 Road Projects** – Project #1 is estimated to cost \$388,954 and project #2 is estimated at \$438,117. There was \$220,000 budgeted for 2019 road projects. After lengthy discussion a motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Thomas Powanda to proceed with full depth reclamation of Lenape Road from Anthony’s Mill Road to Heydt’s Schoolhouse Road and Anthony’s Mill Road for approximately 400 feet southwest from Lenape Road. **No comments received.**

All ayes

- **Gehringer Road open space** – on going
- **Limekiln Road stormwater issues** – Chairman Moyer met with Bechtelsville Borough to explain the water issue and stated the township would like the borough to pay half the cost for the project but also told them if they do not have the funds for half the township would take what they are offering. Mr. Moyer said he will revisit the borough in the near future for their response.
- **SALDO revision, BCPC received, motion to advertise** – A motion was made by James Roma and seconded by David Moyer authorizing the advertisement of the proposed ordinance revision. **No comments received.**

All ayes

NEW BUSINESS

- **Zoning Hearing Board volunteer, Shawn Hester** – A motion was made by Thomas Powanda and seconded by James Roma appointing Shawn Hester to the Zoning Hearing Board. **No comments received.**
All ayes
- **Volunteer application, Michael Ewing** – A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by James Roma appointing Michael Ewing to the Zoning Hearing Board. **No comments received.**
All ayes
- **Notice of Retirement, Doug Bleam** – Mr. Sichler announced he has received a notice of retirement from Doug Bleam however it is not until August 31, 2020. A motion was made by James Roma and seconded by Thomas Powanda accepting the resignation of Doug Bleam. **No comments received.**
All ayes
- **Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion planning** – Mr. Sichler stated the expansion of the plant is going to need to happen within the next few years and is looking for direction from the Board as to how they would like to take the next step forward with the process. Mr. Sichler suggested a feasibility and option analysis to look at what we have and what we need. To do the initial analysis would be about \$20,000 to \$35,000 project. Mr. Becker explained the township will be negotiating with Prestige Homes for contributions for plant expansion since they will be needing capacity. Mr. Sichler will work on getting some written proposals.
- **Forgedale Road bridge repair** – Mr. Sichler reported he has received notification from PADOT regarding bridge repair work for the bridge on Forgedale Road between Dale Road and the pumping station. The project will not start until next year.
- **BWB Emergency Management** – Request for a tablet. A motion was made by James Roma and seconded by David Moyer authorizing the purchase of a tablet if there is no grant money available for the BWB Emergency Management of a cost not to exceed \$400. **No comments received.**
All ayes

Public Comment

Doug Stetler, expressed concerns regarding the road widths of the proposed Mingey projects. Mr. Stetler stated Mr. Mingey's past project at Meadowbrook has many issues regarding the road width and parking and fire equipment navigating the roadways.

The Chairman announced an executive session was held this evening to discuss a personnel matter and possible litigation.

SUBDIVISIONS/PLANNING

Shuhler Annexation – John Aston was present this evening to present the Shuhler Annexation Plan. Mr. Becker stated he spoke with Matt Doll and he will be submitting the necessary documents to terminate the Shuhler Subdivision Plan previously approved.

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Thomas Powanda granting a waiver from SALDO Section 107-47.A(2) requiring Concrete Monuments. **No comments received.**

All ayes

A motion was made by James Roma and seconded by Thomas Powanda granting conditional approval based upon satisfactory release of termination documents. **No comments received.**

All ayes

SUBDIVISION EXTENSION

None

COMMUNICATIONS

- Copy of the ARB Delinquent Account Report is enclosed.
- Notification of public meeting and hearing, Rolling Hills Landfill, Southern Expansion, Oley Fairgrounds, March 21, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Thursday, March 28, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

The next WTMA (water) meeting will be held on Thursday, April 25, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

May 4, 2019 is Spring Clean Up Day.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by James Roma and seconded by Thomas Powanda to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:49 p.m. **No public comment received.**

All ayes

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Sichler
Manager/Secretary