

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING OF:
July 15, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Washington Township Board of Supervisors was held Monday, July 15, 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 K.E. Englehart, Nick Miller, and Wendell Gainer.

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. 6/1/2024-6/30/2024 Tax Collector's Remittance Report
2. Confirmation of complaint to DEP regarding 1140 Deturksville Rd
3. North End Fire Company June report
4. SLRF update regarding compliance and reporting guidance
5. Skook News requests to add their publican to any media notification list
6. AMS Performance bond
7. Garcia, Garman, & Shea paperwork for 2024 audit
8. Mark Redding annual maintenance report; small flow treatment facilities 6/1/23-12/31/23
9. MRM Trust loss activity report (0)
10. PA DOT Inspection Notification – National Bridge Inspection Standards
11. Real Estate Transfer Tax exemptions
12. FCCB – Statement
13. Fulton Bank – Statement
14. PLGIT - Statement

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon motion of Chairman Krause, seconded by Supervisor Brown, approving the minutes for June 17, 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 June 13, 2024 – July 10, 2024, Treasurer's Report was approved with a balance in all accounts, before receipts and bills, was \$1,481,171.22. Included in this motion was the approval of payment of all bills presented. This motion unanimously carried.

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RECEIPTS: The report of receipts (June 13, 2024 – July 10, 2024) listing \$39,717.52 in EIT receipts and \$10,571.30 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 Moyer Station and Grist Mill Rd are done being paved and he will be shopping for a contractor for line painting. He & his crew have started working on the Loop Rd bridge project; the deck and beams are off and can be cleaned & they will be setting end walls. Chairman Krause inquired about a time frame. Roadmaster Brown estimated two to three and a half weeks; weather permitting.

COUNTY ZONING:

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: EMC Nick Miller stated the shed for the fire companies has been a godsend and North End Fire Company has used it three times for cones. He did note that there are bees in the shed. Miller stated that North End Fire Company had gained 15 more firefighters and now has 42 active firefighters. Run cards will need to be updated since their last update; several years ago.

OLD BUSINESS/FOLLOW-UP 6/17/2024: 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 6/17/2024: 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. .

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.

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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.

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 7:13 p.m. This motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Holly Reinford
Secretary/Treasurer
Washington Township

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