

WALKER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Monthly Meeting
November 6, 2019

Supervisors – Keith Harter
Deborah Zimmerman
James Heckman

Solicitor – John Miller III

Staff – Sue Wagner - Secretary/Treasurer
Donna Reese - Asst. Secretary/Treasurer
Vaughn Zimmerman - Zoning Officer
Don Franson - Township Engineer

Guests – Centre Care Representatives - Al Jones, Jr., Andrew Naugle, Betsy Boyer
Brian Saiers - Township Employee
David Davis - Township Resident
Phil Weber - Township Resident
Carol King - U.S. Census 2020
Tim Meyer - Township Resident
Harry Burd - Certified Inspection Agent

Call to Order: Chairman Keith Harter called the November 6, 2019 monthly meeting of the Walker Township Board of Supervisors to order at 6:00 pm in the Walker Township Municipal Building.

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

Approval of October 2, 2019 Meeting Minutes: Supervisor Heckman made a motion to approve the Minutes from the October 2, 2019 meeting; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.

Engineer's Report:

- Engineer Franson reported the **Pole Shed** is complete and he received Application #4 and #5 for payment. He recommends paying Application #4 in the amount of \$17,537.85 and pay Application #5 after copies of the warranties and prevailing wage certifications are received. Supervisor Harter made a motion to pay Application #4 now and pay Application #5 after the documents are received; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- **East Springfield** shoulders are complete. Final project cost was \$35,044.26, which was higher than the original bid of \$24,445.00 due to Engineer changes.
- Engineer Franson will meet with a resident on Zion Back Road to examine a drainage issue and to determine if the Township or the resident can do anything for the problem..
- A resident on Ponderosa Drive is having water issues in his storm water ditch. Don will meet with him and assess the problem.

Agenda:

- Representatives from **Centre Care (formerly Centre Crest)** spoke to the Supervisors about the status of their new building construction on the Benner Pike. They stated construction began in April and they are hoping for a completion date in November 2020. The new 240 bed facility will provide skilled nursing care for traditional long-term care (as well as three specialty units, high-acuity, memory care, and short-term rehabilitation to Centre County residents). They acquired a USDA loan and continue to campaign for donations from the public and businesses to help with costs.

6:30 p.m. Bids to Rent 30 acres along Zion Back Road were opened:

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| 1. Middle Farm Partnership | \$145.00 per acre |
| 2. Cornerstone Farm | \$201.00 per acre |
- Supervisor Harter made a motion to award the bid to Cornerstone Farm for an amount of \$201.00 per acre; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.

Agenda (con't):

- A representative from the Census Bureau provided information on the 2020 Census and encouraged all residents to complete the forms necessary in order to be included in the census count.

Guests:

- Tim Meyers wanted the Board to know there are Township residents puzzled why **Trick or Treat** was not canceled or changed to another night. Supervisor Zimmerman said because it was such a short notice she felt that we do not have the network to get the information out to everyone. She also stated if a neighborhood wanted to change the date they honored Trick or Treat they could do so. Supervisor Harter stated we have never changed Trick or Treat night and all said it was an unfortunate incident.
- Mr. Meyers, representing **East Nittany Valley Joint Municipal Authority**, discussed a manhole issue on Dry Run Road. Solicitor Miller recommended that Engineer Franson look at this.
- Harry Burd - HJB Code Consultants noted that while he is on the list of Certified Inspectors for Walker Township his name is not the Walker Township website and requests that it be added.

Solicitor:

- **Garner Lumber** requested the release of their Surety in the amount of \$34,375.00 for the use of Hecla Road (T-470). Supervisor Heckman made a motion to release the Surety; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Solicitor Miller told the Board when the **Alternate Planning Commission position** is filled, he will do the resolution per the motion at the October 2, 2019 meeting.

Zoning Officer Report:

- Zoning Officer Zimmerman reported he issued 8 Zoning Permits and 2 Driveway Permits.
- A **Minor Land Development for Duane & Peggy Zimmerman (CCPCDO 172-19)** was presented. Planning Commission has not yet seen the plan. He does not have any issues with the plan and recommends conditional approval pending Planning Commission Board comments. Supervisor Heckman made a motion to authorize issuance of the Meets and Exceeds letter after Planning Commission approval; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.

Roadmaster Report:

- Supervisor Harter made a motion to hire **Aikey's Tree Service, Inc.** to do Tree Pruning at along Sand Ridge Road for a quote of \$1,300.00; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- The Park restrooms are closed for the season.
- Leaves will continue to be picked up until Wednesday, November 27, 2019.

New Business:

- Supervisor Heckman made a motion to advertise the **2020 Walker Township Budget** is available for inspection and the Board of Supervisors will consider adopting the Budget at their meeting on Monday, December 16, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Heckman made a motion to continue the **Winter Maintenance Agreement with Marion Township**; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- The donation request from **Centre County United Way** was tabled.
- A motion was made by Supervisor Heckman to approve the **2020 Meeting Dates**; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- The **Walker Township Employee Handbook** was tabled until December meeting.
- Supervisor Harter made a motion effective January 1, 2020 that **Supervisors cannot be Full-Time Employees of the Township**; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman. James Heckman voted no. The motion passed 2-1.
- There was no action taken on making January 26 - February 1, 2020 **School Choice Week**.
- There was no action taken for Walker Township to become a member of **C-NET**.
- There was no action taken to make a donation request to **Home Nursing Agency**.

New Business (con't):

- Supervisor Harter made a motion **no Fee-In-Lieu** is due for a second residence on **Mark and Sadie Esh's** property at 367 Dunkle Road because the Minor Land Development Proposal dated May 23, 2005 for the property did not require Fee-in-Lieu at that time; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Ryan Miller would like to redo the volleyball court as his **Eagle Scout Project**. The Board recommends he move the existing court to a different area in the park.

Supervisor Harter made a motion to approve the October 2, 2019 **General Fund Paid Bills** in the amount of \$211,558.34 and the October 2, 2019 **Treasure's Report**; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.

Supervisor Zimmerman motioned to adjourn the meeting; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all present.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan L. Wagner