

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
JULY 23, 2020**

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; Tom Unger, Systems Design Engineering, John Weber representing LTL Consultants, Township Manager, Richard Sichler, staff member, Susan Brown and three (3) 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 was taping the meeting this evening other than township staff.

SPECIAL REQUEST

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 25, 2020

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Thomas Powanda to approve the minutes of June 25, 2020 as prepared.

No comments received.

David Moyer – aye

Thomas Powanda – aye

James Roma - abstained

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 23, 2020, and to file the treasurer's report for audit. **No comments received.**

All ayes

TAX COLLECTOR

No report

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

Mr. Unger explained J.T. Seeley provided a quote to get data from Swamp Creek Pump Station into the Primex Cloud to manage data to 10-minute intervals which the township will be able to access.

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Thomas Powanda for the purchase and installation of a data logging and alarm notification system from J.T. Seeley at a cost of \$3,669. **No comments received.**

All ayes

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

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

- Planning Commission will review the Andrew S. Ott subdivision application at their August meeting.
- Bally Springs Phase II street lights were installed this month
- Clover Hill has submitted two (2) permit applications and permits have been issued
- 2020 Road Project-all the FDR work has been completed and Dairy Lane and Sycamore Roads have been paved. The scratch course has been placed on Gehringer Road and the final wearing coarse has been scheduled for tomorrow.
- Barto Road realignment preliminary plan and profile have been completed. LTL is coordinating with the utility companies that have facilities in the project area.

Chairman Moyer requested LTL to mark out the pipeline.

The Chairman announced an Executive Session was held this evening to discuss land development litigation and personnel.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Water System Sale – A motion was made by James Roma, seconded by Thomas Powanda authorizing the Township to enter into the Agreement of Sale with Bally and Bally Borough Municipal Authority. **No comments received.**

All ayes

- The Diamond Disposal continued hearing in the Palmer Appeal was continued and will take place on Thursday, July 30th at 6:00 p.m.

- A Conditional Use Hearing for Kelly Group Builders & Shadeland Development scheduled for Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. The Comcast Hearing is also scheduled for August 27, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Ms. London will advertise both hearings.

SUPERVISORS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **PADOT Ebst Road/Route 100 stormwater issue**-there is no updated information
- **Tree removal-Gehringer Road open space** – Mr. Sichler walked part the property with Nate Wise, Forester. Mr. Wise provided a price quote of \$225 to mark and tally all White Ash and other diseased or dying standing trees. A motion was made by James Roma, seconded by Thomas Powanda authorizing Nate Wise to perform the work as outlined for a cost of \$225. **No comments received.**

All ayes

- **Township Treasurer Search Process** – the Treasurer position has been offered to Melissa Swanson. A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by James Roma authorizing the hiring of Melissa Swanson as Treasurer with a start date of August 3, 2020. **No comments received.**

All ayes

- **Barto Road Straightening** – covered earlier in the meeting
- **Township COVID-19 response** – following the same procedures as last month which appear to be working well.
- **JK Memorial Field sponsor signs** – to be placed on the August agenda
- **Personnel Policy Review** – This should take place prior to budget meetings. Supervisors will check their schedules for August 17, 18 or 19th.
- **Conditional Use Application** – The Conditional Use Hearing for Kelly Group & Shadeland Development is scheduled for August 27, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.
- **Comcast Cable Franchise** – The Comcast Cable Franchise Public Hearing to be held on August 27, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
- **Barto Park basketball court maintenance** – Price quote received for the paving of the basketball court. A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Thomas Powanda authorizing the work for the Barto Park basketball court repairs with Maloney Macadam, LLC in the amount of \$8,000. **No comments received.**

All ayes

- **Recycling Program** – The EAC has met and established guidelines for the reopening of the recycling center on August 1st from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- **MS4 Conference** – The PSATS MS4 Conference will be held October 28th

NEW BUSINESS

- **Public Works building** – The Chairman stated the Public Works Dept. is out of room to store equipment. Money was put in the budget for a pole building which the Chairman is proposing to be 48' x 72' with three garage doors, stone floor and electric service. Supervisor Powanda stated he would like to see a wash bay as well. Rich will work with John Weber to develop specs.

- **Washington Park Sign** – A quote was received from Pennsylvania Corrections Industries in the amount of \$1,877.94 per sign with color inlay not including posts. Graber Letterin’ Sign Co. price quote came in at \$2,314.70. A motion was made by James Roma, seconded by David Moyer authorizing the purchase of a two (2) sided sign #3 for Washington Park from the Pennsylvania Corrections Industries in the amount of \$1,877.94. **No comments received.**

All ayes

Rich will check into getting the park address added to the sign.

- **Bally Municipal Authority appointment** – After brief discussion David Moyer volunteered to be the representative from Washington Township to sit on the Bally Borough Municipal Authority Board.
- **Water Authority Loan** – A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Thomas Powanda authorizing the loan of \$5,000 from the township to the Water Authority to be repaid with the anticipated revenue collected. **No comments received.**

All ayes

SUBDIVISION/PLANNING

None

SUBDIVISION EXTENSION

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by James Roma granting the following Subdivision Extension:

Rose A. Gross 8/18/20 to 11/16/20

No comments received.

All ayes

COMMUNICATIONS

Copy of the ARB Delinquent Account Report is enclosed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by James Roma and seconded by Thomas Powanda to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:42 p.m. **No public comment received.**

All ayes

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Sichler
Manager/Secretary