

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING OF September 26, 2022

The September rescheduled regular monthly meeting of the Washington Township Board of Supervisors was held Monday, September 26, 2022.

Those in attendance were Chairman John J. Krause, Vice-Chairman Wendell S. Gainer, Jr., Supervisor Lynn Brown and Dawn Koch, TM/Sec/Treasurer. Also in attendance were Bob Free, Keith Englehart, Vince Meyer, Ben Readinger, and Corporal Kevin Masinick of the Schuylkill Haven State Police Barracks.

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. PSATS 2022 ballot for election of trustees
2. Sch. Co. Planning & Zoning- letter addressed to Kimberly Ann Booble regarding construction on 98 Shoreline Drive without permits.
3. Chris Light- letter of resignation
4. Sch. Co. Assessment Office- Notice of change report
5. Pottsville Materials- Materials quote
6. Palmetto Solar- Certificate of liability
7. Office of Public Safety- new address for 81 Hickory Road and change of address for 279 Moyers Station to 145 Grist Mill Road
8. PA DEP- GP-11 permit for Roedersville Road
9. Sch. Co. Township Officials Assoc.- 2022 Convention invitation
10. Municipal Benefits Services- 2022 Rate Mitigation Statement
11. Keith Heinbach- August 2022 Tax Collectors Reports
12. Sch. Co. Conservations District- Letter addressed to Ronald Snyder of 112 Camp Road regarding the approval of his NPDES permit for storm water management.
13. PA Department of Labor & Industry- Letter regarding Occupational & Industrial Safety.
14. Elliot Greenleaf- letter regarding management of ARPA funds
15. PA Township News- September issue
16. Catalogs, flyers, etc.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Corporal Kevin Masinick of the Schuylkill Haven Police Barracks was present to give the Supervisors an update of the calls received over the past three years.

Resident Keith Englehart asked the Board about dust control on dirt roads.

Resident Vince Meyer asked the Board of the possibility of turning Loop Road into a one-way road. After a brief discussion the Board made no decisions regarding Loop Road.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon motion of Chairman Krause, seconded by Supervisor Brown, approving the minutes to the August 15, 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 August 2022 Treasurer's Report was approved with a balance in all accounts, before receipts and bills, was \$1,103,531.04. Included in this motion was the approval of payment of all bills presented. This motion unanimously carried.

Upon motion made by Vice-Chairman Gainer, approving \$114,920.71 to be paid out of liquid fuels to Kevin E. Ricker Construction for Kutz Bridge, seconded by Chairman Krause. This motion unanimously carried.

RECEIPTS: The report of receipts (August 10 – September 14, 2022) listing \$51,080.24 in EIT receipts and \$170,238.19 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 not present.

ROADMASTER REPORTS: Road Master Brown requested approval to purchase missing road signs. Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Gainer approving the purchase up to \$2,000.00 to replace missing road signs, seconded by Chairman Krause. This motion unanimously carried.

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 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: Upon motion made by Chairman Krause approving the advertising for bids for the Roedersville Road bridge underpinning project, seconded by Supervisor Brown. This motion unanimously carried.

Koch gave an update of the progress on the Kutz Road bridge. She stated construction is on target according to the schedule.

Chairman Krause stated he spoke with the window consultant and stated due to the size of the opening they are still researching to find the correct window. Once they do, they will finish the documents including the flashing details.

Koch stated a letter was sent to the owners of 75 Ball Park Lane, but nothing has been received. She suggested sending a registered letter. Vice-Chairman Gainer stated to add to the letter that if no response is received within 14 days of the letter the township will move forward.

Koch stated that she and Road Master Brown developed an estimate for the Blue Mountain bridge replacement at \$150,000.00. This estimate includes materials, labor, engineering, and contingency. Koch stated they did not receive any responses back for design.

Supervisor Brown stated he did not have any updates on the barn property on Dad Burnhams next to the township's property. Chairman Krause stated he was informed the floor in the barn is in rough shape and would most likely collapse if one of the Township trucks would drive on it.

Koch went over the Comcast franchise agreement with the Board, she stated she will update the contract, get the changes approved by Comcast and then forward it to Rick. Upon motion made by Vice-Chairman Gainer approving Rick to review and provide feedback, seconded by Chairman Krause. This motion unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Gainer, approving the transfer of \$150,570.21 from the general fund to the ARPA fund, seconded by Chairman Krause. This motion unanimously carried.

Koch informed the Board of damage in the men's restroom in the office building. Koch stated she reviewed the video footage and discovered that a visitor to the township from the recycling company was the last person to use the restroom. Koch stated she spoke with the company, and they have agreed to pay for any damages. Koch was instructed to obtain a quote for the repairs.

Koch presented the 2023 Minimal Municipal Obligation to the Board with no objections.

The Board reviewed the non-building waiver declaration for Titus Nolt installing storage units without objections.

Supervisor Brown requested permission for the Dutchmen MX Park to rent the townships bleachers from the ballpark. After a brief discussion and upon motion made by Vice-Chairman Gainer it was decided to allow the rental of the bleachers for \$150.00 for the October 22, 2022, event, seconded by Supervisor Brown. The Board stated an agreement must be signed by the renter with the following: the Township shall bare no liability for damages or injuries while being transported and used. The renter agrees to return and set back up in the condition they were received within one week. Chairman Krause asked that photos be taken prior to the bleachers being moved.

Upon motion made by Supervisor Brown approving the advertising of a part-time winter help position, seconded by Chairman Krause. The motion unanimously carried.

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 7:53 p.m. This motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dawn A. Koch". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dawn" being more prominent.

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