

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MEETING OF:  
December 16, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Washington Township Board of Supervisors was held Monday, December 16, 2024.

Those in attendance were Chairman John J. Krause, Vice-Chairman Eric Wolfe, Supervisor Brown, Secretary/Treasurer Holly Reinford, and Solicitor Rick Wiest. Also in attendance was resident Nancy Welty.

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. 11/1/2024 – 11/30/2024 Tax Collector's Remittance Report
2. North End Fire Company November run report
3. MRM Trust Notes
4. JB Environmental: letter to 11 Koty Lane
5. Comcast; price adjustments
6. Carbon Engineering: letter of consideration for the position of Township Engineer
7. Office of Solid Waste and Resource Management: Schuylkill County 10 year solid waste plan revision
8. Schuylkill County Assessment Bureau; tax levy worksheet
9. Brior Environmental Services, INC: letter of consideration for 2025
10. MEMO: list of bidders for 12/12/24 upset sale
11. FCCB – Statement
12. Fulton Bank – Statement
13. PLGIT - Statement

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** Resident Nancy Welty inquired why Washington Township doesn't have zoning and if it could be brought in. Solicitor Wiest explained that there are multiple facets of creating zoning starting with hiring an engineering firm to analyze the area and propose a zoning ordinance to be adopted. The concern is that Washington Township is agricultural which limits the type of businesses within the township, but if zoning were created Washington Township would have to account for businesses such as landfills. Wiest explained that the cost of the engineering firm, the study, the zoning hearing board, and the zoning solicitor would need to be factored in. Resident Welty stated to the board that Washington Township is giving away power to a different entity.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Upon motion of Chairman Krause, seconded by Supervisor Brown, approving the minutes for November 18, 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 November 14, 2024 – December 12, 2024, Treasurer’s Report was approved with a balance in all accounts, before receipts and bills, was \$1,199,601.10. Included in this motion was the approval of payment of all bills presented. This motion unanimously carried.

**RECEIPTS:** The report of receipts (November 14, 2024 – December 12, 2024) listing \$57,208.54 in EIT receipts and \$13,121.39 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:** Solicitor Wiest spoke about a meeting for the BEAD (Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment) program. He will be attending to gather more information on Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>.

**ROADMASTER REPORTS:** Roadmaster Brown stated all of the building lights have been replaced, they fixed up the L8000 truck, gathered up an auction list, and purchased the propane tank for the shop heaters.

**COUNTY ZONING:**

- a. Schuylkill Planning & Zoning: Conditional Final Plan Approval. Kramer Minor Subdivision.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:** EMC Nick Miller didn’t have any reports. Stated that they’ve been busy.

**NEW BUSINESS 11/18/2024:** Under the direction of Chairman Krause, the board held a moment of silence for resident Bob Free.

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

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

Steve Engleman, from TRC, provided maps and information regarding the Kurtz Solar Project for the public to ask questions, express opinions, and review. Chairman Krause motioned to advertise the proposed 2025 budget in the newspaper for public inspection online and on the door of the Township building, seconded by Vice-Chairman Wolfe. This motion unanimously carried.

**NEW BUSINESS 12/16/2024:**

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

Chairman Krause motioned to move the 2024 winter maintenance agreement funds from PennDOT, in the sum of \$13,621.69, out of the PLGIT account and into the General Fund, seconded by Supervisor Brown. This motion unanimously carried.

Chairman Krause motioned to adopt the 2025 proposed budget, seconded by Vice-Chairman Wolfe. This motion unanimously carried.

Chairman Krause motioned to purchase and place two (2) autism awareness signs on Birds Hill Rd at the request of a resident, seconded by Supervisor Brown. This motion unanimously carried.

Loop Rd signage was expressed by a resident as a concern, the resident did not show up to speak about or expand on this concern. Moving to old business in January.

**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 7:23 p.m. This motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Holly Reinford  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Washington Township