

Washington Township Municipal Building
185 Manors Road
Elizabethville, PA 17023
December 15, 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:

Glenn Stoneroad Benjamin Brown
Gerald Lettich Kevin Stadheim
Cynthia Stout

Administrators and Others Present:

Donna Sitlinger – Secretary
Robert Crabb - Roadmaster
Citizens – 2

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chairman, Benjamin Brown called for public comments with no response.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the Board of Supervisors December 1, 2020 regular meeting, were approved as presented by Supr. Stoneroad, second by Supr. Stadheim. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF INVOICES:

General Fund: \$ 6,726.28
Street Light Fund: 890.85

A motion was made by Supr. Lettich to approve the payment of the invoices, plus the Frontier, PPL and Solicitor Kerwin's additional annual fees above the monthly retainer, second by Supr. Stadheim. Roll Call Vote: Stoneroad (yes) Stadheim (yes) Lettich (yes) Brown (yes) Stout (yes) Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Proposal Municipal Consulting Engineer

There was no action taken on the engineer proposal received from Meck-Tech.

Employee Wages 2021

Executive Session:

At 7:07 PM, a motion was made by Supr. Lettich to retire to executive session to discuss a personnel matter, second by Supr. Stoneroad. Motion carried. Roadmaster Crabb was asked to accompany the Supervisors. A motion was made by Supr. Lettich, second by Supr. Stoneroad, to return to open session at 7:37 PM. Chairman Brown advised the executive session was for the purpose of discussing the 2021 wages of employees. A motion was made by Supr. Brown to increase Robert Crabb, Cole Long, Isaiah Daniels and Donna Sitlinger hourly wages .50¢ an hour, effective January 1, 2021; Cole Long to receive an additional .50¢ an hour on July 1, 2021 and Isaiah Daniels to receive an additional .50¢ an hour on his one-year hire date of 9/28/2021, second by Supr. Stout. Roll Call Vote: Stoneroad (yes) Stadheim (yes) Lettich (yes) Brown (yes) Stout (yes) Motion carried. It was noted employee wage increases will be affirmed during the annual organizational meeting on January 4.

Transportation Impact Assessment PSP (Twp. Engineer Comments)

The highway occupancy permit has not been issued for the project. The Supervisors do not want to be responsible for the expenses to modify the traffic signal head if traffic impacts warrant an improvement.

Supr. Stoneroad commented he contacted PPL to satisfy his curiosity on why the cost to change the high sodium street light bulbs to LED bulbs is more expensive.

NEW BUSINESS:**Adopt 2021 Budget**

After being duly advertised in the Upper Dauphin Sentinel, a motion was made by Supr. Stoneroad to formally adopt the 2021 budget, second by Supr. Lettich. Roll Call Vote: Stoneroad (yes) Stadheim (yes) Lettich (yes) Brown (yes) Stout (yes) Motion carried. **Resolution 2020-17**

Adopt 2021 Tax Levy

A motion was made by Supr. Stout to approve establishing the real estate tax rate, special assessment tax, discounts, penalties and levying other taxes for specified purposes applicable for 2021, second by Supr. Lettich. It was noted all taxes remain the same as last year, with the exception of the fire protection tax, increasing from .47 to .70 mills. Roll Call Vote: Stoneroad (yes) Stadheim (yes) Lettich (yes) Brown (yes) Stout (yes) Motion carried. **Resolution 2020-18**

The Supervisors received a calendar outlining the meeting dates scheduled during 2021.

Due to lack of receiving a large share of the work to issue building permits, BIU stated it does not make business sense for them to continue their services into 2021.

The 30-day appeal period in regards to the approval of the curative amendment request will expire on December 17. The Secretary to ask the township engineer to amend the zoning map to reflect the zoning district change of the parcel involved.

Solar Farm Development Research

Waiting to receive verbiage from Jerry Duke on solar energy farms.

Conditional Use Hearing

A Conditional Use Hearing is scheduled on December 22 concerning an application filed by Joe Kerwin, PA House of Representatives. A brief discussion was held.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS:

CYNTHIA STOUT: No report.

JERRY LETTICH:**Washington Township Authority**

With some maintenance projects underway at the sewer plant, Supr. Lettich commented the payment plan did not go over well with the Authority members. The members may prefer to continue to pay out an annual lump sum to the township. There may be three vacancies on the sewer authority board until next year.

BENJAMIN BROWN:**Landfill**

A recent inspection was conducted at the Dauphin Meadows Landfill, with no violations observed.

KEVIN STADHEIM:**Road Crew Report**

With predictions of a major snowstorm developing in our area on December 16, 2020, a motion was made by Supr. Stout to approve putting into effect a Declaration of Disaster Emergency, second by Supr. Stadheim. Motion carried.

Roadmaster Crabb advised the Supervisors of the safety issues that arise concerning cement driveways. Roadmaster Crabb reported, there are a few unlicensed, uninspected vehicles in a development that will need to be addressed.

A motion was made by Supr. Stadheim, second by Supr. Stoneroad, to approve the \$5100 quote submitted by Esh Builders for the construction of a retaining wall. It was noted the funds will be disbursed from the gaming grant. Roll Call Vote: Stoneroad (yes) Stadheim (yes) Lettich (yes) Brown (yes) Stout (yes) Motion carried.

GLENN STONEROAD: No report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

Supervisors: Public Hearing, Tuesday, December 22, 2020

Annual Organizational/Regular Meeting, Monday, January 4, 2021

Planning Commission: Monday, January 11, 2021

Authority: Tuesday, January 12, 2021

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. Stout. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna M. Sitlinger

Secretary