

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 17, 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 announced an Executive Session was held this evening concerning potential land litigation.

Chairman Moyer amended the agenda for this evening to include the amendment of the Bally Borough Municipal Agreement.

SPECIAL REQUEST

Camp Camino Conditional Use Hearing-Conversion of barn structures – Ms. London read exhibits into the record. The Board of Supervisors will render their decision at the December 15, 2022 meeting.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Supervisors, Chairman Moyer, Thomas Powanda, Romnie Long, Solicitor, Joan London, Esquire; John Weber representing LTL Consultants, Tom Unger, Systems Design Engineering, Township Manager, Richard Sichler, Township Secretary, Susan Brown, and seventeen (17) 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 taping the meeting this evening.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gregg Foster, 3096 County Line Road, stated the township and the judge made it clear there had to be a second road going into the development in order for emergency vehicles to be able to access the development. In the approval document it was stated Mr. Keating needs to consider an access road off of Kutztown Road into the camp. Mr. Foster stated the main entrance should be placed next to the caretaker home off of Kutztown Road. There was discussion that not all the property is within the boundaries of Washington Township and the proposed entry to Camp Camino is actually located in Upper Hanover Township.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE BUDGET MEETING HELD OCTOBER 17, 2022 AND THE REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 27, 2022

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Thomas Powanda to approve the meeting minutes of the October 17, 2022 Budget meeting as prepared.

All ayes

A motion was made by David Moyer, seconded by Romnie Long approving the meeting minutes, as prepared, for the regular Board of Supervisors meeting held October 27, 2022.

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 November 17, 2022, and to file the treasurer’s report for audit.

All ayes

TAX COLLECTOR

Tax Collectors Report for the month of October 2022 presented by Tax Collector, Brenda Breidigan:

Real Estate Tax	\$ 1,118.80
Interim Tax	\$ 22.27
Light Tax	\$ 13.20
Per Capita Tax	\$ 914.00
Amusement Tax	<u>\$ 465.50</u>
Total	\$ 2,533.77

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** – Technical Standards have been completed. A motion was made by David Moyer, seconded by Romnie Long adopting the updated Water and Sewer Technical Standards.

All ayes

- **Repair of replacement of Blower Unit at WWTP** – There was a blower breakdown at the Waste Water Treatment Plant; Excelsior Blower Systems analyzed the blower and reported to repair the blower is a cost of \$4,047 and to replace with a new blower is \$7,257 which Mr. Unger is recommending

replacement with the new blower. The Supervisors agreed to replace with a new blower.

- **Bally Borough Intermunicipal Agreement** – Washington Township would like to make a request to the Borough of Bally to make an amendment to the Washington/Bally Intermunicipal Agreement. A request was received from a developer. The Act 537 Plan and the agreement are not showing the same service area at this time. A motion was made by David Moyer, seconded by Rommie Long to request an amendment to the Intermunicipal Agreement to have the Agreement match the Act 537 Plan.

All ayes

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

A copy of the Township Engineer's Report dated October 20, 2022 to November 10, 2022 is enclosed.

- **Planning Commission** – Reviews at the 12/1/22 meeting will be Kutztown Road Plan, Schwenkfelder Road Plan and the D'Angelo Minor Plan. At the November meeting the Stauffer Road Subdivision Plan was accepted for review.
- **Barto Road realignment project** – Comments were received back from the Berks County Conservation District. Revisions were made and resubmitted today.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- **Prestige Property Partners sewage service agreement** – Prestige Attorney Brown will try to wrap things up next week.
- **Pending matters before the Washington Twp. Zoning Hearing Board** – On 11/14/22 a hearing was held for Buriss. The Zoning Hearing Board reversed the decision of the Zoning Officer, written decision will be forthcoming.

SUPERVISORS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **County Line Road, traffic calming** - Results of the survey were submitted last month. Chairman Moyer spoke about the speeding on the road and Supervisor Powanda stated he is in favor of installing two speedhumps. Motion made by David Moyer, seconded by Thomas Powanda authorizing the installation of four (4) speedhumps on County Line Road from Hoffmansville Road to Niantic Road.
David Moyer – aye
Thomas Powanda – aye
Rommie Long – opposed
- **Nighttime sign audit** – ongoing
- **Barto Park Playground equipment** – installation to be complete by tomorrow. Delivery of 100 yards of engineered mulch is scheduled for Tuesday.
- **Pottstown Area Recreation Committee, intergovernmental agreement adoption** – An Ordinance has been prepared and authorization is needed to advertise. A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Thomas Powanda authorizing Kozloff Stoudt to advertise the proposed Intergovernmental agreement ordinance.

All ayes

- **Public Works garage project** – Rich has been unable to obtain an updated quote from Steelsmith Inc. It was suggested to look into pricing from Pioneer Pole Building.
- **Public Works position/hiring** – Rich reported the interview process is continuing and will try to set up a couple more interviews. Rich will also be advertising for the Administrative Assistant position as well.
- **Parks and Open Space Plan update** – The first meeting was held and a tour of the park facilities was conducted. The second meeting will be held on November 22nd at 6:00 p.m. to work on a survey.
- **Switching of bank accounts to Ambler Savings Bank** – Rich has the information cards that need to be completed.
- **Removal of tree adjacent to Barto Park** – There is a dead ash tree adjacent to the basketball court. The Roadmaster approached the property owner but is not in a situation to take the tree down. The cost to remove the tree is \$1,000 for the portion toward the park or \$3,000 to remove the entire tree. A motion was made by Ronnie Long, seconded by Thomas Powanda authorizing the removal of the entire tree by Dallas Tree Service in the amount of \$3,000.

All ayes

- **2023 Budget, authorize advertisement** – There was discussion regarding a mold problem in a lower level storage area of the township building. Rich suggested doing some type of preservation of the files and installing a dehumidifier. Chairman Moyer stated elections are held in the township building twice a year and the double doors used to enter the building should be replaced with some type of handicapped accessible pushbutton entry system. Rich will work on a price quote. There was some discussion regarding the donation to EBF and it was decided to increase the donation to \$100,000. A motion was made by Thomas Powanda, seconded by Ronnie Long to authorize the advertisement of the 2023 Budget with the changes as discussed.

All ayes

NEW BUSINESS

- **Application for position on Zoning Hearing Board** – Rich indicated there are two vacancies on the Zoning Hearing Board and has received an application for one position from an applicant with prior experience. A motion was made by David Moyer, seconded by Thomas Powanda appointing Tom DiAscro to the Zoning Hearing Board.

All ayes

- **Township approval for Prestige/Edison Walk submission of Highway Occupancy Permits to PADOT** – Mr. Weber explained when there are applications for stormwater management facility installed in the PADOT right of way, PADOT requires the municipality be the applicant for the permits and assign the ownership and maintenance responsibility of those facilities to the township. In agreement to being the applicant for the developer, there is an agreement with the developer to provide some type of contribution to the township for the

ongoing maintenance costs they will be assuming. Ms. London will work on an agreement for the December meeting.

SUBDIVISION/PLANNING

None

SUBDIVISION EXTENSION

Motion made by David Moyer, seconded by Rommie Long granting the following subdivision extension:

Kutztown Road/Shadeland Dev. 11/23/22 to 02/22/23
All ayes

Motion made by David Moyer, seconded by Rommie Long granting the following subdivision extension:

Schwenkfelder Road/Kelly Group 11/23/22 to 02/22/23
All ayes

COMMUNICATIONS

- Copy of the ARB Delinquent Account Report is enclosed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Thursday, December 15, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None needed

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Thomas Powanda, seconded by Rommie Long to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:55 p.m.

All ayes

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Brown
Township Secretary