

Washington Township Municipal Building
185 Manors Road
Elizabethville, PA 17023
September 19, 2023

The Washington Township Board of Supervisors regular meeting was held at the municipal building on September 19, 2023.

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 Gerald Lettich
Kevin Stadheim Glenn Stoneroad
Cynthia Stout

Administrators and Others Present:

Donna Sitlinger – Secretary
Robert Crabb – Roadmaster
Jim Backus & Brad Aurand – Representing Burger King
Citizens - 5

BUSINESS ITEMS ADDED:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chairman, Benjamin Brown called for public comments.

Chairman, Benjamin Brown recognized township resident, Kathy Balsarick. Kathy commented that she recently became aware of a proposal for the development of a solar farm on a property adjacent to her residence. Kathy expressed her concerns of health, property value, aesthetics. The Supervisors noted her concerns and responded a proposal was not submitted to date.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the Board of Supervisors September 5, 2023, regular meeting, approved as presented by Supr. Lettich, second by Supr. Stadheim. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF INVOICES:

General Fund: \$ 22,950.64
Liquid Fuels Fund: 83,111.64
Street Light Fund: 1,004.14

Supr. Stout made a motion to approve the payment of the invoices as listed, and approval to transfer \$21,353.28 from the American Rescue Plan Fund to the General Fund, second by Supr. Lettich. Roll Call Vote: Stoneroad (yes) Stadheim (yes) Lettich (yes) Brown (yes) Stout (yes) Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan (Burger King) + Request for Sign Approval

Chairman Brown recognized Jim Backus and Brad Aurand representing the Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan submitted for Burger King. The purpose of the plan is to add a 50 sq. ft. addition and a second drive through lane to the restaurant. Solicitor Kerwin reviewed the Developer Agreement earlier and stated the agreement is to his satisfaction. The township engineer, Mech Teck, reviewed the cost estimate earlier and stated the estimate appears to be adequate. It was noted that the Request for Sign Approval application submitted was not necessary. After briefly reviewing the plan, Supr. Lettich made a motion to approve the requested waivers of preliminary plan submittal and sidewalks, and a request to

exempt post construction stormwater management requirements, second by Supr. Stadheim. Roll Call Vote: Stoneroad (yes) Stadheim (yes) Lettich (yes) Brown (yes) Stout (yes) Motion carried. **Resolution 2023-09.**

Chairman, Benjamin Brown recognized Tim Shiffer. Tim commented he needs to do directional drilling to install a sewer line connection along Oak Street. The infrastructure would be located in the township right-of-way. Since the township does not allow infrastructure in the township right-of-way, would there be any way to document that the pipe would be installed within the right-of-way? After briefly conversing with the Roadmaster, it is the consensus of the Board of Supervisors for Tim to contact the Elizabethville Area Authority to ask if the authority would be able to track the line if installed in the right-of-way.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Commercial Insurance Renewal

Agenda item tabled.

Trick or Treat

Supr. Lettich made a motion to schedule Washington Township's Trick or Treat Night on October 31, 2023, from 6-8 PM, second by Supr. Stadheim. It was noted Elizabethville Boro will hold this event on the same date/time. Motion carried.

Minimum Municipal Obligation

To satisfy the legal requirements of Act 205, Secretary Sitlinger provided the Supervisors with a worksheet that contains an estimate of the Township's expected 2024 pension plan financial obligation.

Newsletter

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

2024 Budget

The Secretary asked everyone to consider what they would like included in the budget for next year.

SUPERVISORS REPORT:

JERRY LETTICH:

Washington Township Authority

Supr. Lettich commented that the Authority Board is looking into adding solar panels at the wastewater treatment plant.

BENJAMIN BROWN: No report.

KEVIN STADHEIM:

Road Report

Roadmaster Crabb reported the road projects are completed for the year. Looking for part time snowplow drivers with a CDL.

GLENN STONEROAD:

COG

Supr. Stoneroad COG will hold a meeting on September 21st at the Upper Paxton Township Building

UDA School District

Supr. Stoneroad recapped some of the agenda items discussed at the last school board meeting he attended.

CYNTHIA STOUT: No report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Recreation Board: Wednesday, September 20, 2023 (8PM)

Planning Commission: Monday, October 2, 2023

Supervisors: Tuesday, October 3, 2023

Authority: Tuesday, October 10, 2023

Fall Cleanup: Saturday, October 7, 2023 (8AM-3PM)

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Supr. Lettich made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Supr. Stoneroad. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna M. Sitlinger

Secretary