

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES  
OCTOBER 22, 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 nine (9) 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**

Rick & Cindy Huber, 363 Weinsteiger Road, spoke about the Stinely Subdivision with respect to the water runoff and swales. Mrs. Huber stated the swales do not work and the rear of her property gets extremely wet. The last home of the subdivision is currently under construction and Mrs. Huber fears the problem will get worse after the house is constructed. After looking at the Plan it was determined the swale on lot #5 is not working properly and it is not being properly maintained. Mrs. Huber also stated no silt fence was placed around the construction area of lot #4. Engineer Weber will take a look at the swale on lot #5 and will also look into silt fence for lot #4. The Huber's would like to be present when the Engineer comes out to take a look around.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Greg Foster**, withheld comment until after the Conditional Use decision.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2020**

A motion was made by Thomas Powanda and seconded by James Roma to approve the minutes of September 24, 2020 as prepared. **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 October 22, 2020, and to file the treasurer's report for audit. **No comments received.**

**All ayes**

**TAX COLLECTOR**

In the absence of the Tax Collector, the report for August 2020 was provided by the Township Manager, Rich Sichler.

Real Estate Tax	\$ 4,105.62
Light Tax	\$ 12.00
Per Capita Tax	\$ 758.00
Amusement Tax	<u>\$ 6,799.24</u>
Total	\$11,674.86

**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 reported Nuvoda was given notification they have until the end of the year and were provided with the go ahead to proceed with phase 2 about three weeks ago and Mr. Unger has not heard from them.
- The influent pump station retrofitting of the existing pump did not make financial sense. The best thing to do at this point is to purchase a matching replacement pump through COSTARS. A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Thomas Powanda to purchase a replacement pump for the influent pump station at a cost of \$17,492 plus freight. **No comments received.**

**All ayes**

- Cable to rail system-Mr. Unger reported he has a quote for \$21,000 and will be getting two additional quotes. A motion was made by Thomas Powanda and seconded by James Roma authorizing the purchase of the rail system contingent upon receiving two additional quotes, at a price not to exceed \$21,000. **No comments received.**

**All ayes**

- A request was received for a sewer connection however the 2021 connection has already been sold. A letter was sent to DEP requesting an additional connection for 2021 due to a malfunctioning septic system. At this time the township is awaiting a response from DEP.

## TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

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

- Mr. Weber reminded the Board at last month's meeting conditional Preliminary/Final Plan Approval was granted for the Andrew S. Ott Minor Subdivision with the condition of the home being moved that crosses the property line. A permit has been obtained and this is ongoing.
- The Edison Walk Commercial Minor Subdivision Plan is currently under review. This is to create two lots in the commercial zoned area along Route 100 with each lot being about 10 acres.
- Bally Springs Phase 3 has taken care of most of their punch list items and are scheduled to pave next Wednesday and Thursday. The Township still has not received the deeds of dedication.
- The MS4 Annual Report has been submitted to PADEP however no response has been received as of yet.

## SOLICITOR'S REPORT

**Water System Sale** – The documents have been signed by Washington Township and will be sent over to Bally for signature by the Borough and the Authority at their next meeting.

### **Kelly Group Builders & Shadeland Dev. Corp – Conditional Use Application –**

There was a conditional use hearing at the August meeting for the Clubhouse on proposed lot #53 involving two parcels and a proposed development for which no plan has been submitted for 240 residential units. A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by James Roma to deny the application for conditional use approval. **No comments received.**

**All ayes**

Ms. London has a written decision prepared for Board signature.

Chairman Moyer announced Washington Township has two voting precincts, one located at the Township building in the lower level and the second is located at Calvary UCC Church along Route 100 and are open November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.

## SUPERVISORS

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **PADOT Ehst Road/Route 100 stormwater issue**-ongoing
- **Tree removal-Gehringer Road open space** – This has been advertised twice and is out for bid. Six copies of the spec have been distributed to local companies. Opening of bids will be prior to the next Board of Supervisors meeting.
- **Barto Road Straightening** – Mr. Weber reported the Plan for Barto Road has been updated based upon the elevation of the pipeline. The pipeline does require a plan submission to them for their review with a review fee of \$3,000. Chairman Moyer said this pipeline has been dormant for 25 years nor has it been maintained. Chairman Moyer stated this will be put on hold briefly until he can speak with someone from the pipeline.

- **Tropical Storm Isaias-Groff Road repair** – Groff Road repairs are completed along with all other storm repairs. It is not known if FEMA/PEMA have release funds to compensate for the storm damages.
- **JK Memorial Field sponsor signs** – Rich will follow up.
- **Personnel Policy Review** – ongoing. Should have a draft before next meeting.
- **Public Works Building** – The proposed building has been marked out with white flags. Work will continue to finalize the design and materials.
- **Park Signage** – The Washington Park sign was received however it was damaged and has been picked up and it will be determined if it can be repaired or if it will need to be replaced.
- **Supervisor’s Road Inspection** – Road inspection was completed on October 13<sup>th</sup> and Brian is working on transcribing notes which will be distributed. Chairman Moyer proposed making the Y at Barto Road and Old Route 100 a one way. Additionally, Mr. Moyer proposed making the southern entrance to Ehst Road, coming north on Route 100 a one-way entrance only.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **2021 meeting schedules & holiday schedule** – A motion was made by James Roma and seconded by Thomas Powanda approving the 2021 meeting schedules and employee holiday schedule as submitted. **No comments received.**

**All ayes**

- **Social Security deferment option** – Rich explained the employer has the option to defer the social security taxes until next year however this money would have to be paid back. The Board decided this is not something they want to do.

Supervisor Roma reported there has been dumping of construction materials along Pine Street and also Niantic Road in the past few weeks. If anyone sees anyone dumping please report them.

**Public Comment:**

**Connie Cordova**, stated there is an ongoing problem at 124 Stauffer Road with rodents, etc. Mr. Weber said the hearing is still pending but LTL will go out and take a look at the mobile home.

Ms. Cordova also asked when she will get to see the revised budget. Ms. London explained at the November meeting the budget will be authorized for advertisement and will then be available for public review for 20 days and at the December meeting the budget will be up for adoption.

- **Grader** – Chairman Moyer said he and the Roadmaster went to look at two used graders, one was a 1995 CAT for \$47,000 and the other was a 1988 John Deere 570B for \$25,000. Mr. Moyer stated his and Brian’s preference would be the CAT but the John Deere is only \$25,000 delivered. A motion was made by James Roma and seconded by Thomas Powanda authorizing the advertisement of specs for a 1988 or newer John Deere 570B. **No comments received.**

**All ayes**

**SUBDIVISION/PLANNING**

None

**SUBDIVISION EXTENSION**

A motion was made by David Moyer, seconded by James Roma granting the following subdivision extension:

Rose A. Gross Minor Plan 11/16/20 to 02/14/21

**No comments received.**

**All ayes**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Copy of the ARB Delinquent Account Report is enclosed.  
October 2020 Safety Committee meeting minutes

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 7:00 pm. *(please note this is one week early due to the Thanksgiving Day holiday)*

Trick or Treat is coming up please watch for the children.

Chairman Moyer announced an Executive Session was held this evening to discuss ongoing litigation and personnel matters.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by James Roma and seconded by Thomas Powanda to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:00 p.m. **No public comment received.**

**All ayes**

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Sichler  
Manager/Secretary