

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 20, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson David Moyer called the special 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, Romnie Long, Sewer Engineer, Tom Unger, Solicitor, Joan London, Township Manager, Richard Sichler, Township Secretary, Susan Brown and two (2) members of the public 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 the Township Secretary.

SPECIAL REQUEST

Prestige Property Partners Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion discussion – Mr. Jim D’Angelo, Mr. Howard Brown and Roger Lehmann (via Zoom) were present this evening to discuss sewer capacity for their project and also the water tank issue located directly behind townhomes.

There is an existing water tank parcel which is fenced and there is a water pump station. Approximately 2/3 of the pump station is on the same parcel as the water tank and approximately 1/3 is on a different parcel. Mr. Brown explained they have been in discussions with Aqua who installed the water facilities for approximately three years to try to get things moving on this project. These parcels were to have been dedicated to Aqua years ago and it never happened. There was litigation with Barto Mall over this matter and Prestige now feels they have things worked out with Aqua and they will release Barto Industries from certain obligations but they want the deed of dedication for these parcels. The idea is that Barto Industries will sign a deed of dedication, deeding the well tract to Aqua. There would be two deeds of dedication, one from Barto Industries to Aqua, and one from Prestige to Aqua. Mr. D’Angelo will be working with Mr. Mingey to get the deeds of dedication. It was suggested a waiver of subdivision letter from the Township saying what is being proposed does not require a subdivision application. The Supervisors directed Ms. London to draft the waiver letter.

Sewer Connection Capacity Reservation & Plant Expansion Agreement was drafted and presented to Prestige prior to this meeting. Mr. Lehmann asked how long it’s going to take to do all the documentation associated with the expansion and then the expansion

itself. Mr. Unger stated two years at a minimum and three years at a maximum. Roger also asked what the budget number is for the expansion. Tom said the project had previously been estimated at \$3,500,000 and \$4,000,000 before COVID so the working number is about \$5 million at this point. If Prestige puts in approximately \$2,500,000 does the township have the balance of the funds to expand the plant. It was stated the township has about \$1 million in reserve. Ms. London stated it has been the townships position that all developer driven expansion of the plant is developer funded. Mr. Lehmann stated they cannot fund more than the capacity that is needed. Mr. Unger was asked if the Plant could be expanded in less than 250,000 gallon increments. Tom stated yes but it is not cost affective. Tom said at this time the agreement is showing Prestige to be contributing close to \$3 million dollars at a cost of \$9,700 per edu with an estimate of 304 edu's total. Mr. D'Angelo stated they already have 27 edu's. It was noted there is no Land Development Plan submitted for the commercial and does not know at this point how many edu's will be needed however the residential piece will require 256 edu's minus the 27 owned. Mr. D'Angelo stated they are working on the commercial at this time but do not have any solid numbers. It was discussed possible minimum of 45 edu's would be needed for the commercial.

Prestige suggested developing a schedule with milestones for this project and suggested Tom and Roger work on this. Mr. Unger stated Prestige is asking for

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Thursday, April 28th at 7:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ronnie Long and seconded by Thomas Powanda to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:16 p.m.

All ayes

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Brown
Township Secretary