

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson David Moyer called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Washington Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:04 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, Brian Brochon, Gilmore & Assoc., Township Manager, Richard Sichler, staff member Susan Brown and approximately twelve (12) 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

None

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 28, 2019

A motion was made by James Roma and seconded by Thomas Powanda to approve the minutes as prepared for the February 28, 2019 meeting. **No comments received.**

All ayes

Chairman Moyer announced an Executive Session was held earlier this evening to discuss a personnel matter.

TOWNSHIP REPORTS

A motion was made by Thomas Powanda 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 March 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 February 2019:

Interim Tax	\$ 51.21
Per Capita Tax	\$ 22.00
Total	\$ 73.21

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

A copy of the Eastern Berks Fire Department Report is in the binders.

Public Comment:

Laura Pagotto, SVV, asked if the volunteer firefighters get a tax credit for being a volunteer. Chairman Moyer stated they do not at this point. Mr. Becker stated the legislation is still pending on that. Ms. Pagotto asked if this tax credit is for all first responders or is it only for firefighters. Chairman Moyer said he would check into it and report back.

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

Mr. Brochon reported the I/I investigation for this year will include an inspection of manholes within the Weinsteiniger Pump Station service area. This work was budgeted in the 2019 budget.

The Chapter 94 Report has been completed and will be submitted to PADEP tomorrow.

The Swamp Creek Pump Station preconstruction meeting was held with the contractor last week. The electric service needs to be upgraded by Met-Ed and they will be in next week to do that upgrade work. Temporary bypass pumps will be set up to bypass the station. The wet well will be cleaned out and the following week Met-Ed will be back to install the new transformer.

A motion was made by Thomas Powanda and seconded by James Roma authorizing the I/I work to approximately seventy (70) manholes, inspect, inventory, report, repair recommendations, and marking GPS locations in the Weinsteiniger Pump Station service area, work not to exceed \$9,500. **No comments received.**

All ayes

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by James Roma authorizing the township manager to execute the Chapter 94 Wasteload Management Report. **No comments received.**

All ayes

Public Comment:

Laura Pagotto, SVV, asked if the issue with Longacre Dairy has been corrected? It was explained the problem was organic loading and have recently received test data and continue to monitor the situation.

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

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

Mr. Weber stated the Board gave conditional approval for the Shuhler Annexation Plan with the condition of submission of the letter withdrawing the previous Plan. That letter was received which satisfied the conditions and the Plan was recorded on 3/15/19.

Bally Springs Phase 2 is gearing up to start work on the dedication punch list items.

2019 Road Projects bid specs and bid documents have been finished and approved by PADOT. Advertisement will be on Sunday and Wednesday of the coming week and bids will be opened on April 23rd and should be ready to award at the April 25th meeting.

Supervisor Powanda asked if the road project from last year is going to be fixed. Mr. Weber said he has not heard from ABS but money well in excess of the repair was held. Mr. Weber will coordinate with Mr. Sichler to contact them to get the work scheduled.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Proposed Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance Amendment-At 7:23 p.m. the regular Board of Supervisors meeting recessed for the SALDO Public Hearing.

Mr. Becker explained the Subdivision and Land Development (SALDO) is being amended to remove section 107-14.G inconsistent with the Pennsylvania Municipal Planning Code. After the review of all the exhibits Mr. Becker called for any questions, hearing none the Public Hearing was adjourned and the regular meeting resumed at 7:26 p.m.

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by James Roma to enact Ordinance 2019-3 amendment to the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. **No comments received.**

All ayes

SUPERVISORS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Gehringer Road open space** – the first Recreation Committee meeting was held and discussion took place regarding trying to obtain a Planning Grant which would not be awarded until the fall. This would be an overall plan for all the township open space. A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Thomas Powanda authorizing the Township Manager to proceed with the grant application for a comprehensive open space and recreation plan for the township.

Public Comment:

Connie Cordova, requested that there be a pet friendly area incorporated into the plan.

All ayes

- **Recreation Appointment**-A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Thomas Powanda to appoint David Laxx to the Recreation Committee. **No comments received.**

All ayes

- **Phone Policy** –Mr. Sichler announced there is a surplus cell phone since the change was made to the cell phone policy. The phone is a Samsung S8 with a resale value of \$150. A motion was made by David Moyer, seconded by Thomas Powanda to sell the Samsung S8 to Mr. Roma at a price of \$150. **No comments received.**

All ayes

- **Truck Purchase** – The new truck is ready for pick up tomorrow morning. A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by James Roma authorizing the township manager to sign the title and registration documents for the Freightliner truck. **No comments received.**

All ayes

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Thomas Powanda authorizing the township manager to advertise the 1998 International 4900 with all accessories except the chains on Muncibid with a starting bid of \$7,500. **No comments received.**

All ayes

A motion was made by James Roma and seconded by Thomas Powanda authorizing the township manager to advertise the 2008 Kubota tractor on Muncibid with a starting bid of \$17,800. **No comments received.**

All ayes

- **PADOT Ehst Road/Route 100 stormwater issue**-PADOT has agreed to do an engineering design of the stormwater improvements that are needed at this location. Mr. Sichler will reach out to PADOT at the end of April to see if there is any additional information on this.
- **Limekiln Road Issue**-Chairman Moyer spoke with Bechtelsville Borough and they stated they are waiting for a local contractor to see if he would be willing to contribute anything toward the needed repairs.

NEW BUSINESS

- **2018 Independent Audit, Herbein & Company**-Mr. Sichler reviewed some of the highlights of the audit report.
- **397 Weinsteiger Road Occupancy Permit**-A motion was made by Thomas Powanda and seconded by David Moyer approving the highway occupancy permit for 397 Weinsteiger Road and for the road to be restored to the Township and/or PADOT specifications. **No comments received.**

All ayes

- **Part-time Seasonal Help**-There is a need for help to assist with grass cutting. We can hire someone to come in and use township equipment and/or advertise for a contractor to come in and cut. A motion was made by James Roma and

seconded by Thomas Powanda authorizing the township manager to advertise for seasonal employee and also to advertise for contractor bids for the same. **No comments received.**

All ayes

- **Gehringer & County Line Rd traffic study**-LTAP has offered to do a traffic study at Gehringer & County Line Roads. Mr. Sichler will contact LTAP to proceed with the study.
- **Bally Borough Water Tank Escrow**-A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by James Roma authorizing the release of escrow money to Bally Borough for the Crow Hill Road Water Tank Minor Land Development Plan in the amount of \$1,352.23. **No comments received.**

All ayes

- **Barto Bridge, National Register of Historic Places**-Mr. Sichler has received an offer for the township to apply for a grant for a National Historic Marker for the Barto Bridge. A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Thomas Powanda authorizing the Township Manager to apply for a grant for a National Historic Marker for the Barto Bridge to be installed by the Roadcrew. **No comments received.**

All ayes

- **Berks County Purchasing Council Rock Salt**-A motion was made by Thomas Powanda, seconded by James Roma to participate in the 2018-2019 Berks County Purchasing Council Rock Salt bid. **No comments received.**

All ayes

- **Berks County Purchasing Council animal control survey**-The Purchasing Council is asking the Township to complete the survey regarding animal control needs in the township. The Supervisors will fill out their copy and return it to Mr. Sichler.
- **Berks County Solid Waste Authority**-The Solid Waste Authority is asking for monetary donations. A motion was made by James Roma and seconded by David Moyer authorizing a \$100 donation to the Berks County Solid Waste Authority. **No comments received.**

All ayes

- **Safety Committee request**-The Safety Committee is requesting snow shields for the salt shed roof. Mr. Sichler will get pricing for the next meeting.
- **Sewer Plant Expansion RFP**-Mr. Sichler put out RFP's for concept designs for the Sewer Plant Expansion. RFP's are due back by April 15, 2019.
- **School Bus Stop Ahead Signs**-signs were requested for the intersection of Lenape Road and Deer Run Road. A motion was made by James Roma and seconded by David Moyer authorizing the site distance investigation, as well as the purchase and installation of the signs.

Public Comment:

Connie Cordova expressed concerns regarding the Supervisors completing the Animal Control Survey and understanding the needs of Spring Valley Village residents versus the rest of the township. There are cats dropped off and residents have been bitten. Ms.

Cordova asked that the Supervisors keep their community in mind when completing the survey.

SUBDIVISIONS/PLANNING

None

SUBDIVISION EXTENSION

None

COMMUNICATIONS

- Copy of the ARB Delinquent Account Report is enclosed.
- Environmental Advisory Council meeting minutes dated 3/11/19
- Recreation Advisory Committee meeting minutes dated 3/18/19

Chairman Moyer announced there are still volunteer positions that need to be filled and to please consider giving some time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Moyer announced there are various committee vacancies, volunteers are needed.

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

The next board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Thursday, April 25, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

May 4, 2019 is Spring Clean Up Day.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by James Roma and seconded by David Moyer to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:25 p.m. **No public comment received.**

All ayes

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Sichler
Manager/Secretary