

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
DECEMBER 22, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairperson Thomas Powanda called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Washington Township Board of Supervisors to order at 6:00 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 (via telephone), Thomas Powanda, James Roma, Solicitor, Joan London, Esquire (via Zoom); Tom Unger, Systems Design Engineering, John Weber representing LTL Consultants (via Zoom), Township Manager, Richard Sichler, staff member, Susan Brown and there were no residents in attendance.

Absent: None

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 NOVEMBER 19, 2020

A motion was made by James Roma and seconded by Thomas Powanda to approve the minutes of November 19, 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 December 17, 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 November 2020 was provided by the Township Manager, Rich Sichler.

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| Interim Tax | \$ | 590.05 |
| Per Capita Tax | \$ | <u>776.50</u> |
| Total | \$ | 925.55 |

SUPERVISORS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **2021 Budget adoption setting of tax rate** – Rich explained there are two line items on the revenue side that need to be adjusted. The first is under the General Fund 391.110 Sale of Assets which should be increased by \$20,000 of revenue for the potential sale of the old backhoe. Second, under Recreation it was discussed applying for a grant which was not shown in the draft budget as revenue. Under 392.001 revenue of \$30,000 should be added.

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Thomas Powanda adopting the 2021 Budget as advertised with the two changes as outlined. **No comments received.**

David Moyer – aye
Thomas Powanda – aye
James Roma – opposed

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by James Roma setting the tax rates as follows:

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| General Tax Rate of 2.7 mils | | |
| Lighting Tax Rate - | Hillside Acres | \$20.50/unit |
| | Perkiomen Creek Farms II | \$27.50/unit |
| | Victoria Village | \$12.00/unit |
| | Cubbler Court | \$82.50/unit |
| | Bally Springs | \$37.00/unit |

No comments received.
All ayes

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by James Roma and seconded by Thomas Powanda authorizing Escrow Release #8 for Reserve at Bally Springs Phase 2 in the amount of \$25,325. **No comments received.**

All ayes

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by James Roma authorizing Escrow Release #6 for Reserve at Bally Springs Phase 3 in the amount of \$255,855.11. **No comments received.**

All ayes

Mr. Weber explained the improvements are not yet completed for Bally Springs in order for the Township to take dedication however Rotelle is requesting the Township to take dedication prior to all items being complete. The Board of Supervisors agreed the

Township will not take dedication until all outstanding items are completed. Rotelle also asked if part of the contingency money could be released prior to all items being complete and again the Board of Supervisors denied the request.

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by James Roma adopting Resolution No. 2020-20 to establish the lighting district for Bally Springs Phase 2 & 3. **No comments received.**

All ayes

A motion was made by James Roma and seconded by David Moyer adopting Resolution No. 2020-21 to establish the lighting district rates as outlined. **No comments received.**

All ayes

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by James Roma adopting Resolution No. 2020-22 setting the tax rate for 2021 as outlined. **No comments received.**

All ayes

SUBDIVISION/PLANNING

Edison Walk Commercial Subdivision Waiver Request – The following waivers are being requested in the All County & Assoc. letter dated November 12, 2020:

- Section 107-18.A.3.a – A subdivision proposal which would divide one existing lot into two lots, both of which will comply with the applicable dimensional requirements of the zoning district in which the existing lot is located.
- Section 107-18.B.1.A – The Plan shall be drawn to a standard engineering scale not exceeding 100 feet to the inch.
- Section 107-18.B.3.C.2.D – Driveway locations

A motion was made by Thomas Powanda and seconded by David Moyer granting the waiver requests as outlined. **No comments received.**

All ayes

SUBDIVISION EXTENSION

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

Edison Walk Commercial Minor Plan 12/01/20 to 03/02/21

No comments received.

All ayes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reorganization meeting will be held on Monday, January 4, 2021 at 5:30 pm.

Chairman Moyer thanked all the Township Professionals, Committee Members, Fire Department and Ambulance Crew for all their hard work this year.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by James Roma and seconded by Thomas Powanda to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:26 p.m. **No public comment received.**

All ayes

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Sichler
Manager/Secretary