

Washington Township Municipal Building
185 Manors Road
Elizabethville, PA 17023
February 6, 2024

The Washington Township Board of Supervisors regular meeting was held at the municipal building on February 6, 2024.

Chairman, Benjamin Brown called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Board Members Present:

Gerald Lettich Cynthia Stout
Benjamin Brown Glenn Stoneroad

Board Member Absent:

Kevin Stadheim

Administrators and Others Present:

Donna Sitlinger – Secretary
Joseph Kerwin, Esq. – Board Solicitor
Robert Crabb – Roadmaster
Andrew Wait – Strosser/Baer Architects
Citizens – 1

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Municipal Building Addition Update

Chairman Benjamin Brown recognized Andrew Wait, Architect from Strosser/Baer Architects. A question-and-answer period was held on the municipal building construction project and the expected impacts during construction. It was noted a mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held. Supr. Lettich made a motion to approve advertising to accept bids for the project, second by Supr. Stoneroad. Roll Call Vote: Stoneroad (yes) Lettich (yes) Brown (yes) Stout (yes) Motion carried.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the Board of Supervisors January 16, 2024 meeting, approved as presented by motion of Supr. Lettich, second by Supr. Stoneroad. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF INVOICES:

General Fund: \$11,426.85

Supr. Lettich made a motion to approve the payment of the invoices as listed, plus the Solicitor's invoice of \$825.00 for legal services, second by Supr. Brown. Roll Call Vote: Stoneroad (yes) Lettich (yes) Brown (yes) Stout (yes) Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS CONTINUED:

Board Vacancies

Supr. Stout made a motion to appoint Kathy Balsarick to fill a vacancy on the Washington Township Authority Board, second by Supr. Stoneroad. Term expires 12.31.2028. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:**Potential Solar Project**

It was noted that Roadmaster Crabb, Zoning/Codes Enforcement Officer, Ralph Hummel and Meck Tech Engineers met with representatives from a solar company to discuss the addition of a potential solar energy system on property parcel 66-003-014. After discussion, Solicitor Kerwin recommended the Supervisors consider adopting a solar ordinance.

SWMGT Small Project Design

Supr. Stoneroad made a motion to forward a Small Project Application and Stormwater Management Design Assistance Manual that various local municipalities are using to Meck Tech for review, second by Supr. Lettich. Roll Call Vote: Stoneroad (yes) Lettich (yes) Brown (yes) Stout (yes) Motion carried.

Tax Claim Bureau – Interest Free Grace Period

The Supervisors had no opposition to Dauphin County offering a 30-day interest-free grace period for returned 2023 County Real Property Tax.

Distribution of LST Tax

It is the consensus of the Supervisors to continue to explore their options for the distribution of 25% of the 2023 LST revenues received.

Federal Surplus Property Program

Supr. Lettich made a motion to approve to update the application to continue the township's participation in the Federal Surplus Property Program, second by Supr. Stoneroad. Motion carried.

Permits

It is the consensus of the Supervisors to contact the Zoning/Codes Enforcement Officer regarding accessory building regulations.

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Solicitor Kerwin expressed concerns with a portion of the language contained in a resolution provided to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the United States and Pennsylvania's role in the event. It is the consensus of the Supervisors to table the agenda item.

Correspondence from Fell Township

Solicitor Kerwin recommended the agenda item be tabled.

SUPERVISORS REPORT: No report.

KEVIN STADHEIM: Absent.

Road Report:

Roadmaster Crabb reported on the following:

- The road crew is currently servicing township equipment.
- Brief discussion was held on a letter that was mailed to a resident whose fence poles are located on the edge of the township right-of-way.

GLENN STONEROAD: No report.

UDA School District & COG:

CYNTHIA STOUT:

Parks & Recreation/Reliance Hose Company No 1: No report.

JERRY LETTICH:

Washington Township Authority: No report.

BENJAMIN BROWN:

Recycling & Landfill: No report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Authority: Tuesday, February 13, 2024

Supervisors: Tuesday, February 20, 2024

Recreation Board: Wednesday, February 21, 2024

Planning Commission: Monday, March 4, 2024

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 8:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna M. Sitlinger
Secretary