

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING OF July 18, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Washington Township Board of Supervisors was held Monday, July 18, 2022.

Those in attendance were Chairman John J. Krause, Chairman Wendell S. Gainer, Sr., Lynn A. Brown, Supervisor, Solicitor Rick Wiest and Dawn Koch, TM/Sec/Treasurer. Also in attendance were Bob Free and Nick Miller.

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. PA Dept. of Transportation- letter regarding annual bridge safety inspections
2. Return receipt from Henry Berger
3. Geo-Technology Assoc., Inc.- Wild Cherry cold-in-place design mix
4. Keith Heinbach- June 2022 tax collector report
5. PMRS- 2020 GASB 68 report
6. Brandon Postlethwait- letter regarding issues at 3559 Sweet Arrow Lake Road
7. PA DEP- letter regarding date change of recycling event
8. Edward Redding- Annual maintenance report for 3432 Sweet Arrow Lake Road holding take
9. Sch. Co. Conservation District- letter addressed to Ronald Snyder, Kutz Road regarding Snyder Ag Operation
10. Recon Construction Service, Inc.- Certified payroll
11. Sch. Co. office of public safety- letter regarding the addressing of a seasonal cabin on Mountain Road
12. Sch. Co. office of public safety- letter regarding the addressing of business on Flat Hill
13. PA Township News- July 2022 issue
14. Flyers, magazine, catalogs, etc.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Nick Miller requested the Board view the medical truck North End Fire Company purchased to be housed within Washington Township for emergencies.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon motion of Chairman Krause, seconded by Supervisor Brown, approving the minutes to the June 20, 2022, work session and 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 June 2022 Treasurer's Report was approved with a balance in all accounts, before receipts and bills, was \$1,488,764.17. Included in this motion was the approval of payment of all bills presented except for the Wayne Township fair share invoice. The Board has requested the declaration page from the insurance company that was used to calculate the fair share. This motion unanimously carried.

Upon motion made by Vice-Chairman Gainer, approving \$271,963.77 to be paid out of liquid fuels for Recon Construction and Kevin E. Raker Construction for 2022 road construction, seconded by Chairman Krause. This motion unanimously carried.

RECEIPTS: The report of receipts (June 16 – July 13, 2022) listing \$34,585.15 in EIT receipts and \$19,329.10 in regular General Fund receipts were approved as printed upon motion of Chairman Krause, seconded by Supervisor Brown. This motion unanimously carried.

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

ROADMASTER REPORTS: Road Master Brown stated the clearing of brush at the intersection of Ferebees, Wild Cherry, and Oak Roads went well with the resident.

Upon motion made by Supervisor Brown, approving Koch to obtain proposals from a licensed engineer to provide standard drawings and an erosion & sedimentation plan for Blue Mountain Road bridge replacement, seconded by Chairman Krause. This motion unanimously carried.

Road Master Brown added that the road crew will be patching potholes for the next three weeks.

It was noted that if a sign a resident paid for is stolen the township will replace the sign.

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**.

Letter addressed to Edwin Gegenheimer Hetzels Church granting final approval of a minor subdivision at 479 Hetzels Church Road.

SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: A list of June 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 the permit for Roedersville bridge work has not been received. The bid packet is ready, once permit is received the packet will be presented to the board for approval and then advertised.

Construction on Kutz Road bridge will begin August first. A pre-construction meeting is being held at the site on Thursday, July 28th at 11:00am.

Chairman Krause gave a brief overview of the report received by Mark J. Sobeck Roof Consulting, Inc. The Board determined the best course of action would be replacing all ten windows with the correct window. Upon motion made by Chairman Krause, approving the proposal for window design & part time inspections not to exceed \$8,705.00, seconded by Vice-Chairman Gainer. This motion unanimously carried. Koch was instructed to comprise a letter to Spott's Brothers regarding the decision, setting up a meeting, and the possibility of cost sharing.

NEW BUSINESS: Upon motion made by Vice-Chairman Gainer, approving the 2022 Per Capita exemption submitted by Tax Collector Keith Heinbach, seconded by Chairman Krause. This motion unanimously carried.

Upon motion made by Chairman Krause, approving a one-time \$5,000.00 net bonus paid from the ARPA funds for the four full-time employees, seconded by Vice-Chairman Gainer. This motion carried. Supervisor Brown abstained from the vote.

Koch informed the Board she was contacted by the Schuylkill County 911 center regarding properties on Ballpark Lane. She stated the township owns a portion of Ballpark Lane, but the lane the properties in question are on is a private lane also called Ballpark Lane. She stated three options, take over that portion of Ballpark Lane, have the residents rename the private lane, or readdress the properties with a Dad Burnhams address. Koch was instructed to reach out to the property owners and discuss the options.

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 7:37 p.m. This motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



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