

Washington Township Municipal Building
185 Manors Road
Elizabethville, PA 17023
November 15, 2022

The Washington Township Board of Supervisors regular meeting was held at the municipal building on November 15, 2022.

Chairman, Benjamin Brown called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Board Members Present:

Glenn Stoneroad Cynthia Stout
Benjamin Brown Gerald Lettich

Board Member Absent:

Kevin Stadheim

Administrators and Others Present:

Donna Sitlinger – Secretary
Robert Crabb – Roadmaster
Citizens – 1

BUSINESS ITEMS ADDED:

There were no new business items to add to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

MINUTES:

The minutes of the Board of Supervisors November 1, 2022, regular meeting, approved as presented by Supr. Lettich, second by Supr. Stout. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF INVOICES:

General Fund: \$ 10,309.90
Street Light Fund: 990.36
Liquid Fuels Fund: 5,546.18

Supr. Lettich made a motion to approve the payment of the invoices as listed, plus the Frontier phone bill and the invoice from Glick to furnish and install the electric openers on the overhead doors on the new pole building, second by Supr. Stoneroad. It was noted Glick's invoice will be the final request for reimbursement pertaining to Grant Number 2019-19 of the Dauphin County Local Share Grant. Roll Call Vote: Stoneroad (yes) Lettich (yes) Brown (yes) Stout (yes) Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

11/01/2022 Comments – Debra Boyer

A brief discussion was held regarding Ms. Boyers allegation.

Financing – Roof Over Project

The relationship manager at the Gratz/Link Bank submitted our loan request for the roof over project. Supr. Lettich made a motion to select the Chairman, Benjamin B. Brown and Vice Chairman, Glenn L. Stoneroad as the signers of the loan, second by Supr. Stoneroad. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:**Advertise Intention to Appoint CPA Firm**

Supr. Lettich made a motion to approve to advertise the intent of the Supervisors to appoint a CPA firm to conduct the 2022 audit, second by Supr. Stout. Roll Call Vote: Stoneroad (yes) Lettich (yes) Brown (yes) Stout (yes) Motion carried.

Certificate of Maturity

It was noted a certificate of deposit held at Mid Penn Bank will mature on November 25, 2022. It is the consensus of the Supervisors to ask the Secretary to obtain rates/terms at various banking institutions after date of maturity.

Should commercial landscapers be permitted to utilize the Township's Yard Waste Collection Center to dispose of the yard waste collected from the township property owners they service? At its conception, the Yard Waste Collection Center was established for the use of township residential property owners to dispose of minimal amounts of yard waste, while keeping the cost of disposal at a minimum to the township taxpayers. It was noted there has been a substantial increase in large trailers disposing yard waste. Must consider that the area allocated for yard waste disposal is limited and there are instances when our vendor cannot accept yard waste. Other options for yard waste disposal were suggested. At the conclusion of discussion, the Supervisors asked the Roadmaster to contact our vendor to inquire if there would be any interest, on his part, to directly accept large loads of yard waste from commercial and residential individuals.

SUPERVISORS REPORT:

KEVIN STADHEIM: Absent.

Road Report:

Roadmaster Crabb reported on the following:

- Road Crew is crack sealing roads.
- Salt spreaders were installed on the trucks.

GLENN STONEROAD: No report.

CYNTHIA STOUT: No report.

JERRY LETTICH: No report.

BENJAMIN BROWN: No report.

BUDGET:

Review continued on the proposed 2023 budget. The budget proposes to increase the municipal real estate tax from .97 mills to 1.47 mills, providing approximately \$58,000 in additional revenues. The budget proposes to increase the special assessment tax for fire hydrants from 0.17 mills to 0.22 mills, providing approximately \$1700 in additional revenues. After lengthy review, Supr. Stoneroad made a motion to tentatively approve the 2023 budget and advertise for public inspection, second by Supr. Lettich. Roll Call Vote: Stoneroad (yes) Lettich (yes) Brown (yes) Stout (no). It was noted the budget will be formally adopted during the Supervisors December 20, 2022, meeting. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Recreation Board: Wednesday, November 16, 2022 (8PM)

Planning Commission: Monday, December 5, 2022

Supervisors: Tuesday, December 6, 2022

Authority: Tuesday, December 13, 2022

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Supr. Stout made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Supr. Lettich. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna M. Sitlinger
Secretary