

Washington Township Municipal Building
185 Manors Road
Elizabethville, PA 17023
March 2, 2021

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 7:08 PM, immediately following the Conditional Use Hearing

Board Members Present:

Glenn Stoneroad Benjamin Brown
Gerald Lettich Kevin Stadheim

Board Member Absent:

Cynthia Stout

Administrators and Others Present:

Donna Sitlinger – Secretary
Joseph Kerwin, Esq. – Board Solicitor
Laverne Brown, Sr. – WT Planning Commission
Citizens – 2

OTHER BUSINESS:

Decision – Conditional Use Hearing, Application Number 2021-1 Pennsylvania State Police

In reference to the Conditional Use Hearing held prior to this meeting, a motion was made by Supr. Stoneroad to approve the Pennsylvania State Police application in regards to the addition of a 60' self-supporting radio communications tower to be installed as per ordinance requirements, second by Supr. Stadheim. There were no conditions applied to the application. Roll Call Vote: Stoneroad (yes) Stadheim (yes) Lettich (yes) Brown (yes) Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chairman, Benjamin Brown called for public comments.

Laverne Brown questioned the permit fee that is established for off premise sign advertising. The Secretary will look into the inquiry.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the Board of Supervisors February 16, 2021 regular meeting, were approved as presented by Supr. Lettich, second by Supr. Stadheim. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF INVOICES:

General Fund: \$ 5,724.52

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Transportation Impact Assessment PSP

Solicitor Kerwin advised Mr. Bomberger is planning to conduct a base and post study of the SR209 & Kocher Lane/Lois Drive intersection after full opening and operation of the State Police Barracks. Mr. Bomberger indicated he would be responsible for any adjustments to the traffic signal.

Proposal – State Drive Improvements

There was nothing new to report.

Stormwater Exemption Request

After consideration, a motion was made by Supr. Stoneroad to approve Lenny Radle’s stormwater exemption request in reference to property parcel 66-010-096, second by Supr. Lettich. Roll Call Vote: Stoneroad (yes) Stadheim (yes) Lettich (yes) Brown (yes) Motion carried.

Proposal WT Planning Commission – Zoning District Map Amendment

Two new zoning districts are being proposed by the Planning Commission Members; Commercial Highway and Mixed-Use Village. The purpose of the re-structure is to allow more freedom and flexibility to the property owner. Maps that depict zoning district amendments along the SR209 and SR225 corridors were prepared with the assistance of the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission. After brief discussion, it is the consensus of the Supervisors to table further review and discussion until the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:**Certificate of Deposit Maturity**

A motion was made by Supr. Stoneroad to retain the six-month certificate of deposit held at Mid Penn Bank for another six- month term, second by Supr. Lettich. Roll Call Vote: Stoneroad (yes) Stadheim (yes) Lettich (yes) Brown (yes) Motion carried.

Salt Contract July 2021 – August 2022

A motion was made by Supr. Stadheim to approve entering into a contract for the purchase of 80 tons of road salt, second by Supr. Stoneroad. The contract is the statewide contract of the Department of General Services COSTARS Program, effective July 2021-August 2022. Roll Call Vote: Stoneroad (yes) Stadheim (yes) Lettich (yes) Brown (yes) Motion carried.

A dividend check totaling \$3,414.64 was issued to the Township as a result of participation in the Keystone Municipal Insurance Program administered by Keystone and underwritten by EMC Insurance Company.

The Township website is currently being updated.

The Supervisors were provided with information on various Citizen/Alert Notification Systems. Options are still being explored.

The Recreation Board Members are proposing to create a Loyaltown Park facebook page. The Supervisors consulted with Solicitor Kerwin on the legal aspects of social media accounts. It was noted Recreation Board Members will be attending the next meeting to seek permission on this subject. New bleachers will be delivered this Friday.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

Solicitor Kerwin asked if the Supervisors would be willing to participate in a portion of the school district’s cost to conduct an appraisal of the Walmart property. This is in reference to Walmart’s petition for real estate tax assessment appeal. After brief discussion, the Supervisors are agreeable to participate in the cost of the appraisal, as per the recommendation of Solicitor Kerwin.

Solicitor Kerwin advised the County is in the process of developing a model ordinance for solar farms and will forward a copy of the model ordinance to him when completed.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS:

KEVIN STADHEIM: No report.

GLENN STONEROAD: No report.

CYNTHIA STOUT: Absent.

JERRY LETTICH: No report.

BENJAMIN BROWN: No report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Authority: Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Supervisors: Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Recreation Board: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 (8PM)

Planning Commission: Monday, April 5, 2021

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Supr. Lettich made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Supr. Stadheim. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna M. Sitlinger
Secretary