

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES  
JANUARY 27, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson David Moyer called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Washington Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:01 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, Romnie Long, Solicitor, Joan London, Esquire; John Weber representing LTL Consultants, Tom Unger, Systems Design Engineering, Township Manager, Richard Sichler, Township Treasurer, Missy Swanson, Tax Collector, Brenda Breidigan and eleven (11) 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 other than the Township Secretary was taping the meeting this evening.

**SPECIAL REQUEST**

Tyler Feight from Cubbler Court attended the meeting for his wife, Missy Feight. The Feight's would like permission to purchase the open space lot on the Cubbler Court Subdivision. Joan London stated that this can be done but that the lot is deeded to the Subdivision and will need to be changed. To change the deed, appraisals will need to be ordered. Joan also noted that all owners of the Cubbler Court Subdivision will have to sign off on the sale of the open space to the Feights. David Moyer, Thomas Powanda and Romnie Long all expressed interest in exploring the sale of the property. David Moyer suggested that the Feight's have the parcel appraised as the first step in the process. Tyler Feight will proceed with getting an appraisal.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Leroy Renson, 21 Wissinger Run, Barto, PA:** : Mr. Renson had a complaint about a fence put up by his property. John Weber stated that the fence is properly placed and that Mr. Renson would have to hire an attorney to address this issue as it is not a township issue. Joan London also concurred that this is a private property issue and not a township matter.

**Kent Genovese/Katelyn Uhlig/Stephen Markley:** They are all residents of Bally Springs Phase 3 and wanted to complain about the speeding on County Line Road. Ms. Uhlig said it is a dangerous issue during bus stops especially with her special needs'

child. They would like to have stop signs installed, but John Weber stated the stop signs cannot be installed as speed deterrents. David Moyer said the township will look into this intersection and he will attend the Boyertown School meeting to see if the bus stop could be moved. David Moyer directed the Township Manager to look into installing a handicap sign on that road. David Moyer said the township will look into putting speed limit signs up as well as the possibility of some speed humps. John Weber stated that speed tables can be used. Tom Powanda is going to ask the State Police to set up a speed trap on that road.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 16, 2021 REGULAR MEETING AND THE JANUARY 3, 2022 REORGANIZATION MEETING:**

A motion was made by Thomas Powanda and seconded by David Moyer to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 16, 2021 BOS Meeting and January 3, 2022 Reorganization Meeting as prepared. **No comments received.**

**David Moyer: Aye**

**Thomas Powanda: Aye**

**Romnie Long: Abstained from the December 16, 2021 minutes but Aye to the January 3, 2022 Reorganization Meeting**

**MEETING AGENDA ADDITION:**

Rich Sichler proposed the following additions to the agenda:

Per Capita Tax Exonerations

Subdivision Extension

Environmental Advisory Committee appointee

Sewer Late Fee Waivers

1574 Countyline Road Sewer Line Agreement

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Romnie Long approving adding the above additions to the agenda. **No comments received.**

**All ayes**

**TOWNSHIP REPORTS**

A motion was made by Tom Powanda and seconded by Romnie Long 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 January 27, 2022, and to file the treasurer's report for audit. **No comments received.**

**All ayes**

Chairman Moyer announced an Executive Session was held this evening to discuss land issues.

**TAX COLLECTOR**

Tax Collectors Report for the month of December 2021:

Real Estate Tax	\$ 3,286.25
Light Tax	\$ 0.00
Per Capita Tax	\$ 1,072.50

Amusement Tax	\$	0.00
Total	\$	4,358.75

**FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT**

A copy of the Eastern Berks Fire Department Report is in the binders. David Moyer reminded the residents that the Fire company is in dire need of funds.

**ZONING/SEO REPORT**

Reports are in the binders.

**SEWER ENGINEER’S REPORT**

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

- Tom Unger thanked the Board of Supervisors for the appointment for 2022
- **Sewer Report** – No Action items
- **Hydraulic Plant Rerate** – Tom Unger stated that the DEP approved the amendment to add more capacity to the Waste Water Treatment Plant.
- **DRBC Wastewater Treatment Plant** docket renewal will be at the February 9, 2022 hearing.
- **Weinsteiger Electric Upgrade:** David Moyer asked about this item that had been tabled in prior meetings. He asked Tom Unger to go ahead with the detailed investigation to see what the cost will be. Thomas Powanda and Romnie Long agreed to direct SDE to investigate upgrading the electric at the Weinsteiger Lift Station.

**TOWNSHIP ENGINEER**

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

- **PADEP approval of MS4 Periodic Report and 2022 Township Requirements**  
John Weber stated these have been submitted and approved. :
- **Resolutions 2022-18, Roark Americana – 849 Forgedale Road Planning Module (on-lot septic system approval):** This will be tabled until next month.
- **Subdivision plans:** John stated the Prestige/Gross plan will be discussed at the February 2022 Planning Commission meeting. The Kelly Group has submitted two new plans to be reviewed at the March 2022 Planning Commission meeting: Schwenkfelder Road and 16 Kutztown Road.
- **Barto Road Alignment:** John said this is moving along and they will be looking into doing a Bog Turtle study at a \$870.00 cost. David Moyer asked that LTL put up 5 stakes for a visual of the new road outline. The new road is to be 22’ in width.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT**

- **Mingey litigation update & status of agreement** – Ms. London indicated the settlement has been signed at the December 2021 meeting and that they just need Mr. Foster’s signature.

- **Edison Walk Subdivision** - Ms. London stated they have received the land exchange agreement plans and were reviewing them.

**SUPERVISORS**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- **PADOT Ehst Road/Route 100 stormwater issue-** Rich Sichler stated that this project is still scheduled to start in Spring of 2022.
- **Gehring Road open space tract** – The Township still has not located a tree company to give us a quote. A resident in the audience stated that he would like to be considered for this project. He met with David Moyer after the meeting.
- **Administration Building Restructure:** Rich stated that he has had contractors walk through the building, but have not gotten any formal plans. Rich asked if we could start by getting quotes for the rotten windows. Thomas Powanda stated that there is a TW Tilt Kit from Anderson Windows that could repair the windows. He said it is for the sashes at about \$400 per window and stated that the frames of the windows are solid and don't need repair. Rich recommended that we should get an engineer involved in developing the scope of work for the project and stated he will discuss it with the Township Engineer.
- **Purging of Old Files:** Romnie Long has asked that the office begin to purge the old files and to consider onsite shredding. Rich stated he will look into what can be purged and what needs to stay.
- **1574 County Line Road Sewer Line Recapture Agreement:** A motion was made by Romnie Long and seconded by Thomas Powanda to accept the agreement on 1574 County Line Road.
  - All Ayes

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **Request by Board of Auditors to attend the exit meeting conducted by Herbein and Company prior to issuing the final audit report:** A motion to approve the Board of Auditors to attend the exit meeting with Herbein and Company was made by David Moyer and seconded by Thomas Powanda. Rich Sichler is going to advertise the Herbein and Company exit meeting after seeing when Herbein and Company is available.
  - All Ayes.
- **Martin Stone Quarries – 2022 Extraction Waiver for Gabels Quarry:** A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Romnie Long to allow for the waiver to be processed for the third time for Gabels Quarry. Joan London will prepare this waiver.
  - All Ayes
- **CoStars 2022-2023 Road Salt Contract:** A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Thomas Powanda to purchase 500 tons of road salt in the 2022-2023 contract.
  - All Ayes

- **Lee Boy Paver:** A motion was made by Thomas Powanda and seconded by Romnie Long to have the Lee Boy Paver repaired by Stephenson Equipment Inc. based off the quote of \$4,184.14.
  - **All Ayes**
- **Ford F350 purchase of bed mounted salt spreader:** Rich presented the Board of Supervisors with ten (10) quotes for a new salt spreader. The truck should be coming in March and the salt spreader was included in the 2022 Budget. A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Romnie Long to purchase either the Storks Plows, Western Striker 1.5yard spreader at \$5,300.00 or the Storks Plows, Western Striker, 2-yard spreader at \$5,650.00.
  - **All Ayes**
- **2022 Road Paving Contract:** Several roads were discussed that need paving. Roads discussed were Ehst Road, Wilt Road, and Stauffer Road. A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Thomas Powanda to proceed with a full depth reclamation project for Wilt Road and Passmore Road from its intersection with Wilt to Hoffmansville Road. The discussed scope of work will have the full depth reclamation performed under contract with the asphalt paving done by Township personnel. LTL will prepare the bid documents.
  - **All Ayes**
- **Stauffer Road at Spring Valley Village:** David Moyer mentioned that Spring Valley Village is driving large off-road dump trucks up and down Stauffer Road leaving behind significant amounts of mud. The trucks are not suitable for public roads. Rich will send Spring Valley Village a letter with a copy to the police stating they are not to be using non-road legal equipment on Stauffer Road.
- **Skid Steer and Brush Hog Purchase:** Rich stated he only has a quote from John Deere so far. Rich will try to get two more quotes.
- **Truck Orders, replacements for Truck #3 (F550 Dump Truck) and Truck #5(International heavy duty 4X4 single axle dump truck):** It was discussed that it is best to get these ordered this year as there is such a lag in delivery. Thomas Powanda asked if we could just purchase chassis for both. Rich is going to get prices for chassis for next meeting and investigate the reuse of the existing dump body.
- **Night time audit of road signage for reflectivity:** A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Thomas Powanda to schedule a night time audit of the road signage. It was suggested to rent a machine that shows reflectivity from LTAP. Rich will look into scheduling this audit.
- **Waiver of Sewer Late Fees:** A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Thomas Powanda to waive late fees of \$31.83 for Acct: 1370.01, \$31.83 for Acct. 51.01, and \$31.83 for Acct. 50.01.
  - **All Ayes**
- **Appointing a member to the Environmental Advisory Committee:** A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Romnie Long to appoint Dorothy Dornsife to the EAC Committee for a three-year term ending 2025.

**SUBDIVISION/PLANNING**

None

**SUBDIVISION EXTENSION**

**Rose A. Gross Subdivision Plan:** A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Thomas Powanda extending the plan from 2/12/22 to 5/12/22

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- Copy of the ARB Delinquent Account Report is enclosed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Dave Moyer would like to say Happy Valentine's Day to the residents and to remind residents not to push their driveway snow out onto the road.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None needed

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Thomas Powanda and seconded by Ronnie Long to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:43 p.m. **No public comment received.**

**All ayes**

Respectfully submitted,

Missy Swanson  
Treasurer