

WALKER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
December 12, 2022

Supervisors	–	Keith Harter Deborah Zimmerman James Heckman	
Solicitor	–	John Miller III	
Staff	–	Sue Wagner - Secretary/Treasurer Don Franson – Township Engineer Mike Lesniak – Zoning Officer	
Guests	–	Fred Henry Tom Little Kay Emerick Rod Beard	Dennis McDowell Jeffrey L. Seymour Warren Miller Lee Slusser

Call to Order: Chairman Keith Harter called the December 12, 2022, monthly meeting of the Walker Township Board of Supervisors to order at 6:00pm in the Walker Township Municipal Building.

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

November Minutes Approval: Supervisor Heckman made a motion to approve the November Board of Supervisors Meeting and Solar Ordinance Public Meeting minutes as presented; motion second by Supervisor Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.

Guests:

- Denny McDowell, Spring Benner Walker Joint Authority (SBWJA), said they received the letter from the Supervisors requesting them to update the 537 Plan. He asked if the Board would be interested in adopting a Sewage Management Plan. Warren Miller, SBWJA, said it may be a challenge to get the State to approve an updated 537 Plan without mention you are thinking of adopting or have adopted a Sewage Management Plan. Supervisor Harter said the Board has never been in favor of such plan, but would consider it
- Attorney Rod Beard presented the Board with a draft Fire Hydrant Agreement from the Walker Township Water Association (WTWA). WTWA Board meets on Tuesday, December 13th and Mr. Beard expects it to be approved. He would like the Board to review the Agreement and discuss it at the January Supervisors meeting.

Agenda Items:

- Lee Slusser, Penn Terra Engineering, presented a Minor Subdivision Plan for Thomas & Janet Harris – CCPCDO File No: 145-22. The Subdivision is located at 433 Dietrich Rd and would be sectioning off 2 acres from the existing parcel and providing a 50' easement to the house. The current driveway they hoped to use comes out to a private road. The current ordinance allows only for 6 homes on a Private Rd, and this would be the 7th. He had 2 options for the Board to consider for the driveway. One would be to add stone to the existing driveway and relocate it to connect with Deitrich Rd. The second is to dedicate to the Township a small portion of land and make a cul-de-sac in which the Township, mailman, buses, etc. could use. Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to accept a dedicated piece of the Harris property creating a cul-de-sac; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors. Mr. Slusser will revise the plan and present it to the County.

Agenda (con't):

- Fred Henry, Surveyor, representing the Joseph & Barbara King Subdivision – CCPCDO File No: 131-22 discussed the plan with the Board. The Subdivision will be dividing a lot off the existing parcel by changing the configuration of the parcel and requires a Non-Building Waiver. Supervisor Heckman said the water disclaimer note needs added to the plan. Supervisor Harter made a motion to sign the Non-Building Waiver for DEP; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors. Supervisor Heckman made a motion to accept Parks and Rec Fee-in-Lieu recommendation of no fees owed but if a home is built in the future the \$2,500 fee will apply; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors. Supervisor Harter made a motion to authorize Zoning Officer Mike Lesniak to issue a Meets or Exceeds letter after the changes are approved by Mr. Lesniak; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Mr. Henry presented the Emanuel & Martha Esh and Paul and Rose Beiler Lot Addition/Replot Proposal – CCPCDO #147-22. Supervisor Harter made a motion authorize the Zoning Officer to issue the Meets or Exceeds letter; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.

Engineer Report:

- The 2022 Shoulder Improvements project is complete and came in approximately \$14,000 under bid.
- The work at 348 Benner Rd and the rock-lined swale at Nilson Rd is complete for the 2022 Stormwater Projects. The work on Blue Ball Rd requires a good week to complete and will done in 2023.
- Work has stopped for the year on the new parking lot.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

- Solicitor Miller continues to work with Attorney Beard on revisions to the Fire Company Funding Agreement.

ZONING REPORT:

- A Lot Addition/Replot plan was received for Jerry L. and Thelma J. Weight and Chad E. Weight – CCPCDO File No 151-22. The Plan has only a small amount of land in Walker Township and is mostly located in Marion Township. The lot addition occurs in Marion Township.
- Conditions were discussed for the 2 solar farm applications from CE-Shady Farm LLC (Shady Farm Lane and Curt & Michelle Krape) and Confer 1, LLC (Lee Confer and Estate of Ned Deitrich).
- The Board will review conditions for the Solar Ordinance so it can be finalized in January or February of 2023.
- There were 2 Zoning Permits issued in the Month of November.
- A complaint was received regarding the condition of the Zion Dollar General. Mr. Lesniak followed up with the Vice President of Dollar General. Conditions were taken care of and at this time the complaint can be closed.

ROADMASTER:

- Leaf collection is finished for the year
- A speed limit sign will be added to Crust Rd

PARKS AND REC REPORT:

- The Election Committee has asked the Board if they could communicate with Nittany Valley Little League to not hold any practice or games on election night to avoid parking issues. No decision was made.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Supervisor Harter made a motion to adopt Resolution 22-473 accepting the 2023 Township Budget with no tax increase; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Harter made a motion to appoint Engineer Don Franson as Walker Township's voting member for Spring Creek Water Commission for 2023; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Harter made a motion to do a newsletter for the Township; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- There was no action on a donation request from United Way.
- There was no action on a donation request from ClearWater Conservancy.
- Tom Little asked what the plans were for the Compost area as the pile is getting better. Supervisor Harter said he will have the road crew push it back and Deb Zimmerman will contact Smiths Excavating to remove the pile in the future if they deem its big enough.

At 5:03 the Board recessed for an executive session for Employee Items

The Board reconvened at 5:15pm.

- Supervisor Harter made a motion to increase Todd Holden and Sue Wagner's salary by 50 cents effective immediately and increase all employee salaries starting with the first pay in 2023 by 4.5%; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.

Supervisor Harter made a motion to approve the November General Fund Paid Bills in the amount of \$307,501.56 and November Treasurers Report; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.

Supervisor Heckman made a motion to adjourn the meeting; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.

Meeting adjourned at 5:21pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan L. Wagner

Keith E. Harter

James B. Heckman

Deborah L. Zimmerman