

Washington Township Municipal Building
185 Manors Road
Elizabethville, PA 17023
January 21, 2020

Secretary Sitlinger administered the oath of office to Jerry Lettich.

The regular meeting of the Washington Township Board of Supervisors was held at the above place and date.

Acting Chairman, Benjamin Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Board Members Present:

Benjamin Brown Jerry Lettich
Glenn Stoneroad

Board Member Absent:

Cynthia Stout

Administrators and Others Present:

Donna Sitlinger – Secretary
Citizens – Approx. 85

PERMANENT POSITION:

Chairman: A motion was made by Supr. Lettich to elect Benjamin Brown to the permanent position of chairman, second by Supr. Stoneroad. Roll Call Vote: Lettich (yes) Stoneroad (yes) Brown (yes) Motion carried.

Vice Chairman: A motion was made by Supr. Lettich to elect Glenn Stoneroad to the permanent position of vice chairman, second by Supr. Brown. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

With regards to Ordinance 2020-01, proposing amendments to Chapter 10, Health and Safety, Part 1 Anti-Nuisance Act, Shooting Range Guidelines, Chairman, Benjamin Brown announced this was a mistake, this is an anti-gun ordinance and wish we could have stopped it. I take full responsibility for this. The State Police came to us originally for what we thought was going to be an indoor shooting range; when the plan was presented, it was an outdoor shooting range. We are looking at other avenues to resolve. A motion was made by Supr. Lettich to rescind proposed ordinance 2020-01, second by Supr. Stoneroad. Roll Call Vote: Stoneroad (yes) Lettich (yes) Brown (yes) Motion carried.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2020-01 RESCINDED.

Comments were provided by the following individuals in regards to their opposition of proposed Ordinance 2020-01 and also commenting, they appreciate the acknowledgment, that the ordinance was a mistake.

Harold Daub, Short Mountain Conservation Club & Executive Director, Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen & Conservationists.

Patrick Walter.

Laverne Brown, Sr., Chairman, Washington Township Planning Commission encouraged all to attend the next Planning Commission meeting, as we still have many questions to ask about the new State Police Barracks.

With no more comments presented, the majority of the citizens vacated the meeting room.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the Board of Supervisors January 6, 2020 annual organization and regular meeting were approved as presented by motion of Supr. Lettich, second by Supr. Stoneroad. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF INVOICES:

General Fund: \$3,543.84

Fire Hydrant Fund: 1,480.00

A motion was made by Supr. Stoneroad to approve the payment of the invoices, second by Supr. Lettich. Roll Call Vote: Stoneroad (yes) Lettich (yes) Brown (yes) Motion carried.

LETTER OF RESIGNATION:

A motion was made by Supr. Stoneroad to accept the letter of resignation from Township Supervisor, Ron Strohecker, second by Supr. Lettich. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:**Final Land Development Plan & Stormwater Management – Alvord Polk:**

Alvord Polk's Final Land Development and Stormwater Management Plan is before the Supervisors for final approval. The project proposes an expanded parking area, two small building additions and patio. Comments were provided by the Township Engineer and Dauphin County. Verbal recommendation of the plan was provided by Laverne Brown, Sr., Chairman, Washington Township Planning Commission. Two representatives from Alvord Polk were present to answer questions. After review, a motion was made by Supr. Lettich, to approve the final land development plan and stormwater management, conditional upon the Township Engineer and Dauphin County comments are addressed, second by Supr. Stoneroad. Motion carried. **Resolution 2020-04**

Proposed Land Development – Innovative Green Solutions, Inc.

J.C. Kell representing Innovative Green Solutions was present to inquire what would be the best route to pursue the land development of an all-natural pet food manufacturing company on a property that is zoned R-2? The options to consider would entail a request to amend the zoning district of the property in question, or ask for a variance before the zoning hearing board. A brief discussion was held.

OLD BUSINESS:**Drainage Easement (Berry Mountain Estates):**

After brief discussion, it is the consensus of the Supervisors to table further discussion, ask Cole Boyer from Stahl Sheaffer Engineering to attend the next meeting to go over the solutions he provided to address the stormwater drainage matter. It was also the consensus of the Supervisors to provide Solicitor Kerwin with a copy of the report to review until the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:**Elizabethville Area Authority Quarterly Update:**

Chairman Brown recognized Chris Kocher, a member of the Elizabethville Area Authority Board appointed to represent the Township. Mr. Kocher was in attendance to provide a quarterly update on the current operations of the facility.

Tax Claim Bureau – Interest-Free Grace Period:

The Supervisors expressed no opposition to be included in Dauphin County's 30-day interest free grace period, to encourage the payment of unpaid 2019 real property taxes returned to Dauphin County Tax Claim Bureau for collection.

Tru-Green Prepay:

A motion was made by Supr. Lettich, second by Supr. Stoneroad, to take advantage of the discount and prepay Tru-Green for their services of lawn and vegetation control at the Loyaltan Park ballfield during the 2020 season, at an expense of \$1315.37. Roll Call Vote: Stoneroad (yes) Lettich (yes) Brown (yes) Motion carried.

Donation Request – Elizabethtown Area Community Alliance:

It is the consensus of the Supervisors to ask a representative from the group to attend a future meeting. The Supervisors are interested in obtaining additional information on the operations of their organization prior to considering monetary support.

Update Check Signers:

With a change in administration, a motion was made by Supr. Lettich to update the names of the individuals representing the Township, to initiate the purchase and redemption of Township funds and establish authorized signers for the bank accounts, second by Supr. Stoneroad. Roll Call Vote: Stoneroad (yes) Lettich (yes) Brown (yes) Motion carried. **Resolution 2020-05**
Individuals to be removed: Rick W. Stence and Ronald G. Strohecker.
Authorized individuals to be added: Benjamin B. Brown, Chairman & Glenn L. Stoneroad, Vice Chairman and retain Donna M. Sitlinger, Secretary-Treasurer.

Board Vacancy Applications:

Two Board Vacancy Applications were presented to fill vacant seats on the Zoning Hearing Board. After brief review of the applications, a motion was made by Supr. Stoneroad to appoint John C. Kell to fill the regular member position with the term expiring 12/31/2020, **Resolution 2020-06** and to appoint Andrea Miller as an alternate member, with the term expiring 12/31/2021, second by Supr. Lettich. **Resolution 2020-07.** Motion carried.

Eckert Seamons Request to Consider Slot Machine Nuisance Ordinance:

Discussion tabled until the next meeting.

Supervisor Vacancy:

A motion was made by Supr. Brown to advertise the vacant seat of Supervisor, second by Supr. Lettich. Roll Call Vote: Stoneroad (yes) Lettich (yes) Brown (yes) Motion carried.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS:

BENJAMIN BROWN: No report.

GLENN STONEROAD:**Upper Dauphin Area School District:**

Supr. Stoneroad reported the school board is continuing with their study of a proposed merger with Millersburg.

COG:

Supr. Stoneroad reported he received information on grant funding opportunities and considering future education on stormwater management during the January COG meeting.

CYNTHIA STOUT: No report.

JERRY LETTICH: No report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chairman, Benjamin Brown called for public comments.

Robert Straub appreciated the honesty and transparency shown this evening and hopes a permanent solution is found to resolve the drainage easement matter on Lenker Drive.

Supr. Stoneroad encouraged Township residents to attend meetings as he would like to hear their input before deciding what is best for the community.

James Stout listed complaints associated with a shooting range and asked the Supervisors to consider the impact a shooting range will have on the community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Planning Commission: Monday, February 3, 2020

Supervisors + Conditional Use Hearing: Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Authority: Tuesday, February 11, 2020

Recreation Board: Wednesday, February 19, 2020 (8PM)

All meetings, unless otherwise indicated, are held at the municipal building and begin at 7 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Supr. Stoneroad made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Supr. Lettich. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna M. Sitlinger,
Secretary