

**WALKER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**Monthly Meeting**  
**February 5, 2020**

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

**Solicitor** – John Miller III

**Staff** – Sue Wagner - Secretary/Treasurer  
Donna Reese - Asst. Secretary/Treasurer

<b>Guests –</b>	<b>Vana Dainty - BAI</b>	<b>Kevin Clark - BAI</b>
	<b>Ray Vonada - Township Resident</b>	<b>Stanley Vonada - Township Resident</b>
	<b>Amber Buchanan - Chair Summer Camp</b>	<b>David Davis Township Resident</b>
	<b>Tim Meyer - Township Resident</b>	<b>Jerry Lucas - Township Resident</b>
	<b>Rod Beard - Walker Township Water Association (WTWA)</b>	<b>Kerry O'Hara - WTWA</b>
	<b>Tom Little - WTWA</b>	

**Call to Order:** Chairman Keith Harter called the February 5, 2020 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 January 6, 2020 Meeting Minutes:** Supervisor Heckman made a motion to approve the Minutes from the January 6, 2020 meeting; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.

**Agenda:**

- Amber Buchanan, **Summer Camp Chairman**, addressed the Board with the 2020 Summer Camp Proposal. She received a letter from the Nittany Country Club raising their rates for the use of their swimming pool. They offered two fee options:
  1. \$900.00 - Walker Township provide a lifeguard during use of the pool.
  2. \$1,500 - Nittany Country Club provide a lifeguard as they have in the past.The Board would like the Country Club to provide the lifeguard and be reimbursed for any days they are unable to have one for us. Supervisor Harter will negotiate the contract with the Country Club. Supervisor Heckman made a motion to approve the 2020 Summer Camp Proposal for a cost of \$7,600.00; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Rodney Beard, representing the Walker Township Water Association (WTWA), asked the Board if they would consider temporarily allowing the WTWA to use/share the room that is currently used part time by the Parks and Rec Committee. The discussion was tabled until the March meeting.

**Guests:**

- Kevin Clark of BAI Engineering told the Board he is working on a proposed project in Walker Township but had no information available to share at this time.
- Mr. Ray Vonada expressed concern about the condition of the property next to his. The Zoning Officer told him he is addressing the issue.
- Mr. Tim Meyers, representing the East Nittany Valley Joint Authority (ENVJA) said ENVJA would like the Board to adopt an Ordinance that allows them to inspect a property before the property changes ownership. Discussion was held whether an Ordinance would be necessary. Solicitor Miller recommended their Board speak with Spring Benner Walker Joint Authority regarding this as Walker Township does not have an Ordinance with them and they conduct these type of inspections. Supervisor Harter asked Mr. Meyer to thank the Board on behalf of the Board for fixing the manhole on Dry Run Road.
- **Treva and Gerald Lucas** asked the Board to consider having their property rezoned from Urban Residential to Agricultural. The property is located at 331 Rodgers Road, Howard. Supervisor Heckman made a motion to hold a Public Hearing on March 16, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. to consider the rezoning; motion 2nd by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.



Guests (con't):

- Mr. Davies on **Zion Back Road** requested the Township Engineer contact him regarding his water issues.
- No other guests wanted to address the Board.

Solicitor:

- Solicitor Miller sent the Board for approval a Road and Use Management Agreement (RMA) with **Z. B. Forest Products** to use 1.10 miles of T-469 Nittany Ridge Rd, .15 miles of T-696 Snyderstown Rd, and .06 miles of Hoy Rd. Supervisor Heckman made a motion to approve the RMA; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- **Comcast** sent a Commencement of Renewal Process for their Franchise which expires in 2022.

Zoning Officer Report:

- The Zoning Officer reported he issued 8 Zoning Permits and 2 Driveway Permits
- A Lot Addition/Replot Plan for **James and Diane Heckman, Jodi Snook, and Marqueta Adams (CCPCDO #7-20)** was presented. Zoning Officer Zimmerman sees no problems with the Plan. Supervisor Harter motioned to authorize Vaughn to write the Meets and Exceeds letter for this plan after Planning Commission approval; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman. James Heckman abstained and the motion passed.

Roadmaster Report:

- Supervisor Harter made a motion to approve the **2020 Line Painting** contract; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- The **Co-Stars Salt Contract** for 2020-2021 Season has been received and ready to submit.
- The Roadcrew has been conducting Seasonal Maintenance on Equipment and brush cutting.
- A complaint from a Township resident was received concerning the brush being burned on Zion Back Road and the amount of smoke it was causing. The resident also called DEP. Supervisor Harter asked the Road Crew to put the fire out. DEP checked the pile out twice and was satisfied. Keith told the Road Crew not to collect anymore brush until further notice. Mr. Little, Township resident, addressed the Board telling them his property is across the road from where they were burning and this has been an ongoing issue and they have called in multiple times. He asked why the pile gets so high and the chipper isn't being used. He stated if the pile stays small the smoke isn't bad. Keith replied they were waiting until the soy beans were off. Sue Wagner, Township resident, asked the Board to continue collecting brush so the Township residents don't resort to dumping on land that is not theirs. The discussion was tabled until next month.
- Supervisor Harter asked the Township Secretary to send a letter to Marion Township thanking them for their assistance when one of our trucks broke down during a recent storm.
- A Township resident called Supervisor Zimmerman concerning the condition of Blue Ball Rd.

New Business:

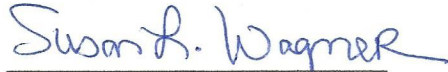
- Supervisor Heckman made a motion to accept the resignation of **Pam Rogers** from the position of Township Auditor; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Harter made a motion to appoint **Emily Rickard** to fill the vacant Auditor position until the next municipal election in 2021; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Heckman made a motion to give the **Bellefonte High School \$450 for Senior Awards**; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Harter made a motion to adopt **Resolution 20-447** that Walker Township supports the 2020 Census and the Board of Supervisors is committed to an accurate population count of its residents and will; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Harter made a motion to approve the **2020 Initial Boundary Validation Program (BVP)**; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Harter motioned to accept a Memorandum of Understanding request from S&A Homes for **Deerhaven Phase 3A Final Subdivision Plan (CCPDO No. 12-20)**; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.

Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to approve the January 6, 2020 **General Fund Paid Bills** in the amount of \$48,091.37 and the January 2020 **Treasure's Report**; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan L. Wagner