

Washington Township Municipal Building
185 Manors Road
Elizabethville, PA 17023
November 5, 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:

Cynthia Stout Kevin Stadheim
Benjamin Brown Glenn Stoneroad

Board Member Absent:

Gerald Lettich

Administrators and Others Present:

Donna Sitlinger – Secretary
Joseph Kerwin, Esq. – Board Solicitor
Robert Crabb – Roadmaster
Citizens – 6
Reliance Hose Company No. 1 – 9 Officers/Members

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chairman Benjamin Brown called for public comments.

Chairman Brown recognized Rick Stence. In reference to the landowner curative amendment application filed by Keith A. Hill, DBA Integrative Green Solutions, Mr. Stence questioned since the Dauphin County Planning Commission recommendation does not believe the proposed change has any merit, will the Supervisors consider cancelling the Public Hearing. It is the consensus of the Supervisors to continue with the public hearing.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the Board of Supervisors October 20, 2020 regular meeting were approved as presented by Supr. Stadheim, second by Supr. Stoneroad. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF INVOICES:

General Fund: \$ 5,958.04
Liquid Fuels Fund: 520.30

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Fire Protection Tax Increase Request

Chairman Brown recognized Ryan Romberger, Administrative President. The Fire Company is asking the Supervisors consideration to increase the fire protection tax millage from .47 to .70 mills beginning 2021. There has not been a fire protection tax increase for over 20 years. With expenses increasing, the budget projects a shortfall in cash unless a tax increase is implemented. Explored avenues for other alternatives to increase fire protection funding, noting the tax increase would have a minimal impact on most homeowners and also noting a tax increase would create a hardship for some property owners. After discussion, a motion was made by Supr. Stout to approve to enter into a four-year agreement with Reliance Hose Company and approve to increase the fire protection tax from .47 mills to .70 mills,

effective 2021, second by Supr. Stadheim. Roll Call Vote: Stoneroad (yes) Stadheim (yes) Brown (yes) Stout (yes) Motion carried.

State Drive Improvements

It was noted, there is nothing new to report.

Solar Farm Development Research

Solicitor Kerwin expressed concerns of who will be the responsible party to clean up the sea of units at the end of their usefulness.

Alternate Route Logging Trucks

It was noted the next section of logging to be done, the truckers will be utilizing a road in the Borough.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:35 PM, a motion was made by Supr. Stout to retire to executive session to discuss a legal matter, second by Supr. Stadheim. Motion carried. By motion of Supr. Stoneroad, second by Supr. Stout, the Supervisors returned to open session at 7:52 PM. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Winter Maintenance Policy

A motion was made by Supr. Stadheim to approve the Winter Maintenance & Emergency Policy & Procedures effective November 1, 2020 through October 31, 2021, second by Supr. Stoneroad. Motion carried.

Janitorial Service Rates

It was noted a two percent increase for services was applied by the contractor, as per the terms of the Janitorial Agreement.

Emergency Management Coordinator, David Shelleman submitted a Local Advanced Certification Form for signature.

As per the last meeting, a letter of appreciation addressed to the Upper Dauphin Area School District Board was presented to the Supervisors for signature.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

Solicitor Kerwin advised Walmart is appealing their tax assessment. Upon the recommendation of Solicitor Kerwin, a motion was made by Supr. Brown to approve the Solicitor to pursue Walmart's appeal with the school district, second by Supr. Stout. Roll Call Vote: Stoneroad (yes) Stadheim (yes) Brown (yes) Stout (yes) Motion carried.

2021 BUDGET:

A lengthy review of the 2021 fire hydrant, street light, liquid fuels and general funds proposed budget was conducted. Review will continue during the next meeting.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS:

BENJAMIN BROWN: No report.

KEVIN STADHEIM:

Road Report:

- Roadmaster Crabb reported since the PUC has taken over 811, they are asking us to provide a map

disclosing the location of all our infrastructure. Also commented a better contact system should be put into service for municipalities to report downed wires to utility companies.

GLENN STONEROAD: No report.

CYNTHIA STOUT:

Reliance Hose Company:

Supr. Stout announced the October Fire Company Report was received.

JERRY LETTICH: Absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chairman Benjamin Brown called for public comments with no response.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Planning Commission: Monday, November 9, 2020

Authority: Tuesday, November 10, 2020

Public Hearing: Thursday, November 12, 2020

Supervisors: Thursday, November 17, 2020

Recreation Board: Wednesday, November 18, 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. Stadheim made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Supr. Stout. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna M. Sitlinger, Secretary