

WALKER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Monthly Meeting

January 7, 2019

Supervisors – **Keith Harter**
James Heckman
Deborah Zimmerman

Staff – **Donna Reese** **Vaughn Zimmerman - Zoning Officer**
Sue Wagner **Don Franson - Township Engineer**

Guests – **Tim Meyer (ENVJMA)**

Call to Order: Chairman Keith Harter called the January 7, 2019 Reorganization Meeting of the Walker Township Supervisors to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Walker Township Municipal Building.

Pledge of Allegiance: Supervisor Harter led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reorganization:

- **Keith Harter was appointed Chairman of the Board of Supervisors** on a motion by Supervisor Heckman; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- **Deborah Zimmerman was appointed Vice-Chairman of the Board of Supervisors** on a motion by Supervisor Heckman; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
- **Keith Harter was appointed Roadmaster** on a motion by Supervisor Zimmerman; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- **James Heckman was appointed Assistant Roadmaster** on a motion made by Supervisor Zimmerman; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

Zoning Officer Report:

- Zoning Officer Vaughn Zimmerman reported he issued 6 zoning and 2 driveway permits.
- Sketches for the Old Farmhouse Eatery brewery are currently being reviewed.
- Supervisor Harter inquired when a new permit is reviewed is there anything on it about checking a driveway location. Further discussion will be held with Solicitor Miller at the February meeting.

Guests:

1. **Tim Meyer provided a report on East Nittany Valley Joint Municipal Authority (ENVJMA).** Effective January 2, 2019 the new monthly rate will be \$59.00 per EDU. The tap fee of \$5,000.00 remains the same. The Authority is hoping to have the Township adopt an Ordinance stating that for any home sold ENVJMA would have the authority to inspect their lines before new ownership occurs. More information will follow. The authority is looking for a new solicitor. Not relating to ENVJMA business, Mr. Meyer inquired whether the Township could send out a **Newsletter (Walker Talker)** like they have done in the past. Supervisor Zimmerman stated this has been a discussion item at Park and Rec meetings and they are looking into doing one.

Roadmaster's Report:

- Three quotes were received for a **new truck** for the Township:

1. Sunbury Motor Company - Western Star truck	\$173,194.68
2. Noerr's Garage - International Chassis	\$181,481.68
3. Ecks Garage Inc. - Freightliner Chassis	\$173,946.68

Motion was made by Supervisor Heckman to **purchase the Western Star truck through CoStars from Sunbury Motor Company for the amount of \$173,194.68**; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
- A Grant opportunity is available through DEP Municipal Recycling Program. Supervisor Harter made a motion to apply for the Recycling Program Grant; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.

Reorganization (cont.)

- **Sue Wagner was appointed Secretary/Treasurer** on a motion by Supervisor Harter; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- **Donna Reese was appointed Assistant Secretary/Treasurer** on a motion by Supervisor Heckman; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
- **Treasurer's Bond was set at \$300,000** on a motion by Supervisor Harter; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- **John Miller III (Miller, Kistler, Campbell, Inc) was appointed Solicitor** on a motion by Supervisor Heckman; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- **Vaughn Zimmerman was appointed Zoning Officer** on a motion by Supervisor Heckman; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
- **Alternate Zoning Officer** was tabled for future discussion.
- **Leah Burd was appointed Centre County Tax Collection Committee** on a motion by Supervisor Harter; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- **Resolution 19-440 was adopted appointing Stan Wallace as Township Sewage Enforcement Officer and Nate Sweeley Alternate** on a motion by Supervisor Harter; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- **Don Franson (Franson Engineering) was appointed as Township Engineer** on a motion by Supervisor Heckman; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- **Don Franson (Franson Engineering) was appointed Township Stormwater Engineer** on a motion by Supervisor Zimmerman; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- **McCormick-Taylor was appointed Township Traffic Engineer** on a motion by Supervisor Harter; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- **William Workman was appointed to the Township Vacancy Board** on a motion Supervisor Heckman; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
- **Donna Reese was appointed Recording Secretary for Planning Commission** on a motion by Supervisor Harter; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- **Leah Burd was appointed Recording Secretary for Park & Recreation Board** on a motion by Supervisor Zimmerman; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- **Sue Wagner was appointed the CDL Program contact person;** on a motion by Supervisor Heckman, motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Harter motioned to **draw from one General Fund budget item to pay another General Fund budget item;** motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Heckman motioned to **itemize the bills and prepare monthly list for Supervisor approval/signatures;** motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
- **Deborah Zimmerman was reappointed to a 5 year term on the Park and Recreation Board** on a motion by Supervisor Heckman; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
- **Shannon Allison was reappointed as the Township Emergency Management Coordinator and James Heckman as Assistant EMC** on a motion made by Supervisor Harter; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Harter motioned to **approve a mileage reimbursement rate of \$.58 cents per mile or whatever the current IRS rate is;** motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Harter made a motion **that Supervisors can be employees of the Township;** motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors

AGENDA ITEMS AND OTHER BUSINESS:

- Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 10, 2018 Supervisors meeting as presented; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Raising all Hearing Fees to \$500.00 was discussed and tabled until February, 2019.
- The **Planning Commission has an opening on their board**. The open position will be posted on the website and door.
- Supervisor Harter made a motion to approve a RMA Addendum received from James Smay of **Tree Expert Tree Service for use of Dunkle Road (T-462)**; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- No action was taken to become a member of Centre County Farmland Trust.
- A letter was received from **West Penn Power regarding using a competitive generation supplier** or they will assign a generation supplier for us and charge rates approved by the PUS. The matter will be researched to determine the benefits.

OTHER BUSINESS (cont.)

- Supervisor Harter made a motion to approve the December 2018 General Fund paid bills in the amount of \$45,863.32 and December 2018 Treasurer's Report, motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Heckman made a motion for a 3% increase in salary for employees effective January 7, 2019; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Discussion was held regarding definitions for **Independent Contractor vs. a Township Employee**. This was tabled until February to discuss with Solicitor Miller.

Supervisor Heckman motioned to adjourn the meeting; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors. Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Signed _____

Approved

Keith Harter

James Heckman

Deborah Zimmerman