

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING OF February 16, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Washington Township Board of Supervisors was held Monday, February 16, 2015.

Those in attendance were: Chairman Leon Lutz, Supervisor Lynn Brown, Vice-Chairman Wendell Gainer, Secretary-Treasurer Dawn Koch and Solicitor Rick Weist. Also, in attendance were: Bill Knecht, Joan Schwer, Gary Brown, Sal Varacalli, Ryan Fashacht, and Bob Free.

Chairman Lutz opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance. Chairman Lutz reminded the residents of the notices, which are available as handouts to meeting attendees, regarding meeting conduct and public comment procedures.

CORRESPONDENCE: The following miscellaneous correspondence was received and presented to the Board of Supervisors for their review; a list was also included in the public packet. Received from:

1. Sch. Co. Courthouse Compliance Officer- Letter regarding available funding for Sch. Co. demolition assistance program and Demolition process
2. Cogle's Recycling, Inc.- Annual tonnage report for 2014
3. Sch. Co. Conservation District- Letter addressed to Bob & Vicki Kensinger regarding Erosion & Sediment Control Plan Review.
4. Sch. Co. Conservation District- Letter addressed to Patsy Slingwine regarding Erosion & Sediment Control Plan Review.
5. Sch. Co. Conservation District- Notice of termination approval letter addressed to Stan Weaver.
6. Commonwealth of PA- Grant opportunities
7. Alfred Benesch & Co.- Annual Statements of Financial Interest
8. Larson Design- Annual Statements of Financial Interest
9. Sch. Co. Assessment Bureau- Correction of acreage to one resident
10. Sch. Co. Voter Registration/Election Bureau- Election dates/contact info request (returned)
11. Sch. Co. Tax Office- Tax Duplicate Property Report
12. FEMA- Letter acknowledging receipt of Floodplain Ordinance
13. Mars Diesel Inc.- Sales Tax Exemption (faxed back 2/11/15)
14. Alicia E. Riegel-Kanth- Letter regarding grant opportunities to preserve and enhance the Appalachian Trail experience and Kittatinny Ridge landscape.
15. DA Christine Holman- Invitation to a Code Enforcement Symposium 2/25/15 @ 10A-1P lunch provided
16. Comcast- Notice of front counter closing in Pottsville Office.
17. PSATS Trustees Insurance & Retirement Services- Schedule of benefits for short term disability.
18. PSATS Twp Legal Defense Partnership- Winter 2015 Issue
19. PSATS- January 2015 News Bulletin
20. Pine Grove HH & L Co. #1- Donation request
21. Several Webinars & Training flyers
22. Several Catalogs

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: No Public Comment

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon motion of Chairman Lutz, seconded by Supervisor Brown, approved the minutes to the January 19, 2015 regular monthly meeting without additions or corrections. This motion unanimously carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND BILLS FOR APPROVAL: Upon motion of Chairman Lutz, seconded by Supervisor Brown, the January 2015 Treasurer's Report was approved, with a balance in all accounts, before receipts and bills, of \$622,944.57. Included in this motion was the approval of payment of all bills presented. Chairman Lutz asked Secretary Koch to question Roadmaster Neidlinger why he doesn't purchase diesel fuel and heating oil from the same vendor. This motion unanimously carried.

RECEIPTS: The report of receipts (Jan 16-Feb 11, 2015) listing \$15,955.97 in EIT receipts, \$6,836.26 in regular General Fund receipts was presented to the Board and approved upon motion of Chairman Lutz, seconded by Supervisor Brown. This motion unanimously carried.

ROADMASTER'S REPORT: Roadmaster Neidlinger was not in attendance.

Chairman Lutz asked it to be noted that if the Roadmaster is unable to attend a monthly meeting that he either have the Assistant Roadmaster present to give the monthly report or a detailed report available for presentation to the public.

Upon motion of Supervisor Lynn Brown, seconded by Chairman Lutz, approval granted to order the same quantities of salt through costars and of anti-skid as was ordered in 2014, Secretary Koch noted the quantities of 300 ton of salt and 700 ton of anti-skid were ordered in 2014. This motion unanimously carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Solicitor Wiest was in attendance and updated the Board regarding the Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement between Washington Township and Pine Grove Borough regarding worker compensation.

Upon motion of Supervisor Gainer, granting approval for Solicitor Wiest to send the modified intergovernmental cooperative agreement back to Pine Grove Borough for their review and acceptance, seconded by Chairman Lutz. This motion unanimously carried.

COUNTY ZONING: Copies of Zoning Permits issued were received and reviewed without comment.

SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: The December 2014 SEO report of Light-Heigel and the January 2015 report of Alfred Benesch & Company was received and reviewed. A copy of this report will be kept on file at the **Municipal Office**.

BUILDING/DRIVEWAY REPORTS: The January 2015 UCC-plan permits report of Alfred Benesch & Company was received and reviewed. A copy of this report will be kept on file at the **Municipal Office**.

Ryan Fasnacht of Alfred Benesch & Company was present to address the board regarding a driveway permit application that was submitted for Kensinger property on Moyer Station Road. The study presented with the application suggested reducing the speed limit to 35mph, currently no sign is posted.

Upon motion of Supervisor Gainer, approving the recommendation of the study performed by OTM, LLC to reduce the speed limit on Moyer Station Road at Grist Mill to Route 895 from the state limit of 55mph to 35mph, Seconded by Chairman Lutz. Also included in this motion is the approval for the township to purchase the 35mph speed limit signs and install them after payment is received by land owner. This motion unanimously carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Upon motion of Supervisor Gainer, accepting the employee handbook as written, seconded by Supervisor Brown. Supervisor Gainer requested the handbook be posted to the website for public review. This motion unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Secretary Koch presented the 2014 Survey of Financial Condition report to the Board for their review.

A motion was made by Chairman Lutz, seconded by Supervisor Lutz, authorizing the advertisement for bids for Lawn Care Services. The motion unanimously carried.

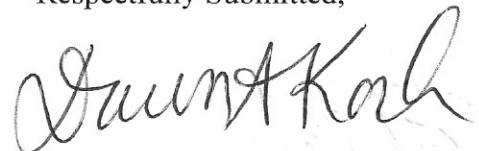
Upon motion of Chairman Lutz, seconded by Supervisor Brown, to accept and approve the request presented by the Pine Grove Teener League to use the Washington Twp baseball field between April 2015 thru July 2015. This motion unanimously carried.

The Kemmerling Road options were discussed, upon motion of Supervisor Gainer approving Alfred Benesch & Co. to pursue option (3) three, starting with permitting, seconded by Chairman Lutz. This motion unanimously carried. A copy of all three options can be found at the Municipal Office.

Upon motion by Chairman Lutz, approving the statewide tax recovery exemption presented to the board, seconded by Supervisor Brown. This motion unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors of Washington Township, upon motion of Chairman Lutz, seconded by Supervisor Brown, the meeting adjourned at 8:22p.m. This motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dawn A. Koch
Secretary Treasurer
Washington Township