

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING OF September 24, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Washington Township Board of Supervisors was held Monday, September 24, 2018.

Those in attendance were: Chairman Leon Lutz, Vice-Chairman Wendell Gainer, Jr., Supervisor Lynn Brown, Solicitor Rick Wiest and Dawn Koch, TM/Sec/Treasurer. Also, in attendance were: Joan Schwer, Gary Brown and David Edge.

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. DEP- Letter regarding Horning subdivision plan and land development
2. FEMA- Preliminary copy of flood insurance rate maps
3. Office of Public Safety- New 911 address for 65 Lake Front Drive.
4. PSATS- 2019 UC rate
5. Dutchmen MX Park- 2nd Qtr 2018 amusement report
6. Keith Heinbach- August Tax report
7. Sch. Co. Conservation District- Copy of letter addressed to Matthew Scherr regarding E & S Control Plan review for 26 Summerhill Road
8. PSATS Health Trust 2018 ballot for vacancy Board of Trustees.
9. PSATS UC Trust 2018 ballot for vacancy Board of Trustees.
10. Red Barn- Letter regarding land use for Jarius Musser of 95 Ferebees Road
11. Municipal Benefits Services- Information regarding the upcoming Cadillac tax
12. Sch. Co. Township Officials Assoc.- Info on 97th annual convention
13. Pennsy Supply, Inc.- Certificate of insurance
14. PA Township News- September issue
15. PSATS News Bulletin- July-August issue
16. Several advertisements, flyers, catalogs, etc.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Dave Edge 31 Pine Cone Drive was in attendance and questioned the Board about the plan to direct the run off and wash out of the turn around by his home. It was suggested that a catch basin be put in on the left side of the driveway to help collect some of the debris that is gathering in Mr. Edge's yard. Mr. Edge stated he needed to pave his driveway which would include the part of the road that is broken off. The Board agreed to allow Mr. Edge to pave his driveway into the township road.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon motion of Chairman Lutz, seconded by Supervisor Brown, approved the minutes to the August 20, 2018 regular monthly meeting without correction. This motion unanimously carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND BILLS FOR APPROVAL: Upon motion of Chairman Lutz, seconded by Supervisor Brown, the August 2018 Treasurer's Report was approved, with a balance in all accounts, before receipts and bills, of \$481,589.82. Included in this motion was the approval of payment of all bills presented. This motion unanimously carried.

RECEIPTS: The report of receipts (August 16-September 19, 2018) listing \$33,084.84 in EIT receipts, \$27,922.23 in regular General Fund receipts were approved upon motion of Chairman Lutz, seconded by Supervisor Brown. This motion unanimously carried.

ROADMASTER'S REPORT: Road Master (RM) Brown presented his report and gave a brief update on the installation of end walls in at Fawn Drive.

Upon motion made by Chairman Lutz, approving the Roadmaster report, seconded by Vice-Chairman Gainer. This motion unanimously carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Solicitor Wiest was present with no new business to address.

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 August 2018 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: Upon motion made by Vice-Chairman Gainer, adopting **Ordinance 2018-Four** approving the township to participate in the intergovernmental PA Municipal Trust with PSATS to supply a 457b retirement plan for employees of Washington Township, seconded by Chairman Lutz. This motion unanimously carried.

Upon motion made by Vice-Chairman Gainer approving the 457b Supplemental Participation Agreement allowing the employees of Washington Township to join the 457b retirement plan, seconded by Chairman Lutz. This motion unanimously carried.

Upon motion made by Vice-Chairman Gainer adopting **Resolution 2018-12** approving the employer match of \$1,500.00 per employee, per year, seconded by Vice-Chairman Lutz. This motion unanimously carried.

Upon motion made by Supervisor Lynn Brown to dissolve the recycling collection immediately.

A discussion took place regarding the closing of the recycling. Supervisor Gainer asked to recap what has driven the decision to close the recycling, he stated, "recyclable material prices have dropped, it's costing the township approximately \$1,000 per month between fees and crew cleanup, non-resident usage has increased causing higher rates, after numerous notifications to the users of the program the users continue to mix materials causing the materials to be known as comingles that do not yielding a rebate, and due to the response time of the hauler the area has become unsightly and unsafe due to people leaving items laying all around the collection areas. Supervisor Gainer also stated the township has done its due diligence in the search to find a way to continue the program including reaching out to other recycling companies and have found that the trend is to discontinue the service.

The discussion continued as a plan to discontinue the program, Supervisor Brown stated once the dumpsters are full he is going to remove them from the area store them and lock them. Vice-Chairman Gainer stated signs need to be posted. He went on to say a sizable ad needed to be placed giving the resident time to adjust.

Upon motion made by Vice-Chairman Gainer approving the advertising of the discontinuing recycling in Washington Township for 2 weeks, seconded by Chairman Lutz. This motion unanimously carried.

Supervisor Brown amended his former motion of no longer accepting recycling immediately to no longer accepting recycling as of October 12, 2018, seconded by Chairman Lutz. This motion unanimously carried.

Upon motion made by Chairman Lutz formally adopting **Ordinance 2018-3** setting the speed limit on Hill Top Road, seconded by Supervisor Brown. This motion unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Koch ask the Board if a budget meeting is needed for the upcoming budget year. Vice-Chairman Gainer stated he is good with Koch presenting the budget as in previous years with an explanation of any expense over \$15,000.

Koch presented the Board with the Minimum Municipal Obligation for the pension plan for 2019, she stated the ordinance is listed as \$1,000 per enrolled employee but the township has given \$2,500 per employee for year 2017 & 2018. Upon motion made by Vice-Chairman Gainer reducing the employer portion to \$2,000 for 2019, seconded by Chairman Lutz. This motion unanimously carried.

Koch gave a brief description of the Speed & Site Distance Study class she attended. She stated that the township could perform its own speed studies for driveways.

Upon motion made by Vice-Chairman Gainer approved the presented 2018 Per-Capita exemptions, seconded by Chairman Lutz. This motion unanimously carried. A copy of the exemptions can be found in the township office.

Koch presented the Board with a sewage planning module for Humma of Moyers Station Road, without any objections the Board approved the plan.

Upon motion made by Chairman Lutz approving the distribution of the Firemen's Relief monies received as in previous years, 50% to Wayne Township Firemen's Relief, and 25% each to HHL # 1 of Pine Grove & North End of Pine Grove, seconded by Vice-Chairman Gainer. This motion unanimously carried.

Roadmaster Brown added that the intersection of Stony Top and 443 has a large bump, he stated he has contacted PennDOT and they are working to repair the intersection.

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 7:50p.m. This motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



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