

Washington Township Municipal Building  
185 Manors Road  
Elizabethville, PA 17023  
October 6, 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:**

Kevin Stadheim            Cynthia Stout  
Glenn Stoneroad        Benjamin Brown  
Gerald Lettich

**Administrators and Others Present:**

Donna Sitlinger – Secretary  
Joseph Kerwin, Esq. – Board Solicitor  
Charles Yourshaw, Engineer – Yourshaw Engineering  
Matthew Stoneroad, Chairman – Washington Township Recreation Board  
Virtual Guest – Zack Bomberger – Representing Republic Development Corp. (PSP Land Development)  
Citizens – 13

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Chairman Benjamin Brown called for public comments with no response.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of the Board of Supervisors September 15, 2020 regular meeting were approved as presented by motion of Supr. Lettich, second by Supr. Stadheim. Motion carried.

**PAYMENT OF INVOICES:**

General Fund:                    \$ 5,384.77  
Liquid Fuels Fund:            171.10

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

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Request to Amend Zoning Ordinance**

An application requesting an Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance was submitted by Keith Hill, DBA Integrative Green Solutions Incorporated.

Solicitor Kerwin introduced the application that is requesting the Board of Supervisors consideration to amend the official zoning map of the property located at 4001 State Route 225, Elizabethville, PA 17023 from R-2 Residential District (Medium High Density) to LI Light-Industrial. The property parcel subject to this application is known as tax map and parcel number 66-012-161-000-0000. Existing use of the property is farming. Proposed future use of the property is to construct an animal food processing facility on 19.6 acres of land.

After brief discussion regarding the process and time allotment to schedule a public hearing, a motion was made by Supr. Stadheim to schedule the public hearing on November 12, 2020, beginning 7 PM, second by Supr. Stoneroad. Prior to roll call vote taken, public comment was given by Rick Stence, Tracey Adams, John Laskowski, Rebecca Margerum, Robert Straub. At the conclusion of public comments, Roll Call Vote: Stoneroad (yes) Stadheim (yes) Lettich (yes) Brown (yes) Stout (yes) Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:****Dedication/Reservation of Land for Recreational Area or Facility (PSP Land Development)**

The developer of the Pennsylvania State Police Barracks has proposed to dedicate land on the property to be utilized as a recreational area of the Township. Matthew Stonerod, Chairman of the Recreation Board was present and advised after consulting with the recreation board members, the location proposed for dedication, would not be feasible to turn into a recreational area for the community. The developer accepted remitting the fee in lieu of dedication of land. Other outstanding conditions mentioned, inlet installation at the curb line of Lois Drive, receipt of escrow to the EAA. It was also noted the Roadmaster spoke to the developers engineer regarding improvements needed to the traffic signal facing Lois Drive.

**OTHER BUSINESS:****Land Development/Stormwater Mgt Plan/Agreement- Knorr-Lenker Early Bird/Night Owl Storage**

The project description is to install 14 additional storage units to an existing commercial storage unit operation. Tax Parcel Number 66-012-065. Charles Yourshaw, Engineer was present representing the land development.

The Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan for Knorr and Lenker Early Bird Night Owl Storage Unit was reviewed and comments were provided by the Township Engineer and Washington Township and Dauphin County Planning Commissions.

A motion was made by Supr. Lettich to approve the waver requests: §22-303 (2) requirement of preliminary plan submittal; §22-509 Dedication of Recreational Areas or Facilities or fee in lieu of, for the reason the property has been in operation since 1965 and is grandfathered; second by Supr. Stadheim. Roll Call Vote: Stonerod (yes) Stadheim (yes) Lettich (yes) Brown (yes) Stout (no) Motion carried with one no vote.

With all comments satisfied, a motion was made by Supr. Stadheim to approve the Plan, second by Supr. Lettich. Roll Call Vote: Stonerod (yes) Stadheim (yes) Lettich (yes) Brown (yes) Stout (yes) Motion carried. **Resolution 2020-14**

A motion was made by Supr. Stonerod to approve to execute the Stormwater Management Best Practices Agreement conditional upon receipt of additional escrow, second by Supr. Brown. Roll Call Vote: Stonerod (yes) Stadheim (yes) Lettich (yes) Brown (yes) Stout (yes) Motion carried.

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

Chairman Brown recognized Christopher Kocher, an Elizabethville Area Authority board member who represents Washington Township. Mr. Kocher was in attendance to provide a quarterly update concerning the current operations of the facility.

**Municipal Pension System State Aid Allocation**

The 2020 Commonwealth allocation of General Municipal Pension State Aid for the amount of \$13,221.32 was direct deposited into the general fund on September 29, 2020. It was noted the pension plan cost for 2020 is \$13,318.00. A motion was made by Supr. Lettich to disburse the allocation along with \$96.68 from the general fund to pay the entire pension plan cost to the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System, second by Supr. Stout. Roll Call Vote: Stonerod (yes) Stadheim (yes) Lettich (yes) Brown (yes) Stout (yes) Motion carried.

**Volunteer Fire Relief Association Allocation**

The 2020 Commonwealth state aid allocation supporting the Volunteer Fire Relief Association was direct deposited into the general fund on September 22, 2020. A motion was made by Supr. Stout to disburse the allocation of \$13,920.31 to the Elizabethville Volunteer Fire Relief Association, second by Supr. Stonerod. Roll Call Vote: Stonerod (yes) Stadheim (yes) Lettich (yes) Brown (yes) Stout (yes) Motion carried.

**Dauphin County Regional Stormwater Program**

Agreements in reference to a Dauphin County Regional Stormwater Program will be disbursed to municipalities shortly. This is a voluntary program for both MS4 and non-MS4 communities. More municipality involvement, more savings. Work together to compete for grant funding. Proposing to begin work in 2021 of which involves infrastructure mapping. It is estimated it will cost the Township \$8,000.00 the first year.

**Solar Farm Inquiry**

A brief discussion was held among the Supervisors and Solicitor Kerwin regarding a recent inquiry concerning the development of a solar farm. The Supervisors asked Solicitor Kerwin to research this matter and provide a recommendation at a future meeting.

**Concerns Received**

The Supervisors reviewed various concerns received from township residents. After review, it is the consensus of the Supervisors to ask the zoning/codes enforcement officer to visit one of the properties concerning storing/accumulation of car parts and the Secretary to send a letter to another property burning yard waste in a residential development.

**SOLICITOR REPORT:**

Solicitor Kerwin advised the UDA School Board approved the removal of delinquent school real estate taxes on the former Vicky's Valley Inn property. A discussion was held on grant funding opportunities for the demolition of the structure.

**SUPERVISORS REPORTS:****CYNTHIA STOUT:**

Supr. Stout recently met with fire company members regarding their request to increase the fire protection tax millage rate from .47 to .70 mills next year. Request to be considered during the budget review.

**JERRY LETTICH:** No report.

**BENJAMIN BROWN:** No report.

**KEVIN STADHEIM:** No report.

**GLENN STONEROAD:** No report.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Chairman Benjamin Brown called for public comments with no response.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Authority: Tuesday, October 13, 2020

Supervisors: Tuesday, October 20, 2020

Recreation Board: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 (8PM)

Planning Commission: Monday, November 9, 2020

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, Supr. Stadheim made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Supr. Stout. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna M. Sitlinger, Secretary