

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

Benjamin Brown Glenn Stoneroad
Kevin Stadheim Gerald Lettich

Board Member Absent:

Cynthia Stout

Administrators and Others Present:

Donna Sitlinger – Secretary
Robert Crabb – Roadmaster
Guests – Ryan Romberger, Tammy Keisling – Reliance Hose Company No. 1
Citizens – 4

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chairman Benjamin Brown called for public comments with no response.

MINUTES:

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

PAYMENT OF INVOICES:

General Fund: \$ 3,203.40
Liquid Fuels Fund: 3,405.92
Street Light Fund: 853.71

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Reliance Hose Company No. 1

Chairman Brown recognized Reliance Hose Company No. 1 Officer, Ryan Romberger. Mr. Romberger was in attendance to announce an organizational change. Mike Wertz resigned as administrative president and Ryan Romberger has been appointed to replace Mike as president. Since Mr. Romberger was vice president, the vice president vacancy will be filled during their next meeting. A brief discussion was held.

OLD BUSINESS:

State Drive Improvements

There were no new updates to report regarding the proposed State Drive improvements.

Chairman Brown expressed his interest in exploring the possibility of a medical facility to take up residence in the current State Police Barracks after the State Police move to their new facility. Matthew

Stoneroad who represents State Representative, Mike Tobash's office, made suggestions to assist with the process of making inquiries.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pension Obligation

To satisfy the legal requirements of Act 205, Secretary Sitlinger provided the Supervisors with a worksheet estimating the Township's expected 2021 pension plan financial obligation.

Election of Trustees (PSATS Unemp. Comp Trust Group)

A motion was made by Supr. Stoneroad to vote for both candidates listed on the 2020 Ballot for Election of Trustees, second by Supr. Lettich. Motion carried.

Trick or Treat Night

A motion was made by Supr. Lettich to approve Trick or Treat Night be held in the Township on Saturday, October 31, 2020 6-8 PM, second by Supr. Stadheim. Motion carried.

Newsletter:

A motion was made by Supr. Stoneroad to approve and distribute the fall newsletter as printed, second by Supr. Stadheim. Roll Call Vote: Stoneroad (yes) Stadheim (yes) Lettich (yes) Brown (yes) Motion carried.

Board Vacancy Application:

A motion was made by Supr. Lettich to appoint Donald Raffensperger to fill an elected auditor vacancy, second by Supr. Stoneroad. Motion carried. The term will expire December 31, 2021.

Public Works Vacancy:

Four individuals were interested/applied for the vacant public works position. Roadmaster Crabb conducted interviews and provided a recommendation to the Supervisors. A motion was made by Supr. Lettich to hire Isaiah Daniels at an hourly rate of \$18.50, second by Supr. Stadheim. Roll Call Vote: Stoneroad (yes) Stadheim (yes) Lettich (yes) Brown (yes) Motion carried.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS:

GLENN STONEROAD:

UDA School District:

Supr. Stoneroad announced Jared Shade was named Superintendent.

CYNTHIA STOUT: Absent.

Parks and Recreation:

Chairman Brown recognized Matthew Stoneroad, President of the Township's Recreation Board.

- In response to an inquiry, it is the consensus of the Recreation Board to not rename the Loyaltown Park or Ballfield in conjunction with an individual, as there has been various individuals over the years that have dedicated numerous hours at the facility. The Recreation Board supports the request that the individual's name (Brandon Miller) be included on the scoreboard of which he was instrumental in acquiring.
- In reference to the new land development for the Pennsylvania State Police Barracks, the Recreation Board is not certain the acreage the Developer has proposed to dedicate to the Township, for recreation, is in an area in the Township having a need for additional recreation facilities. The Recreation Board will be discussing the Developer's proposal during their meeting tomorrow evening. After briefly discussing, it is the consensus of the Supervisors to revisit the proposal during the next meeting when Solicitor Kerwin is present.

- It is anticipated municipalities will see an approximate 10% reduction in the allocation of 2021 liquid fuels funds, due to reduced fuel consumption, triggered by the COVID-19 Pandemic.

JERRY LETTICH: No report.

BENJAMIN BROWN: No report.

KEVIN STADHEIM:

Road Crew Report:

Roadmaster Crabb reported the following:

- Finished installing pipes on Henninger Road.
- Cleaning up yard waste pile.
- Installation of a large pipe on Savage Road.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chairman Benjamin Brown called for public comments.

Chairman Brown recognized Karen Wiest who commented it is a busy place where she lives. There is a lot of traffic and businesses and she does not want to see another fatality again. The Supervisors discussed options to enforce the speed limit. Karen Wiest questioned if FirstLight has a landscaping plan, with a response of yes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

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

Planning Commission: Monday, October 5, 2020

Supervisors: Tuesday, October 6, 2020

Authority: Tuesday, October 13, 2020

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. Stadheim. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna M. Sitlinger
Secretary