

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MEETING OF October 19, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Washington Township Board of Supervisors was held Monday, October 19, 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, Ron Sherman, Terry & Bobbi Maier, and Bill Balthaser, Layne Frantz, Ryan Fashacht, Bob Free and SGT. Fred Krute.

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. Melanie Heinbach- September 2015 tax collectors report
2. Sch. Co. Tax Claim Bureau- Letter notifying township of parcel(s) sold during tax claim bureau's judicial sale held 10/2/15
3. Office of Public Safety- 911 address notification for 39 Koty Drive and 18 Sunrise Road
4. Sch. Co. Voter registration/election bureau- reminder of election dates
5. PA Health Insurance Trust & UC Compensation Group Trust- Ballot for Election of Trustees
6. PSATS UC Group Trust Fund- 2016 township's contribution rate notice 2%
7. Certificate of liability Insurance- Martin Paving, Inc.
8. Otter Products- Replacement case for Layne's phone
9. PA Dept of Transportation- 2016 Liquid Fuels Estimate \$203,626.98.
10. PSATS- 2015 Acts of the Legislature
11. PA Township News- October 2015 issue
12. PMRS- 2014 annual report
13. PSATS- Township legal defense fall 2015 issue
14. LTap- Training flyers
15. Equipment World- September 2015 issue
16. Pine Grove Lions Club- Requests for donation for holiday parade

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** No public comment

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Upon motion of Chairman Lutz, seconded by Supervisor Brown, approved the minutes to the September 21, 2015 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 September 2015 Treasurer's Report was approved, with a balance in all accounts, before receipts and bills, of \$902,788.54. Included in this motion was the approval of payment of all bills presented. This motion unanimously carried.

A separate motion was made by Supervisor Gainer to approve the payment to EJB Paving & Materials Co using liquid fuels monies pending project approval from Charlie Paris of PennDot in the amount of \$136,879.98 for work done on Newswanger Road. The motion was seconded by Chairman Lutz and unanimously carried.

**RECEIPTS:** The report of receipts (Sept 17-Oct 14, 2015) listing \$28,432.56 in EIT receipts, \$30,715.96 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 presented a written report for work performed between September 13 and October 13, 2015 included in the public packet for review and comment. RM Neidlinger included the dumpster at the park would be picked up at the end of October. He also included he would need to purchase a new answering machine for the Township garage.

Upon motion of Chairman Lutz approving RM Neidlinger written report as printed without correction, seconded by Supervisor Brown. This motion unanimously carried.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** Solicitor Wiest gave an update regarding Kemmerling Road pipe culvert extension temporary and permanent easement. Solicitor Wiest suggested RM Neidlinger approach the residents regarding the signatures needed which would give both the permanent easement and temporary construction easement which is needed. A map was attached to the document to show both the permanent and temporary.

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

A copy of a letter addressed to Glen Severin Simonsen was received by the Sch. Co. Planning and Zoning Office regarding Simonsen lot annexation-boundary line adjustment which was tentatively scheduled to be placed on the October 21, 2015 agenda provided all technical requirements is met.

A copy of a letter addressed to Earl E Morgan was received by the Sch. Co. Planning and Zoning Office regarding the final annexation plan of Lot #1 of Earl E Morgan 33-05-0029.000 and was tentatively scheduled to be placed on the October 21, 2015 agenda provided all technical requirements is met.

**SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:** The September 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 September 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 Statewide Tax Recovery exemption was tabled until further information could be obtained to approve the exemption.

The tentative adoption of the budget was tabled until the November meeting pending the results of the Kemmerling Road plan.

After some discussion regarding the possible grants available to assist in the road work for Kemmerling Road. Supervisor Gainer made a motion approving Benesch Engineering to submit multimodal grants applications to PennDot, seconded by Chairman Lutz. This motion unanimously carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Upon motion of Supervisor Gainer, seconded by Supervisor Brown, the 2015 Volunteer Firemen's Relief Allocation will be distributed as follows: 25% to HH & L #1 Relief Association, 25% to North End Relief Association and 50% to Wayne Township Relief Association (Friedensburg and Summit Station) as done in previous years. This motion unanimously carried.

Upon motion of Supervisor Gainer, seconded by Chairman Lutz, carried by all, authorization was given to advertise the Boards intent to hire a CPA to perform the 2015 annual audit.

Authorization was given to Secretary Koch to obtain bids from CPA firms to perform the 2015 financial audit of the Township.

SGT. Fred Krute was present and addressed the board with an update of the calls to the State Police Barracks from Washington Township. SGT. Krute encouraged residents to lock their doors in the cars. He also provided the residents with the barracks telephone number in case of emergencies: 570-739-1330.

Terry & Bobbi Maier were also present and addressed the Board regarding the meeting that took place with Supervisor Gainer and Susan Smith of the Planning and Zoning Office. Secretary Koch began by explaining that Washington Township is an Agricultural Zoned Township that does not provide zoning. She also stated that any enforcement would need to come from the Conservation District. Supervisor Gainer stated that in the upcoming year the Planning and Zoning Office will begin to collect data on the number of chicken farms within Washington Township and surrounding Townships and Boroughs and asked if we would be willing to help in the collection of such data. Both Terry and Bobbi Maier stated they also would be willing help in the data collection. It was stated that this data collection could result in a change to the current zoning ordinance regarding poultry farms.

**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 7:47 p.m. This motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Dawn A. Koch".

Dawn A. Koch  
Secretary Treasurer  
Washington Township