

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Work Session of January 16, 2023

The work session was called to order by Chairman Krause at 6:00pm. Those in attendance were Chairman John Krause, Vice-Chairman Wendell Gainer, Supervisor Lynn Brown, Jeremy Bickham, and Township Manager Dawn Koch. Later attending was Keith Englehart, Vince Meyers, and Bob Free.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** There were no public comments.

**DISCUSSION:** Township Manager Koch went over the road crew meeting outcome that was held on Friday, January 13, 2023. The following items were discussed:

- Schedule versus work performed.
- Pot hole policy- unless it is a deep hole, it waits until spring to be repaired.
- Drainage issues on state roads.
- Maintenance to be done- loader & trucks.
- Inventory.
- Exhaust fan in garage- possibility of purchasing new furnace for garage in 2024.
- Upcoming work included sweeping and cleaning furnace in garage.
- Upcoming training- flagger training for Jeremy & Ray, temporary traffic control training, PPL live line safety exhibit May 31, 2023 (need 50 attendees).

The topic of noise in the older trucks during plowing was discussed and several suggestions were discussed. It was suggested to purchase a headset and test if the driver could hear better. It was also suggested adding a mount on the dashboard to have the radio in driving view.

There was a brief discussion on a new furnace for the garage. Vice-Chairman Gainer suggested a harmful gas monitor.

Chairman Krause asked a few questions regarding the miles report. After a brief discussion it was determined that better monitoring of fuel consumption as well as better tracking of miles/hours needs to be completed.

Chairman Krause addressed the topic of time off without pay. He stated that he is not in favor of allowing time off without pay, Vice-Chairman Gainer agreed. After a brief discussion it was decided that there would be no time off without pay per the handbook.

Employee Jeremy Bickham asked the Board what the possibility of getting another storage building or shed for equipment. Vice-Chairman Gainer asked Roadmaster Brown if the crew would be capable of building the structure, he replied yes. After a brief discussion Vice-Chairman Gainer requested a sketch including square footage, materials list, time frame, equipment needed to construct and a budget.

Chairman Krause asked what the possibility of him doing a ride along with one of the guys during plowing to familiarize himself with the route. After some discussion it was decided that Chairman Krause would coordinate with crew to schedule a ride along.

Vice-Chairman Gainer addressed the public with issues the County and the Pine Grove School District are currently facing regarding budgets. He stated the Township must be very diligent in spending to ensure a tax increase does not happen for township residents by the Board of Supervisors.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The work session was adjourned, upon motion of Chairman Krause, seconded by Supervisor Brown at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dawn A. Koch

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