

**WALKER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Monthly Meeting
July 12, 2017**

**Supervisors - Ronald Burd
James Heckman
Keith Harter**

Solicitor -

Staff - Donna Reese Don Franson - Township Engineer

**Guests - John Buckwalter, Sr.
Ken McMullen
Deb Zimmerman
Tim Meyer
Jay Galbraith
Cheryl Vonada**

Call to Order: Chairman Ronald Burd called the July 12, 2017 meeting of the Walker Township Board of Supervisors to order at 6:00 pm in the Walker Township Municipal Building.

Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Burd led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of June Meeting Minutes: Keith Harter motioned to approve the minutes from the June 7, 2017 meeting; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.

Agenda Items:

Ken McMullen, a resident of Hemlock Drive in Zion Ridgecrest spoke to the Supervisors again about the **stormwater drainage issue on Hemlock Drive**. Mr. McMullen states he has had issues with the water run-off for years but it has recently become even worse, especially after the last two storms. Mr. McMullen was joined by Mr. Buckwalter and Mr. Galbraith who also stated they had drainage problems with the run-off coming from adjoining farm fields. The men stated a nearby farm property removed a fence row that separates the farm property from many properties in Zion Ridgecrest and this has created more run-off than previously occurred. The fence row help to slow down the water flow and now that it's gone the stormwater just flows through the Ridgecrest properties and streets. The men presented pictures of the flooding and asked what was going to be done and when.

At this time, Engineer Don Franson presented the design plans for the **Hemlock Drive Stormwater Project**. Engineer Franson explained where additional inlets would be placed in the street to remove some of the flow; however the men expressed concern that four inlets might not be enough to contain the flow and suggested several more be installed. Engineer Franson and the Supervisors agreed to add two additional inlets to the project design. Engineer Franson and the Supervisors stated clearly that construction of this project will "help with the run-off, but will not stop it completely". Some of the stormwater problems within the development are caused by some properties/homes being too low. Jim Heckman motioned to make the changes to the project design and authorized Don Franson to prepare the bid papers to be opened at the August 2nd meeting. Motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

At this time the following bids were opened:

Contract 17-01 – Park Walking Trail/Path **John Claar Excavating - \$46,446.00**
LandServ Inc - \$73,388.00
Glenn O. Hawbaker - \$56,398.00

Jim Heckman motioned to award Contract 17-01 to John Claar Excavating; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

Contract 17-02 – Soccer Field Parking Lot **John Claar Excavating - \$74,950.00**
Glenn O. Hawbaker - \$61,180.00

Keith Harter motioned to award Contract 17-02 to Glenn O Hawbaker; motion second by Jim Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.

2017 Road Project **HRI, Inc. - \$62,868.00**
Glenn O. Hawbaker - \$63,991.90

Jim Heckman motioned to award the 2017 Road Project to HRI, Inc.; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

Guests:

Deb Zimmerman (Park & Rec representative) asked the Supervisors if there was any additional discussion about their request to consolidate their accounts. She was told it would be forthcoming soon.

Cheryl Vonada addressed the Supervisors about the condition of **Zion Back Road**. She stated something needed to be done about the berms or the width of the road. She reported it seems that the road surface is not as wide as it should be and vehicles traveling in opposite directions don't have enough room and are dropping off the berm. The Supervisors told her they would install our 'Speed Sentry 12 Radar' sign.

Solicitor's Report: (Mr. Miller was absent)

A Road Use and Maintenance Agreement from **Spigelmyer Wood Products, Inc.** was presented for approval. The Agreement is to use 1.20 miles of Nittany Ridge Road and .20 miles of Snyderstown Road; a Surety for \$17,500 was posted. Jim Heckman motioned to approve the Road Use Agreement; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

Engineer's Report:

Don Franson reported Spring Creek Watershed Commission is considering increasing their membership rates. No response at this time.

Zoning Officer's Report: (Mr. Zimmerman was absent)

The **S&A Homes 5-Lot Subdivision** (CCPCDO No. 97-17) was presented for comments on the County's Municipal Response Request Form. This plan was originally submitted in 2011 and our previous Zoning Officer had some concerns about the lot lay-out. Vaughn Zimmerman provided his comments and also expressed his concern about the layout of the lots; however the subdivision does meet Township regulations regardless of our concern about the lot layouts. The Supervisors agreed with Vaughn's comments and the Plan will be shown to our Planning Commission for their comments before the County's Municipal Response Request Form is submitted.

Roadmaster's Report:

- Jim Heckman reported we received a quote from Eby Paving to repair a portion of Nilson Road where the new culvert was installed;
- Received a quote from John Claar Excavating to remove/repair the concrete islands at the Walker Meadows and Stony Pointe Developments. This project will be delayed until next year;

Roadmaster's Report: Continued

- Received a quote to repair the storage building at the composting site-this project will also be delayed until a later date. Will look into construction costs for a new building before any decision is made;
- Jim reported there wasn't enough room in the new pavilion for all the picnic tables ordered so six of them are being stored; the electric at the new pavilion was installed.
- We received a grant for work to be done on Blue Ball Road; however we need to get a traffic count done, so the Speed Sentry 12 Radar sign will be installed;
- Discussed the status of the berms in the Springfield Development and recognize that some work needs to be done - this project will be pursued next year;
- Reported our PennDOT representative was in to check the berms on Hublersburg and Snyderstown Roads – no action taken at this time.

Supervisor Ronald Burd left the meeting at 7:00pm.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS:

Keith Harter motioned to approve the final payment to **Ideal General Contracting** for the new pavilion; motion second by Jim Heckman. Motion approved. Deb Zimmerman will designate which account the payment should be paid from.

Jim Heckman motioned to close the \$1,000 **Junction House Surety Account** and return the funds to Mount Nittany Realty. Motion second by Keith Harter. Motion approved. Mount Nittany Realty also requested the escrow funds held for the landscaping be returned since the work has been done. Jim Heckman motioned to have Engineer Franson provide something in writing stating the work is complete so the funds can be returned; motion second by Keith Harter. Motion approved.

- No action on a donation request from Clearwater Conservancy for the **Slab Cabin Run Initiative**.
- No action on request from **Centre County Suicide Prevention Task Force** to proclaim September 10th as Suicide Awareness and Prevention Day.
- Information was provided for the **Fall Festival** scheduled for September 23, 2017.
- Notice from PennDOT regarding Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Program Applications.
- Notice from EMC Insurance about a probable renewal premium increase.
- **Request from Soccer** League for some storage space at the new restroom was referred to Deb Zimmerman and the Park & Rec Board.

Keith Harter motioned to approve the June Paid Bills in the amount of \$34,720.13 and the June Treasurer's Report; motion second by Jim Heckman. Motion approved.

Jim Heckman motioned to donate \$500 to the Special Olympics in memory of former employee Terry Harter; motion second by Keith Harter. Motion approved.

Jim Heckman motioned to adjourn the meeting; motion second by Keith Harter. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:12pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna L. Reese, Secretary/Treasurer