

Washington Township Municipal Building
185 Manors Road
Elizabethville, PA 17023
June 4, 2024

The Washington Township Board of Supervisors regular meeting was held at the municipal building on June 4, 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:

Kevin Stadheim Cynthia Stout
Benjamin Brown Glenn Stoneroad

Board Member Absent:

Gerald Lettich

Administrators and Others Present:

Donna Sitlinger – Secretary
Joseph Kerwin, Esq. – Board Solicitor
Robert Crabb – Roadmaster
Citizens – 5

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chairman, Benjamin Brown called for public comments.

Chairman Benjamin Brown recognized Ed Bechtel from Loyalton. Ed commented that the house flies in the Loyalton area are like a plague this year and found some of his neighbors are having the same problem. Also spoke with a local farmer on this matter. Ed commented he would appreciate the Supervisors looking into this. Ed also expressed his appreciation to the board and staff for the job they do.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the Board of Supervisors May 21, 2024 meeting, approved as presented by motion of Supr. Stout, second by Supr. Stadheim. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF INVOICES:

General Fund: \$ 7,067.05 + Shirley Deitrich's Cleaning Service and an invoice from Chudley Engineering for \$700. Supr. Stadheim made a motion to approve the payment of the invoices as listed, second by Supr. Stoneroad. Roll Call Vote: Stoneroad (yes) Stadheim (yes) Stout (yes) Brown (yes) Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Board Vacancy Application

As requested by the Supervisors during the last meeting, Tony Hubler was present and available to be asked questions pertaining to his interest in being considered to fill a vacancy on the zoning hearing board. At conclusion of the question period, Supr. Stadheim made a motion to appoint Tony as a regular member of the zoning hearing board, second by Supr. Stout. Roll Call Vote: Stoneroad (yes) Stadheim (yes) Brown (yes) Stout (yes) Motion carried. **Resolution 2024-05**

Solar Energy Systems

Discussion continued on a proposed solar energy system ordinance. It is the consensus of the Supervisors to ask Jerry Duke from the Dauphin County Planning Commission to attend the July 2 meeting to go over the language in the proposed ordinance.

Municipal Building Addition Update

A decision needs to be made on the ceiling height in the meeting room in order for the materials to be ordered. Originally, it was in the bid to remove the entire roof that would provide a higher ceiling. The bid was changed to reflect the removal of the tin and not the steel. It is projected to cost approximately \$50,000 more for a change order to go with a higher ceiling. After discussion, Supr. Stout made a motion to leave the ceiling as it was bid, second by Supr. Stadheim. Roll Call Vote: Stoneroad (no) Stadheim (yes) Brown (yes) Stout (yes) Motion carried.

Food Waste Handling Facility

After review and discussion concerning the site inspection conducted by the zoning/codes enforcement officer and Supr. Stoneroad on property parcel number 66-003-014 in regards to composting food waste, Supr. Stout made a motion to approve the zoning/codes officer to proceed with an enforcement notice, second by Supr. Stoneroad. Roll Call Vote: Stoneroad (yes) Stadheim (yes) Brown (yes) Stout (yes) Motion carried.

Small Projects Stormwater Management Application

It is the consensus of the Supervisors to bring this matter before Jerry Duke.

NEW BUSINESS:**Approve JD 855D Gator Purchase**

A used side by side was approved for purchase in the budget. Supr. Stoneroad made a motion to formally approve the purchase of a used John Deere 855D Gator, at an expense of \$9000, second by Supr. Stadheim. Roll Call Vote: Stoneroad (yes) Stadheim (yes) Brown (yes) Stout (no) Motion carried.

Renewal – Traffic Signal Preventative Maintenance Agreement

Supr. Stout made a motion to approve to renew C.M. High, Inc. Traffic Signal Preventative Maintenance Agreement and the two annual Preventative Maintenance Checks at an expense of \$785, for the period beginning 7/01/2024 and ending 6/30/2025, second by Supr. Stadheim. Roll Call Vote: Stoneroad (yes) Stadheim (yes) Brown (yes) Stout (yes) Motion carried.

Supr. Stout made a motion to approve our sewage enforcement officer to make an impromptu visit to property parcel number 66-009-054, second by Supr. Stadheim. Roll Call Vote: Stoneroad (yes) Stadheim (yes) Brown (yes) Stout (yes) Motion carried.

Supr. Stadheim made a motion to approve the road crew to mow the over- grown lawn of property tax parcel 66-009-027, send a bill to the property owner for the township costs to mow the lawn, if the property owner does not remit payment, approve Solicitor Kerwin to file a lien on the property, second by Supr. Stoneroad. Roll Call Vote: Stoneroad (yes) Stadheim (yes) Brown (yes) Stout (yes) Motion carried.

Supr. Stadheim made a motion to approve mailing a certified letter to the property owner of parcel number 66-011-090 requesting to mow the over-grown grass and to maintain a reasonable height for the balance of the 2024 mowing season, second by Supr. Stoneroad. Roll Call Vote: Stoneroad (yes) Stadheim (yes) Brown (yes) Stout (yes) Motion carried.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

Solicitor Kerwin advised that a conference call is scheduled with the County later this week to discuss the building expansion/renovation project. Supr. Stoneroad made a motion to approve Solicitor Kerwin contact various banking institutions to discuss the financing for the building expansion/renovation project and approve Solicitor Kerwin to prepare a (RFP) Request for Proposal, second by Supr. Stadheim. Roll Call Vote: Stoneroad (yes) Stadheim (yes) Brown (yes) Stout (yes) Motion carried.

SUPERVISORS REPORT:

CYNTHIA STOUT:

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

JERRY LETTICH:

Washington Township Authority: Absent.

BENJAMIN BROWN:

Recycling & Landfill: No report.

KEVIN STADHEIM:

Road Report:

Roadmaster Crabb reported on the following:

- Contacted a representative from Midland Asphalt Materials to inquire when they plan to be in our area to seal coat/fog seal the roads. The road crew is currently preparing the roads.
- A portion of the road on State Drive is sinking above the sewer line that is owned by Walmart. The Roadmaster recommends contacting Walmart by letter requesting that they make a permanent fix. The Roadmaster advised we did fill several of the deepest holes and would like approval to make the remaining repairs now and bill Walmart for the township expenses. Supr. Stadheim made a motion to approve the Roadmaster’s request to repair the road and bill Walmart for the expenses, second by Supr. Stoneroad. Roll Call Vote: Stoneroad (yes) Stadheim (yes) Brown (yes) Stout (yes) Motion carried.
- Supr. Stout made a motion to approve the bids submitted on the municibid website for the following items: Used metal doors and deposit drop boxes \$32.00; Used handicapped grab rails \$13.00; Used bathroom fixtures \$22.00; Approve to relist the vestibule, dispose of the electric heat, and cable stringers, second by Supr. Stadheim. Roll Call Vote: Stoneroad (yes) Stadheim (yes) Brown (yes) Stout (yes) Motion carried.

GLENN STONEROAD:

Upper Dauphin School District & COG:

Supr. Stoneroad provided a verbal report on a recent COG/EMS meeting he attended.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chairman, Benjamin Brown called for public comments.

Chairman Benjamin Brown recognized Roger Hummel. Roger reported that he had a couple of close calls with motorists not stopping at the intersection of the Kocher Lane/Walmart Entrance/Exit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Authority: Tuesday, June 11, 2024
Supervisors: Tuesday, June 18, 2024
Recreation Board: Wednesday, June 19, 2024 (8PM)
Planning Commission: Monday, July 1, 2024

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Supr. Stadheim made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Supr. Brown. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna M. Sitlinger
Secretary

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