

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 8, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Thomas Powanda called the special meeting of the Washington Township Board of Supervisors to order at 6:03 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, Township Manager, Richard Sichler, Township Secretary, Susan Brown and five (5) 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

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

SUPERVISORS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Public Works building – review of plans, specifications, and contracts. Mr. Jerry Gorski, Gorski Engineering was present this evening and provided a line item breakdown for the proposed public works building. Mr. Gorski stated they design a lot of fire department buildings, several in the area including in Gilbertsville and Limerick. The proposed building size is 82' x 50' x 17' to be located directly adjacent to the current public works building.

Rich stated as discussed in previous meeting, the township would like to minimize any change orders. Mr. Gorski stated they were working off of plans that were not fully designed and took their best guess so there may be items listed in the breakdown that may not be needed. It will be necessary to meet with township staff to discuss the overall plan in more detail. Mr. Gorski said if the township is happy with the structure and the layout, if the steel is ordered tomorrow, it will be about seventeen (17) weeks until delivery. Mr. Gorski also suggested taking a look at Limerick Public Works building for a better look at what can be expected.

Tom stated he would like to see a wall placed between the wash bay and the next bay instead of something temporary. Mr. Gorski said at this time there is a proposed curtain for the division however a permanent wall can be placed there. The wall would not go all the way to the ceiling so there is light filtration as well as the dissipation of humidity.

It was asked what pre-construction services are. Mr. Gorski explained if they do any design work, they can do that as a professional service. If Gorski were to do any design work on this vs work for Tom and were going to hire Gorski Engineering to do that, that can be done as a professional service so it doesn't have to be part of the cooperative purchasing program. Mr. Gorski said working with SDE any information they put together and evaluate all these things they can do and doesn't see that as something they need to be compensated for beyond the construction contract.

Public Comment:

Thomas Meck, 10 Kemp Lane, said \$861,000 is crazy because you can put a pole barn building up for about \$500,000. Mr. Powanda said the township wants a steel building.

Mr. Gorski reviewed their safety protocols and stated they do have weekly safety meetings. Mr. Gorski also said they are almost finished with construction of a 6,000 to 7,000 sq. foot maintenance building at Bear Creek Ski Resort. Mr. Unger stated there will not be a formal Land Development Plan, this would be waived by the township. The concrete floor for the building would be done by a subcontractor. Dave stated he would like to have the building set 12" higher than what is out there now to ensure the pitch will be correct from the wash bay to the tank.

There was some discussion regarding the placement of glass in the doors. Tom asked if the ceiling insulation could be increased to R-30. Mr. Gorski said he believes R-38 is as tall as they can go. Dave asked if wood will be used for framing for doors, etc. Mr. Gorski said yes wood would be used. Dave said the wood should not be thrown away after use, the wood could be utilized again by the township. An eyewash station was discussed and Dave said he would like two (2) eyewash stations. An on-demand electric water heater was added for hot water.

Tom asked what the Sky-Web fall protection and insulation support system is. Mr. Gorski explained that to insulate the ceiling they are rolling out the fiberglass into three (3) foot sections and seam it as they go. The Sky-Web is put on before the insulation is rolled out and it does not catch the wind and offers fall protection and remains after construction is completed.

It was discussed adding three (3) electrical drops from the ceiling between the trucks. It was also discussed putting a double receptacle in each corner and a double receptacle between each door. It was noted the township wants both circulation fans and an exhaust fan.

It was stated there is a 200-amp electrical service in the main shop and a new installation of a 400-amp service for the new building. There will be a need for telephones in the new building however internet will probably not be needed.

Mr. Gorski will adjust the price list based upon tonight's discussions and return the updated price list prior to the August 24th Board of Supervisors meeting. Mr. Gerski stated the contract is a fixed priced contract and there can't be any open items.

A motion was made by Thomas Powanda, seconded by Rommie Long authorizing the township manager to begin working on the electric service.

All ayes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Thursday, August 24th at 7:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Thomas Powanda and seconded by David Moyer to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:29 p.m.

All ayes

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Brown
Township Secretary