

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING OF September 21, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Washington Township Board of Supervisors was held Monday, September 21, 2015.

Those in attendance were: Chairman Leon Lutz, Supervisor Lynn Brown, Vice-Chairman Wendell Gainer, Secretary-Treasurer Dawn Koch, and Solicitor Rick Wiest. Also, in attendance were: Roadmaster Gary Neidlinger, Jillian Bickelman, Ron Sherman, Terry & Bobbi Maier, and Bill Balthaser.

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. Martin Paving, Inc.- Final road program paperwork including certificate of liability
2. Schuylkill Co. Twp. Officials Association- Annual convention invitation
3. Alfred Benesch & Co.- UCC Quarterly report
4. Matthew Martin- Request to enter into the Agricultural Security Area
5. Melanie Heinbach- August 2015 tax collectors report
6. Sch. Conservation District- Copy of the Earth Disturbance Inspection Report for Hidden Valley Estates IV, also received a letter from Larson Design Group regarding land use
7. Alfred Benesch- Copy of a letter addressed to Faye Krammes regarding natural burial
8. Signature Information Solutions- Right to know June & July real estate tax
9. Capital Blue Cross- Policy maker web user info
10. PSATS- Subscription offer
11. PSATS- Notice of newly elected members to the board
12. ICMA- survey request
13. Sunoco Logistics- Pipeline safety
14. PSATS- Vision benefits offer
15. Sch. Conservation District- upcoming training
16. Hawk Valley Assoc.- Flyer regarding professional engineering services
17. Cohen Law Group- Flyer regarding franchise fee review
18. PA Township News- September 2015 issue
19. Several catalogs and publications

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: No public comment

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon motion of Chairman Lutz, seconded by Supervisor Brown, approved the minutes to the August 17, 2015 regular monthly meeting, the employee benefits meeting held September 9, 2015, and the budget workshop meeting held on September 16, 2015

with the only correction being the title of the employee benefits meeting minutes read regular meeting. Chairman Lutz requested that be changed to employee benefits meeting. This motion unanimously carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND BILLS FOR APPROVAL: Upon motion of Chairman Lutz, seconded by Supervisor Brown, the August 2015 Treasurer's Report was approved, with a balance in all accounts, before receipts and bills, of \$930,076.30. Included in this motion was the approval of payment of all bills presented. This motion unanimously carried.

A separate motion was made by Chairman Lutz to approve the payment to Martin Paving, Inc. using liquid fuels monies in the amount of \$56,104.75 for double seal coat work done on Dewalt and Spancake Roads. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Gainer and unanimously carried.

RECEIPTS: The report of receipts (Aug 13-Sept 16, 2015) listing \$26,025.20 in EIT receipts, \$13,632.01 in regular General Fund receipts was presented to the Board, all were approved upon motion of Chairman Lutz, seconded by Supervisor Brown. This motion unanimously carried.

ROADMASTER'S REPORT: Roadmaster (RM) Neidlinger stated the mowing along roads is complete. RM Neidlinger stated the Newswanger Road project has been complete except for putting shoulders on. He stated EJB Paving & Materials were 57 ton under what was bid. RM Neidlinger stated he would like to purchase signs to be put at the sharp curve on Newswanger for precaution.

Supervisor Gainer question RM Neidlinger regarding the watch children that were ordered and incorrect. RM Neidlinger stated he did order the corrected signs and put the incorrect signs in inventory. Chairman Lutz suggested putting the signs by the Flat Hill School. All Supervisors agreed to have signs at the school.

Supervisor Gainer also questioned RM Neidlinger regarding the street sign inventory and RM Neidlinger stated it would be complete in October.

Supervisor Gainer also questioned RM Neidlinger regarding the trees at the park that were to be trimmed and/or taken down. RM Neidlinger stated he had not heard from Sam Stuck. He also stated he would call him. Supervisor Gainer asked that RM Neidlinger send a confirmation email to the Board and Secretary Koch once he gets an answer.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Solicitor Wiest was in contact with Ryan Fasnacht of Benesch Engineering regarding the center of the col-de-sac on Hidden Acres Lane. Solicitor Wiest stated he passed the info onto RM Neidlinger and RM Neidlinger stated he met with Ryan Fasnacht and measured that that the township has ten feet from the edge of the blacktop. RM Neidlinger also stated the center of the col-de-sac is where it should be according to Ryan. Supervisor Gainer stated now that we know the right away its business as usual unless it comes up again.

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

A letter was received by Sch. Co. Planning and Zoning Office regarding the final land development for the Brian Musser Poultry Operation on parcel# 33-11-0119.000. It stated the plans less two copies were being returned.

A letter was received by Sch. Co. Planning and Zoning Office regarding the permit extension request for permit number 17636 for James & Ann Rich. The letter granted the extension until July 2, 2016.

SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: The August 2015 report of Larson Design was received and reviewed. A copy of this report will be kept on file at the **Municipal Office**.

BUILDING/DRIVEWAY REPORTS: The August 2015 building and driveway permits issued by Alfred Benesch & Company was received and reviewed. A copy of this report will be kept on file at the **Municipal Office**.

OLD BUSINESS: The Supervisors approved that RM Neidlinger submit a monthly Roadmaster report to be included in the public packet to be approved. Secretary Koch suggested she would work with RM Neidlinger to get it put together and typed for this approval to submit to the packet.

Secretary Koch gave a brief update on the time clock progress stated it should be ready to go by the new year.

The fall road tour was postponed. Secretary Koch was instructed to add it to the January 2016 regular monthly meeting agenda.

NEW BUSINESS: After some discussion the tax exemption for Lynn Brown was tabled until further investigation can be performed.

Secretary Koch presented the Board with the 2016 Minimum Municipal Obligation Report.

Residents Terry and Bobbi Maier were present to discuss the abundance of chicken houses being built within Washington Township. They questioned the board regarding regulations and enforcement. The Board stated that since Washington Township does not have its own zoning it is very hard to dictate what is being controlled. Supervisor Gainer addressed the Maier's regarding their concern and stated he would contact Susan Smith at the Sch. Co. Planning and Zoning office and set up an appointment with her to discuss the matter.

Secretary Koch presented the Supervisors with a request from John Herber regarding a fee he paid for an Ag Structure permit that he did not need. Secretary Koch stated she verified with Kyle Kohoe that the resident did in fact not need the Ag Structure permit. The Board approved refunding Mr. Herber his permit fee of \$250.00.

At 8:06pm the Board of Supervisors adjourned for an executive session regarding a legal matter. They returned at 8:20pm with no decision made.

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 8:20 p.m. This motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dawn A. Koch".

Dawn A. Koch
Secretary Treasurer
Washington Township