

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 22, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman 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.

Chairman Moyer amended the agenda for this evening to include the purchase of a skid steer and selling of the current skid steer and appropriate advertising. Also, the addition of advertisement of Eastern Berks Fire Department to be in a Commercial Zoning District.

Chairman Moyer announced an Executive Session was held this evening concerning personnel matters and land use issues.

**ROLL CALL**

The following members were present: Supervisors, Chairman Moyer, Thomas Powanda, Rommie Long, Solicitor, Joan London, Esquire; John Weber representing LTL Consultants, Tom Unger, Systems Design Engineering, Township Manager, Richard Sichler, Township Secretary, Susan Brown, and forty-one (41) 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 and Stenographer was taping the meeting this evening.

**SPECIAL REQUEST**

**Camp Camino Conditional Use Hearing** – Ms. London stated the Conditional Use Application was filed on August 3, 2022. Ms. London read into record all the exhibits related to this hearing. The hearing concluded at 9:50 p.m. at which time Ms. London indicated a decision will be made at a later time.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Bob Walsh** – Mr. Walsh stated there is a rumor that CoPart's request has been denied by the township. Ms. London explained there was an initial zoning application which has been denied by the township however the application is going to be modified and resubmitted. This matter may need to go before the Zoning Hearing Board for a special exception.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 25, 2022**

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Thomas Powanda to approve the regular Board of Supervisors meeting minutes of August 25, 2022 as prepared.

**All ayes**

**TOWNSHIP REPORTS**

A motion was made by Thomas 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 September 22, 2022, and to file the treasurer's report for audit.

**All ayes**

**TAX COLLECTOR**

Tax Collectors Report for the month of August 2022 was presented by Rich Sichler on behalf of the Tax Collector, Brenda Breidigan:

Real Estate Tax	\$ 2,261.66
Interim Tax	\$ 1,869.13
Per Capita Tax	\$ 5,804.60
Amusement Tax	<u>\$ 234.22</u>
Total	\$ 10,169.61

**RECYCLING CENTER CONTRACT & PLAN**

Mr. Dwayne Henne, EAC Chairman, stated the only other vendor available for recycling was Mascaro, who did not want to give a price quote. Mr. Henne said grants are not available for municipalities with a population under 5,000. The deficit for this year will be \$2,652.00 but there is a line item in the budget of \$2,350 so the projected deficit for 2022 is \$302. There is an anonymous donor who said he or she would write a check for \$302. Mr. Henne said the committee discussed charging a reasonable fee next year for people who use the recycling center to cover costs. Mr. Henne said the recycling center is not a financial burden to the township. Mr. Henne also said since the state paid for 2/3 of the recycling barn, if the center were to be shut down, the township would have to reimburse Harrisburg for the grant money. The EAC plans to keep the recycling center open and to educate the township residents. Chairman Moyer thanked the EAC members for their time and for volunteering. Mr. Moyer said he does not want to enter into a contract with any recycling company. Mr. Moyer also suggested only taking items that they will be paid for and not waste time with items that cost money to haul. Supervisor Powanda asked if anyone from the EAC has taken a look at Douglass Township, Montgomery County's recycling program. Mr. Henne said they have not but they could take a trip there to see how they run their program. Mr. Powanda said he is not in favor of purchasing the recycling building from the state and be in favor of the continuation of the recycling program. Mr. Moyer said the recycling items should be brought to the recycling center clean and people should not bring trash. Rich will work on details of the contract.

### **FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

A copy of the Eastern Berks Fire Department Report is enclosed.

### **ZONING/SEO REPORT**

Reports are in the binders.

### **SEWER ENGINEER'S REPORT**

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

- **Technical Standards update** – Currently under review with township staff.
- **Primex System** – The data recording system for both pump stations is up and operating.
- **2022 I & I field work bids for televising** – There are two quotes however there are some complications with rights of ways.
- **Totes purchase for chemical storage** – There are three existing totes for the aluminum chloride which need to be replaced due to corrosion. The township has sourced four used replacement totes at \$750 per tote as opposed to \$1,650 per tote for new totes. Chairman Moyer wants to offer \$2,500 with a maximum offer of \$2,800 for all four and the township will pick them up.

### **TOWNSHIP ENGINEER**

A copy of the Township Engineer's Report dated August 18, 2022 – September 15, 2022 is enclosed.

- Mr. Weber stated he reviewed subdivision plans for D'Angelo Minor Subdivision and also for Longenhagen with no action taken on either plan. In addition, the Camp Camino Conditional Use Application was also reviewed.
- Bally Springs Phases 2 & 3 maintenance period punch list is being worked on. The maintenance period expires in March.
- Mr. Weber also reported he has been working with the township manager on the traffic calming neighborhood survey that was mailed out which will wrap up on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

- **Snow Emergency parking ban enforcement:** Ms. London reported this has been revised to include snow emergency and non-emergency routes. This has already been authorized for advertisement and will be on next month's agenda for adoption.
- **Prestige Property Partners sewage service agreement** – Ms. London continues to work on this agreement.
- **DeSales University Conduit Financing** – This will be on next month's agenda.
- **EBFD Land Use** – There is a need for an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to allow a fire station in the Commercial District as a use permitted by right. A motion was made by David Moyer, seconded by Thomas Powanda authorizing the process of adoption, including advertisement and forwarding to the Planning Commission an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to allow a fire station in the Commercial District as a use permitted by right.

**All ayes**

- **Act 57, required tax waiver resolution** – tabled until next meeting.

## **SUPERVISORS**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- **PADOT Ehst Road/Route 100 stormwater issue** – The project has finally started. The detour signs have been posted and PADOT wants to do the north side on Sunday night. PADOT recalled the township had offered to pay for about 1/3 of the materials. It was decided the township would pay what was offered in the agreement made in 2018.
- **County Line Road, traffic calming survey** - The survey was mailed 9/9/22 to residents in the area of County Line Road. The survey must be returned by 9/30/22. Chairman Moyer also stated he contacted the school bus company and going forward they will go on to Avalon Circle for student pick up.
- **Nighttime sign audit** – still waiting on the PaDOT equipment.
- **2022 Road Project update** – The Passmore and Wilt Roads road project is finished; the project went well.
- **Barto Park Playground equipment** – The equipment has been ordered and is on track to be delivered as promised.
- **Pottstown Area Recreation Committee, grant assistance and professional services provider, invitation to apply for membership** – Rich reported this is actually run by the Pottstown Health and Wellness Organization. They received a grant from DCNR to fund a grant writer and currently have seven or eight municipality memberships. They meet monthly and have been in operation for four years. There is a cost to obtain membership of between \$8,000 and \$9,000 per year.

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Thomas Powanda to seek membership in the Pottstown Area Recreation Committee.

**All ayes**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- **EMC insurance renewal** – A motion was made by David Moyer, seconded by Thomas Powanda authorizing the EMC renewal in the amount of \$36,381 an increase of 3.6%.

**All ayes**

- **DCNR Fall recreation grant** – A motion was made by Thomas Powanda, seconded by Ronnie Long authorizing the township manager to submit the DCNR Fall recreation grant application.

**All ayes**

- **2023 Minimum Municipal Obligation worksheets** – The Municipal Authority will have no obligation however the MMO for current township employees is \$50,440. A motion was made by David Moyer, seconded by Thomas Powanda authorizing Rich to send a letter certifying the MMO information was provided to the Board of Supervisors.

**All ayes**

- **Public Works garage project** – Rich will work on getting drawings and a geo technical certification.
- **Road Inspection** – It was decided road inspection would be conducted on Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m.
- **Track Steer Payment** – Motion made by David Moyer, seconded by Thomas Powanda authorizing payment to Little’s John Deere in the amount of \$90,826.29 for payment of the Track Steer.

**All ayes**

- **Case Skid Steer** – Motion made by David Moyer and seconded by Thomas Powanda authorizing the sale of the Case Skid Steer on Municibid with auction to close on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

**All ayes**

- **Public Works position/hiring** – Due to a recent resignation it is necessary to advertise to hire for Public Works. A motion was made by David Moyer, seconded by Thomas Powanda authorizing the township manager to advertise for one Public Works position.

**All ayes**

**SUBDIVISION/PLANNING**

None

**SUBDIVISION EXTENSION**

Motion made by David Moyer, seconded by Thomas Powanda granting the following subdivision extension:

**Edison Walk**

**09/30/22 to 12/29/22**

**All ayes**

Motion made by Thomas Powanda, seconded by Ronnie Long granting the following subdivision extensions:

**D’Angelo Minor Subdivision**

**10/05/22 to 01/03/23**

**Longenhagen**

**10/05/22 to 01/03/23**

**All ayes**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- Copy of the ARB Delinquent Account Report is enclosed.
- EAC meeting minutes dated September 12, 2022

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Budget meetings will be held Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> (if needed) at 6:00 p.m.

The next board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Thursday, October 27, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None needed

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Thomas Powanda, seconded by Romnie Long to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:49 p.m.

**All ayes**

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Brown  
Township Secretary