

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING OF:
June 17, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Washington Township Board of Supervisors was held Monday, June 17, 2024.

Those in attendance were Chairman John J. Krause, Vice-Chairman Eric Wolfe, Supervisor/Roadmaster Lynn Brown, Secretary/Treasurer Holly Reinford, and Solicitor Rick Wiest. Also in attendance were Bob Free, Francis Curry, Kristen & John McMillin, Rick McMillin, Kyle Brown, Lenny Moyer, Nick Miller, Nancy Welty, Kristin Flieger, Pat McMillin, Rick McMillin Sr, Sara Griffiths, Jared Aungst, and Faith Poda.

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. 5/1/2024-5/31/2024 Tax Collector's Remittance Report
2. PMRS 2023 account activity
3. 2023 Audit
4. General NPDES Permit for Daniel McHugh; proposed subdivision into 9 lots corner of Dad Burnhams Rd and Deturksville Rd
5. Administratively Complete Land Development Plans – Kurtz Solar Project
6. Administratively Complete Final Subdivision Plan for Donald and Lindsey Legarht
7. Certificate of Insurance – Corrado Custom Homes Inc
8. Right to Know Request: Nancy Welty
9. Letter from Williamson, Friedberg & Jones LLC to West Brunswick's solicitor
10. Pottsville Free Public Library Donation Request
11. Certificate of Insurance – Corrado Custom Homes Inc
12. Certificate of Insurance – Asphalt Maintenance Solutions LLC
13. Public Officials Liability and Employment Liability Insurance Declarations
14. Robert Horning Riprap Swale E&S Plan for DEP Chapter 105 Permit: completed
15. MRM Trust Notes
16. North End Fire Company Monthly Report for May 2024
17. FCCB – Statement
18. Fulton Bank – Statement
19. PLGIT - Statement

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon motion of Chairman Krause, seconded by Supervisor Brown, approving the minutes for May 20, 2024, regular monthly meeting without correction. This motion unanimously carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND BILLS FOR APPROVAL: Upon motion of Chairman Krause, seconded by Vice-Chairman Wolfe, the May 16, 2024 – June 12, 2024, Treasurer's Report was approved with a balance in all accounts, before receipts and bills, was \$1,491,140.71. Included in this motion was the approval of payment of all bills presented. This motion unanimously carried.

RECEIPTS: The report of receipts (May 16, 2024 – June 12, 2024) listing \$64,875.66 in EIT receipts and \$12,402.05 in regular General Fund receipts was approved as printed upon motion of Chairman Krause, seconded by Supervisor Brown. This motion unanimously carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

ROADMASTER REPORTS: Roadmaster Brown stated his crew was working on Moyers Station Rd and that AMS will be paving the first or second week of July. They have been and will continue to mow. Brown stated the Loop Rd bridge project is slated to start the second week of July.

COUNTY ZONING:

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

OLD BUSINESS/FOLLOW-UP 5/20/2024: Follow-up 1144 Deturksville Rd: Chairman Krause stated the inspection report from Light-Heigel & Associates indicated that the property complied with Junk Car Ordinance 1998-2. This matter is now closed.

Follow-up 1140 Deturksville Rd: Secretary/Treasurer Reinford stated an email to Ms. Barr was sent and a voicemail was left with Mr. Gholson on 3/21/2024, a letter was sent to Ms. Barr via USPS, a certified letter was sent to Ms. Barr on 4/18, and a second email was sent to Ms. Barr on 5/20/2024. There was no response from any of these attempts and the certified letter was lost in the mail system. Chairman Krause is allowing two weeks to see if either Ms. Barr or Mr. Gholson returns contact.

Follow-up 31 Dad Burnhams Rd: Secretary/Treasurer Reinford has not heard anything back, but the receipt of the driveway permit application was acknowledged by Light-Heigel & Associates.

Office Windows: Chairman Krause asked if there were any follow-up questions outside of the public comment period. There was no more commentary. Solicitor Wiest recapped that this was kept on the agenda to keep attention to it but could be removed. Chairman Krause stated the office window agenda item will be removed but the access to the window will remain open to monitor for moisture and if any is found, Krause will reach out to Spotts Brothers.

April 2024 Tax Exemption Requests: Chairman Krause motioned to accept the April 2024 tax exemptions submitted by tax collector Keith Heinbach, seconded by Supervisor Brown. This motion unanimously carried.

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Chairman Krause motioned to advertise the revocation of Junk Car Ordinance 1998-2, seconded by Vice-Chairman Wolfe. This motion unanimously carried.

Secretary/Treasurer Reinford introduced a complaint policy that provides a blanket process for complaints from residents within the Township. Supervisor Brown motioned to adopt the Washington Township complaint policy, seconded by Vice-Chairman Wolfe. This motion unanimously carried.

48 Harvey Drive: Secretary/Treasurer Reinford stated she had a resident email the Township regarding water runoff from a neighboring property onto their property and rotting out their shed. JB Environmental went out to assess to make sure it was not a sewage issue; it is not and from what Mr. Bentz saw & what information we have it appears it may be an old cistern or spring that is capped with concrete and overflows when rains. The resident is now concerned that this is a swale issue that has been ongoing for the last several years. Chairman Krause stated this is not a Township issue and no representation is here for the issue to continue discussion.

686 Deturksville Rd: Secretary/Treasurer Reinford stated this came as a complaint via phone from a neighbor of this property concerned about work being done to the foundation of the home. Light-Heigel & Associates was notified and will inspect.

3 Beech Tree Dr: Secretary/Treasurer Reinford stated this complaint came in a couple of months ago regarding mud on the roads and the number of structures on the property. Light-Heigel & Associates did go inspect it in May, but they have not provided an inspection report yet.

Supervisor Brown motioned to appoint Eric Wolfe as delegate to the Tax Collection Committee, seconded by Chairman Krause. This motion unanimously carried.

Resident Elizabeth Griffiths submitted a modification of an Agricultural Security Area for 25 acres she owns. Supervisor Brown motioned to advertise the modification, seconded by Vice-Chairman Wolfe. This motion unanimously carried.

Secretary/Treasurer Reinford stated a resident who rented the park was requesting a full refund due to not utilizing it because of rain. The Board agreed that renters would receive their \$100 deposit back but nothing more. Reinford brought up a renter who needed to cancel their reservation and did so about a month before their rental date. The Board agreed to consider a refund policy based upon appropriate notification of cancellation.

FOLLOW-UP 06/17/2024: Follow up on 1140 Deturksville Rd; the Board agreed that the Township has exhausted our efforts in trying to contact the contact information given and the property information will be sent to the Department of Environmental Protection to continue handling.

Follow-up on 43 Harvey Drive; Resident Francis Curry is concerned about possible swale issues and a structure leaking water. The Board heard Mr. Curry out and advised that he speak with Schuylkill County Zoning and Planning as well as Light-Heigel and Associates as the Township

did not handle the development of Harvey Drive outside of retaining information from both agencies for our records.

Follow-up on 686 Deturksville Rd; no new information received. Marty from Light-Heigel and Associates is handling this.

Follow-up on 3 Beech Tree Dr; no new information received. Marty from Light-Heigel and Associates inspected it, and we are waiting for the inspection report.

Follow-up on Ms. Griffiths – Modification of an Agricultural Security Area; Treasurer/Secretary Reinford is following the application timeline outlined in the ASA handbook. A notice to the public has been published in the newspaper for review or objection.

NEW BUSINESS 06/17/2024: May 2024 Tax Exemption Requests: Chairman Krause motioned to accept the May 2024 tax exemptions submitted by tax collector Keith Heinbach, seconded by Supervisor Brown. This motion unanimously carried.

Chairman Krause moved to repeal Ordinance 1998-2 Junked Cars; Storage of Motor Vehicles via Ordinance 2024-1 Repealing Township Ordinance 98-2 dealing with the storage of motor vehicles, seconded by Supervisor Brown. This motion unanimously carried.

Resident Nancy Welty voiced her concerns about the cost of Ordinance 1998-2 Junked Cars; Storage of Motor Vehicles and that per her cost breakdown, it would have cost the residents \$1.01 per person based on census data from prior years.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors of Washington Township, upon motion of Vice-Chairman Wolfe, seconded by Supervisor Brown the meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m. This motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Holly Reinford
Secretary/Treasurer
Washington Township

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