

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING OF:
August 19, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Washington Township Board of Supervisors was held Monday, August 19, 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, Jared Aungst, David Aungst, Rick McMillin, John McMillin, and Deb Thompson.

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. 7/1/2024-7/31/2024 Tax Collector's Remittance Report
2. 334 Birds Hill Rd. – Violation of the Schuylkill County Zoning Ordinance
3. Dept of the Auditor General engagement letter regarding PMRS audit
4. PMRS MMO Worksheet
5. Schuylkill County Tax Claim Bureau Judicial Sale of Property Notice (for entire county)
6. HH&L Thank you for the donation letter
7. Schuylkill County Planning and Zoning: Final Plan Approval Holzer & Blain Annexation
8. Schuylkill County Planning and Zoning: Final Plan Approval Subdivision for Leghart
9. Global Chemicals mail card for ordering/requesting information on product list
10. Certificate of Liability Insurance: Construction Masters Services, LLC
11. Certificate of Liability Insurance: Powerstream Solar
12. AT&T Data Breach from May 1, 2022 – October 31, 2022 info sheet
13. JB Environmental Services: 114 Dad Burnhams Rd letter to property owner
14. Anonymous Complaint to Board of Supervisors
15. FCCB – Statement
16. Fulton Bank – Statement
17. PLGIT - Statement

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Local business owner Deb Thompson stated she was gathering information to apply for a grant to prevent a landfill. She also provided a flier for a 5k Run for Life fundraiser held on September 14, 2024, at Pine Grove Hose, Hook, and Ladder.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon motion of Chairman Krause, seconded by Supervisor Brown, approving the minutes for July 15, 2024, 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 July 11, 2024 – August 14, 2024, Treasurer's Report was approved with a balance in all accounts, before receipts and bills, was \$1,469,619.01. Included in this motion was the approval of payment of all bills presented. This motion unanimously carried.

RECEIPTS: The report of receipts (July 11, 2024 – August 14, 2024) listing \$17,897.68 in EIT receipts and \$5,194.16 in regular General Fund receipts was approved as printed upon motion of Chairman Krause, seconded by Vice-Chairman Wolfe. This motion unanimously carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

ROADMASTER REPORTS: Roadmaster Brown stated the Loop Road bridge will be done by the end of next week (August 30th) and his crew will move onto paving and mowing.

COUNTY ZONING:

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

OLD BUSINESS/FOLLOW-UP 7/15/2024: Follow-up 1140 Deturksville Rd; Secretary/Treasurer Reinford stated the DEP contacted her to let her know that they do not handle residential complaints and to check with the Township Solicitor. Chairman Krause directed Reinford to reach out to Schuylkill County and the Conservation District.

Follow-up on 686 Deturksville Rd; Secretary/Treasurer Reinford stated Marty from Light-Heigel & Associates inspected the property and provided an email that stated he did not see any violations. Chairman Krause stated agenda item can be removed going forward.

Follow-up on 3 Beech Tree Dr; Secretary/Treasurer Reinford stated Marty from Light-Heigel & Associates has a report & stated he would send it. We do not have it yet to continue discussion at this time.

Follow-up Griffiths – ASA; Chairman Krause directed Reinford to keep an eye on it and continue following the steps outlined in the ASA handbook.

NEW BUSINESS 7/15/2024: June 2024 Tax Exemption Requests: Chairman Krause motioned to accept the June 2024 tax exemptions submitted by tax collector Keith Heinbach, seconded by Vice-Chairman Wolfe. This motion unanimously carried.

Chairman Krause stated there is nothing to discuss regarding 305 Camp Rd as no one representing the property is in attendance and the board agreed that there is no noise ordinance for the portion of the property in Washington Township.

OLD BUSINESS/FOLLOW-UP 8/19/2024: Follow-up 1140 Deturksville Rd: Chairman Krause stated this item can be removed from the agenda.

Follow-up Griffiths – ASA; Secretary/Treasurer Reinford stated this will be an approval for the September 16, 2024, meeting.

NEW BUSINESS 8/19/2024: July 2024 Tax Exemption Requests: Chairman Krause motioned to accept the July 2024 tax exemptions submitted by tax collector Keith Heinbach, seconded by Supervisor Brown. This motion unanimously carried.

Resident David Aungst attended to discuss his barn rebuild at 334 Birds Hill Rd. Aungst stated the original foundation remained in place but was capped by concrete which brought it less than five feet from the road. Chairman Krause asked Aungst if the barn itself were less than five feet from the road, to which Aungst stated the barn would be five feet or more from the road as it would be rebuilt in its original location. The Board of Supervisors and Solicitor Wiest collectively suggested and agreed that if Aungst backfilled with stone to cover the foundation and the barn was five feet or more from the road, that would be acceptable. Aungst agreed to this suggestion. Solicitor Wiest stated he would write up a letter and send it to Schuylkill County Zoning that Washington Township has no further involvement.

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 7:22 p.m. This motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Holly Reinford
Secretary/Treasurer
Washington Township