

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES  
DECEMBER 19, 2019**

**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, Joan London, Esquire; John Weber representing LTL Consultants, Township Manager, Richard Sichler, staff member Susan Brown and approximately ten (10) residents in attendance.

Absent: Brian Brochon, Gilmore & Assoc.

**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 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 21, 2019**

A motion was made by Thomas Powanda and seconded by James Roma to approve the minutes as prepared for the November 21, 2019 meetings. **No comments received.**

**All aye**

**TOWNSHIP REPORTS**

A motion was made by David Moyer, 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 December 19, 2019, and to file the treasurer's report for audit. **No comments received.**

**All ayes**

**TAX COLLECTOR**

Tax Collectors Report for the month of November 2019:

Real Estate Tax	\$ 192.75
Interim Tax	\$ 99.01
Per Capita Tax	<u>\$ 422.00</u>
Total	\$ 713.76

**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

**TOWNSHIP ENGINEER**

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

Mr. Weber reported the Margaret M. Stauffer minor plan was accepted by the Planning Commission for review at their 11/7/19 meeting. At the 12/5/19 Planning Commission meeting the Rose A. Gross Subdivision Plan was accepted and the review will begin at the February Planning Commission meeting.

Bally Springs Phase 2 dedication process is ongoing. There are a few punch list items remaining to be addressed.

Bally Springs Phase 3 Tot Lot has been installed.

Request was received for a Well Isolation Distance Exemption for property located at 228 Hill Church Road. A motion was made by Thomas Powanda and seconded by David Moyer approving the Well Isolation Distance Exemption for 228 Hill Church Road. **No comments received.**

**All ayes**

A motion was made by James Roma, seconded by Thomas Powanda to enter into the indemnification agreement. **No comments received.**

**All ayes**

A waiver request was received from Tom and Anna Noon with regard to the buffer trees that are to be planted between the properties at 5 Chase Circle and 75 Gehringer Road as part of the approved subdivision plan. Mr. Noon stated he does not want the trees and he has written consent from the property owner at 75 Gehringer Road who also does not want the trees. A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Thomas Powanda granting the waiver request for the landscape buffer on lot 76. **No comments received.**

**All ayes**

A motion was made by James Roma and seconded by Thomas Powanda granting Reserve at Bally Springs Phase 2 escrow release #7 in the amount of \$328,198.51. **No comments received.**

**All ayes**

## SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Ms. London stated she is working on an agreement of sale with Bally Borough for the water system. The agreement was extended to December 31, 2019 however Ms. London will require an additional 60-day extension. A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by James Roma to extend the Water Agreement with Bally Borough for an additional 60 days. **No comments received.**

**All ayes**

## SUPERVISORS

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **2020 Budget** – A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Thomas Powanda to adopt the 2020 Budget as advertised. **No comments received.**

**All ayes**

- **PADOT Ehst Rd/Route 100 Stormwater Issue** – still in the planning stages and will require DEP approval to discharge the water into the creek.
- **Limekiln Road stormwater** – piping and catch basins have been installed however there is still some clean-up needed in yards and driveways. Supervisor Moyer extended appreciation to Mr. Doug Stetler for allowing the township to use his property for storing equipment and also a thank you to the Roadcrew and Douglass Roadcrew for their hard work and excellent job. Supervisor Powanda thanked Supervisor Moyer for his help with the project during his vacation time.
- **Niantic Rd. Traffic Sensor Loop** – The new sensor loop has been installed and working. PADOT has asked if the township would like to extend the timing for Niantic traffic to clear. The Supervisors would like to keep the longer setting. Mr. Sichler will contact PADOT and revise the permit. Supervisor Moyer asked about the bus shelter at Barto Rd and Route 100 stating it is difficult to see at the intersection. Mr. Sichler will reach out to Padre Pio to see if it could be removed.
- **Barto Rd Field Quotes** – Supervisor Roma stated the quotes for transforming the 1 ½ acre lot along Barto Road to a usable field were \$18,000 and the second was \$33,612 for future consideration.
- **Nuvoda WWTP pilot test**– The screen is in place; the material is there and they expect to finish the plumbing and electrical work within the next week or two.

### NEW BUSINESS

- **Pine Forge Athletic Assoc. Field Use Agreement** – A motion was made by James Roma and seconded by Thomas Powanda approving the Pine Forge Field Use Agreement. **No comments received.**

**All ayes**

- **Board & Commission Vacancies** – Mr. Sichler announced the board and commission vacancies.
- **Replacement of lights** – Mr. Sichler presented a price quote of \$925 from RJ Electric to upgrade to LED lights at the Washington Township sign at the admin building parking lot and also at the war memorial. Mr. Roma asked if there were other quotes and asked Mr. Sichler to obtain additional quotes.

- **Alternate forms of payments** – Mr. Sichler stated residents have been requesting alternate forms of payment than checks. The Supervisors requested Mr. Sichler to look into options.
- **Equipment Storage Space** – Public Works is running out of equipment storage space. Roadmaster Mohr got a price on a storage unit for temporary housing of \$100/month. This would be for the winter storage of the John Deer attachments.
- **BWB Grant** – Replacement of the desk top computer with a grant of \$1,000. The township would purchase the computer and get reimbursed by the County. A motion was made by Thomas Powanda and seconded by James Roma authorizing the purchase of a desk top computer for the BWB not to exceed \$1,000. **No comments received.**

**All ayes**

It was noted the Limerick drill went very well and in future will consider doing pie shaped sectors.

- **DCED Recreation Grant** – The township applied for a DCED Grant for a Recreation Master Plan however the township was denied. The window is now open to reapply and the Township Manager was directed to reapply for the grant.
- **Paver** – The Supervisors agreed to look at purchasing a used paver. A motion was made by Thomas Powanda and seconded by David Moyer authorizing the Township Manager to write specs for the purchase of a paver.
- **Full time employee** – Chairman Moyer announced the township is looking to hire a full-time public works employee with starting pay around \$17.00 per hour.

**SUBDIVISION/PLANNING**

None

**SUBDIVISION EXTENSION**

A motion was made by James Roma and seconded by Thomas Gowanda granting the following Subdivision Extension:

Margaret M. Stauffer Minor Plan      12/25/19 to 03/24/20

**No comments received.**

**All ayes**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- Copy of the ARB Delinquent Account Report is enclosed.
- Crossley Farm Superfund Site Community update

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Reorganization Meeting will be held on Monday, January 6, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

The next board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION (if needed)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Thomas Powanda and seconded by James Roma to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:43 p.m. **No public comment received.**

**All ayes**

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Sichler  
Manager/Secretary