

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MEETING OF February 21, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Washington Township Board of Supervisors was held Monday, February 21, 2022.

Those in attendance were Chairman John J. Krause, Vice-Chairman Wendell Gainer, Jr., Supervisor Lynn Brown, Solicitor Rick Wiest and Dawn Koch, TM/Sec/Treasurer. Also, in attendance were Nick Miller, Roger Sirbaugh, and Bob Free.

Chairman Krause opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance. Chairman Krause reminded the residents of the notices, 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. Planning & Zoning- final plan approval for Lewert subdivision plan
2. Statement of financial interests for Wendell Gainer and Jeremy Bentz
3. David Sattizahn- letter regarding donation agreement for 2021
4. Ben Schneider- email thanking the township for the advanced warning signs on Moyers Station Rd.
5. CoStars- 2022-23 salt purchase confirmation
6. Berkheimer- 2021 audit request
7. JB Environmental Services LLC- 2021 sewage program annual report
8. Sch. Conservation District- Erosion & Sediment control plan for 3838 Sweet Arrow Lake Road
9. Sch. Co. voter registration/election bureau- letter with 2022 election dates
10. Berman Truck Group- warranty for DEF header
11. PSATS- 2022 CDL annual program arrangements
12. PA DEP- Water obstruction & encroachment permit issuance for Phase III Wolfes Road site
13. PA DEP- Exemption approval letter for Lewert, Jr. Subdivision
14. Fulton Bank- 2021 interest statement
15. First Citizens Community Bank- 2021 interest statement
16. Belmont Solar- Certificate of liability insurance
17. Senator Argall- grant workshop opportunity for DCNR recreation
18. Statewide Tax Recovery- update letter regarding going green
19. PSATS- 2022 membership date strip
20. US Census Bureau- 2022 boundary survey
21. MRM Trust- 2022 voting proxy
22. Cintas- letter regarding Zee Medical take over and payables address change

- 23. PA Department of Labor- letter regarding compliance with workforce safety, UC tax, and workers compensation laws
- 24. Jefferson Grange- letter regarding event to stop hunger in our area
- 25. PA Township News- January 2022 issue
- 26. Flyers, catalogs, magazines, etc.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** Resident Nick Miller was present and informed the Board that North End Fire Company is purchasing an AED machine and will be staffing it within Washington Township. He asked the Board if they would be willing to split the cost or fully funding the AED machine. He was instructed to submit a request for ARPA funds to cover part or all the cost. Nick also asked about signs for emergency scene previously discussed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Upon motion of Chairman Krause, seconded by Supervisor Brown, approving the minutes to the January 17, 2022, regular monthly meeting without correction. This motion unanimously carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT AND BILLS FOR APPROVAL:** Upon motion of Chairman Krause, seconded by Supervisor Brown, the January 2022 Treasurer's Report was approved with a balance in all accounts, before receipts and bills, was \$1,125,889.49. Included in this motion was the approval of payment of all bills presented. This motion unanimously carried.

**RECEIPTS:** The report of receipts (January 13 – February 16, 2022) listing \$33,261.40 in EIT receipts, \$19,357.04 in regular General Fund receipts were approved as printed upon motion of Vice-Chairman Krause, seconded by Supervisor Brown. This motion unanimously carried.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** Solicitor Rick Wiest was present with no new business. Vice-Chairman Gainer asked Solicitor Wiest if the donation verbiage within the intermunicipal agreement with Pine Grove Borough for emergency services must be a part of the agreement or can it be a separate agreement with each fire company. Solicitor Wiest stated he would like to review the agreement but does not believe there is a requirement to include it. Vice-Chairman Gainer asked Koch to put an agreement together for Solicitor Wiest's review.

**ROADMASTER REPORTS:** After a brief discussion regarding bidding the mowing or purchasing a mower it was decided to do both.

Upon motion made by Vice-Chairman Gainer, seconded by Chairman Krause approving the advertising of the 2022 mowing proposal. This motion unanimously carried.

Upon motion made by Vice-Chairman Gainer, seconded by Supervisor Brown approving the ordering of a 26hp lawn mower from Kramer's Equipment in the amount of \$10,039.20. This motion unanimously carried.

Upon motion made by Supervisor Brown, approving the advertising of the 2022 spring road tour meeting on April 10, 2022, at 8:00am, seconded by Vice-Chairman Gainer. This motion unanimously carried.



Upon motion made by Vice-Chairman Gainer, seconded by Supervisor Brown approving the advertising of the Wild Cherry Road cold in place roadwork in the South Schuylkill News on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> with bid opening March 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:00pm. This motion unanimously carried.

**COUNTY ZONING:** A Planning and Zoning report was reviewed by the Board. A copy of this report will be kept on file at the **Municipal Office**.

**SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:** A list of January 2021 SEO work was reviewed from JB Environmental Services. A copy of this report will be kept on file at the **Municipal Office**.

**BUILDING/DRIVEWAY REPORTS:** A list of permits issued was reviewed by the Board. A copy of this report will be kept on file at the **Municipal Office**.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Koch informed the Board that we are awaiting the design for Roedersville Road bridge from engineer.

Koch stated the bid is up on PennBid with bids due back March 21<sup>st</sup>.

Vice-Chairman Gainer asked Koch to put a timeline together of the events regarding the windows. He also stated Randy Spotts agreed to a meeting with the Board to discuss the issues and the path forward to bring final resolution. Chairman Krause asked Koch to contact the architect to determine what window was specified and installed. It was suggested that the architect also attend the meeting with Randy Spotts.

Upon motion made by Vice-Chairman Gainer approving Resolution 2021-05 American Rescue Plan Act supplemental appropriations for the 2021 budget, seconded by Supervisor Brown. This motion unanimously carried.

It was noted that Pine Grove Borough agreed to the reduction in the North End Fire Company donation for 2022 due to overpaying the donation in 2021.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Koch presented a mailbox policy to the Board. Upon motion made by Supervisor Brown approving the mailbox policy, seconded by Vice-Chairman Gainer. This motion unanimously carried.

Upon motion made by Vice-Chairman Gainer approving the Pine Grove Teener League to use the Washington Township Park for the 2022 season, seconded by Supervisor Brown. This motion unanimously carried.

Koch presented the Statement of Financial Condition to the Board.

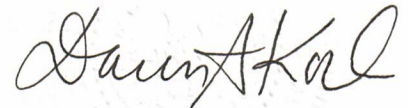
Koch stated the electronic recycling event will be held on August 6, 2022, from 9:00am to 11:00am. Upon motion made by Vice-Chairman Gainer approving the advertising of the 2022 Electronic Recycling Event, seconded by Supervisor Brown. This motion unanimously carried.

Koch informed the Board that the cable franchise agreement with Comcast is coming due in 2022. Koch also informed the Board that the quote to establish internet at the Ball Park would cost \$22,200.00. Vice-Chairman Gainer asked how many residents would benefit from this service. Koch stated eight residents would benefit. Vice-Chairman asked what the ratio per account the township is collecting in the franchise agreement. Koch also stated Summer Hill Road is looking for Comcast. Vice-Chairman Gainer asked Koch to get a quote as to what it would cost to cover all residents within the township.

Roger Sirbaugh Vice-President of the Pine Grove Teener League was in attendance and presented the Board with a \$500.00 donation.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors of Washington Township, upon motion of Chairman Krause, seconded by Supervisor Brown the meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m. This motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dawn A. Koch  
TM/Sec/Treas.  
Washington Township