

Washington Township Municipal Building
185 Manors Road
Elizabethville, PA 17023
September 1, 2020

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

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:

Gerald Lettich Kevin Stadheim
Benjamin Brown Glenn Stoneroad

Board Member Absent:

Cynthia Stout

Administrators and Others Present:

Donna Sitlinger – Secretary
Joseph Kerwin, Esq. – Board Solicitor
Robert Crabb – Roadmaster
Guest – Amie Savidge, Keystone Insurers Group- Deibler, Straub & Troutman
Citizens – 3

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chairman Benjamin Brown called for public comments.

Chairman Brown recognized Rich Kocher representing the UDA Softball and Booster Club. Mr. Kocher commented plans are underway to add a championship sign on the front lawn of the high school. The size of the sign was initially proposed at 3' x 2'; now proposing to revise the size of the sign to 3' x 4' and is questioning if permits are needed. After briefly discussing and considering the zoning/codes enforcement officers recommendation, it is the consensus of the Supervisors that no permit is needed.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the Board of Supervisors August 18, 2020 conditional use hearing and regular meeting were approved as presented by motion of Supr. Lettich, second by Supr. Stoneroad. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF INVOICES:

General Fund: \$ 4,604.13
Liquid Fuels Fund: 3,806.39

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Commercial Insurance Policy Renewal

Chairman Brown recognized Amie Savidge representing the Keystone Insurers Group of Deibler, Straub & Troutman. Ms. Savidge provided a Summary of Coverages booklet to each of the Supervisors and briefly reviewed the policy renewal of the commercial insurance coverage for the Township and Authority. After a brief question period, a motion was made by Supr. Stoneroad to approve the renewal of the commercial insurance policy, effective September 10, 2020 through September 9, 2021, second by Supr. Stadheim. Roll Call Vote: Stoneroad (yes) Stadheim (yes) Lettich (yes) Brown (yes) Motion carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:21 PM, a motion was made by Supr. Lettich to retire to executive session to discuss a financial matter, second by Supr. Stoneroad. Motion carried. A motion was made by Supr. Stoneroad, second by Supr. Lettich to return to open session at 7:36 PM.

OLD BUSINESS:**State Drive Improvements**

Solicitor Kerwin advised he received favorable response from property owners regarding proposed improvements to State Drive. After discussion, a motion was made by Supr. Stoneroad to ask the Township engineer to begin the steps to proceed to change both entrances of State Drive, second by Supr. Lettich. Roll Call Vote: Stoneroad (yes) Stadheim (yes) Lettich (yes) Brown (yes) Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:**Certificate of Deposit Renewal**

Mid Penn Bank sent notice of a certificate of deposit maturing on August 23, 2020. A motion was made by Supr. Lettich to retain the 6- month term certificate of deposit, noting the interest rate is reduced to 0.5%, second by Supr. Stadheim. Roll Call Vote: Stoneroad (yes) Stadheim (yes) Lettich (yes) Brown (yes) Motion carried.

Logging Issue

With truckers utilizing certain township roads to haul logs that are not designed to support their weight, the Supervisors discussed the feasibility of posting roads at a reduced weight limit. This would provide the Township with an avenue for the hauler exceeding the posted weight limit to be financially responsible for the excess maintenance on the road directly damaged by the haulers' activity on the road. Currently Romberger Road is being utilized by a hauler. It was noted there is an alternate route that could be used. Solicitor Kerwin will contact a representative at the grain center to discuss.

SOLICITOR REPORT: No report.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS:**KEVIN STADHEIM:****Road Crew Report:**

Roadmaster Crabb reported the following:

- Installing pipes on Henninger and Savage Roads.

GLENN STONEROAD: No report.

CYNTHIA STOUT: Absent.

JERRY LETTICH: No report.

BENJAMIN BROWN:**Landfill:**

Supr. Brown advised notification was received that Dauphin Meadows Landfill is in the process of renewing their Operating Permit and Air Plan Approval Applications.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chairman Benjamin Brown called for public comments.

Chairman Brown recognized Karen Wiest who asked if anyone knew where the pet food company renders their product, with a response that no one is aware of the location.

Chairman Brown recognized Robert Straub who asked Supervisors Brown and Stoneroad their take on the zoning variance hearing, with a response that various individuals exhibited a lack of respect.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Authority: Tuesday, September 8, 2020

Planning Commission: Monday, September 14, 2020

Supervisors: Tuesday, September 15, 2020

Recreation Board: Wednesday, September 16, 2020 (8PM)

Fall Cleanup: Saturday, October 3, 2020 (8AM – 3PM)

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

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Supr. Lettich made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Supr. Stoneroad. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna M. Sitlinger

Secretary