

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING OF December 16, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Washington Township Board of Supervisors was held Monday, December 16, 2019.

Those in attendance were: Chairman Leon Lutz, Vice-Chairman Wendel Gainer, Jr., Supervisor Lynn Brown, Solicitor Rick Wiest and Dawn Koch, TM/Sec/Treasurer. Also, in attendance were Bob Free, Sal Varacalli, Joan Schwer, Bruce & Kristy Frymoyer, Ben Readinger, Steve Axaris, Nick Miller and John Poslosky.

Chairman Lutz opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance. Chairman Lutz 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. Deb Griffiths- (Email) regarding internet service to rural residents
2. Election Bureau- Lynn Brown & Barry Newswanger's certificates of election
3. Keith Heinbach- November's Tax Collector's report
4. PA DEP- Earth Disturbance Inspection Reports for White's Machine Shop and Koty Lane
5. US Department of Commerce- US Census Bureau regarding destruction or return of title 13 materials
6. Sch. Co. Assessment- Change of assessment notice listing
7. Philadelphia Insurance Companies- Claim regarding office building windows
8. AECOM- Turkey Farm bridge inspection report 2019
9. Township of Bethel- Copy of their proposed zoning ordinance
10. PSATS- Account update, conference information, benefits of membership
11. PA Township News- December issue
12. Flyers, catalogs, etc.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Resident John Poslosky of 81 Summer Hill Road was present and inquired about lines on the roads, crack sealing, resurfacing Summer Hill and tree trimming around wires. Koch informed Mr. Poslosky that line painting is in the budget for 2020. The Board addressed Mr. Poslosky informing him that we do not do tree trimming around power or utility wires.

Ben Readinger of 597 Birds Hill Road was present to introduce himself and to inform them that he has submitted his letter of intent to serve as the emergency management coordinator for the township in 2020.

Nick Miller of 123 Farm View Road was present to inform the board that Mike Stulnacker has resigned as fire chief and he has assumed the position of fire chief.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon motion of Chairman Lutz, seconded by Supervisor Brown, approved the minutes to the November 18, 2019 regular monthly meeting, the November 26, 2019 executive session, and the December 1, 2019 special meeting with the following correction. On the executive session minutes remove Rick Wiest as being in attendance and on the special meeting minutes change first sentence from regular month meeting to special meeting. This motion unanimously carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND BILLS FOR APPROVAL: Upon motion of Chairman Lutz, seconded by Supervisor Brown, the November 2019 Treasurer's Report was approved with one correction, Pennsy Supply delivered anti-skid not rock salt. The balance in all accounts, before receipts and bills, was \$365,212.23. Included in this motion was the approval of payment of all bills presented. This motion unanimously carried.

RECEIPTS: The report of receipts (November 14-December 11, 2019) listing \$36,636.21 in EIT receipts, \$45,924.28 in regular General Fund receipts were approved as printed upon motion of Chairman Lutz, seconded by Supervisor Brown. This motion unanimously carried.

ROADMASTER'S REPORT: A motion made by Vice-Chairman Gainer approving the purchase of an oil pan for the 2000 Mack truck, seconded by Chairman Lutz. This motion unanimously carried.

Upon motion made by Chairman Lutz, approving the Road Masters report as presented, seconded by Vice-Chairman Gainer. This motion unanimously carried.

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

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 November 2019 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: No old business to address.

NEW BUSINESS: Residents Bruce & Kristy Frymoyer were present to inform the board of a water issue they are having on Harvey's Drive. Mr. Grymoyer gave a brief description of the problem and asked the board for any advice or solution to the water issue. Koch stated she has been working with Ryan of the Conservation District regarding the issue, but Ryan was out sick all of last week and has not had the chance to speak to him. Koch stated her once she speaks with Ryan, she will contact Bruce & Kristy and give them an update as to the findings. Vice-Chairman Gainer asked Koch to make sure with Ryan ensures the water management practices are still in effect from the original plan. Gainer also inquired if there is anything on the bottom

side that can be added to help divert the water. Koch stated she would get back to everyone once she speaks with Ryan.

Upon motion made by Vice-Chairman Gainer approving the 2019 per capita tax exemptions certificates submitted by tax collector Keith Heinbach, seconded by Chairman Lutz. This motion unanimously carried.

Upon motion made by Vice-Chairman Gainer approving the Statewide Tax Recovery per capita tax exemption submitted by Mark Schaeffer for years 2010 through 2014, seconded by Chairman Lutz. This motion unanimously carried.

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Gainer, approving the 2020 budget as advertised, seconded by Chairman Lutz. The motion unanimously carried.

Upon motion made by Vice-Chairman Gainer approving **Resolution 2020-One** setting the tax rates for 2020 the same as 2019, seconded by Chairman Lutz. This motion unanimously carried.

Koch presented the board with two proposals that were submitted to perform the 2019 audit. Upon motion made by Vice-Chairman Gainer, seconded by Chairman Lutz, **Resolution 2020-Two** was approved appointing Jones & Co. to perform the 2019 annual audit. This motion unanimously carried.

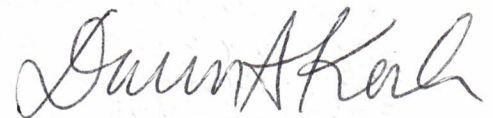
Upon motion made by Vice-Chairman Gainer, seconded by Chairman Lutz, the annual reorganization meeting was set and authorization was given to advertise the meeting for January 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The motion unanimously carried.

Upon motion made by Vice-Chairman Gainer, seconded by Chairman Lutz, the annual auditors meeting was set for January 7, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The motion unanimously carried.

Upon motion made by Chairman Lutz, seconded by Supervisor Brown, all regular meetings for 2020 will continue to be held the third Monday of each month at 7:00p.m in the municipal building conference room. The 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 7:34 p.m. This motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



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