

WALKER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Monthly Meeting
January 3, 2023

Supervisors	–	Keith Harter James Heckman Deborah Zimmerman – via Telephone	
Staff	–	Sue Wagner, Secretary	
Guests	–	Denny McDowell Josh Bair Dean Fishel – Uhler & Ass. Jerry & Delores Corman Jennifer Moyer Joe King Jeffrey L. Seymour Elmer Esh Dick Brown Bill Stringer	Mark Bair Chris Harter Roy and Karen Brooks Denny Walizer Chris Miller Daniel Esh Paul Esh Ivan Esh Bernice Brown

Call to Order: Supervisor Heckman called the January 3, 2023, Reorganization Meeting of the Walker Township Supervisors to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Walker Township Municipal Building.

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

Reorganization:

Supervisor Heckman made a motion to keep the positions of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Roadmaster and Assistant Roadmaster the same as they were in 2022:

- - Chairman - Keith Harter
- - Vice Chairman - Deborah Zimmerman
- - Roadmaster - Keith Harter
- - Asst. Roadmaster – James Heckman

motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.

Zoning Report:

Supervisor Harter reported there were 7 Zoning Permits for the Month of December.

Supervisor Harter made a motion to accept the Board of Supervisors December minutes; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.

Guests: The guests in attendance were for items in the agenda.

Roadmaster's Report:

- Hoy Bridge repair costs increased and a new Resolution and Agreement need to be updated.
- The new truck has been working well and the final bill was paid.
- Supervisor Harter asked the other two Supervisors to think about upcoming Road Projects for 2023 so bids can be put out early.
- Winter maintenance of roads and vehicles kept Roadcrew busy in the month of December.
- The Power was out on December 26th from the Nittany Substation, which affected Hublersburg to the County line. The Walker Township Fire Company opened the Fire Hall as a shelter. The Board and the Fire Company would like to have a protocol in place for any future emergencies. Supervisor Heckman said he will work on this.
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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 Harter; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.

Treasurer's Bond was set at \$500,000 on a motion by Supervisor Harter; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.

John Miller III (Miller, Kistler, Campbell, Inc) was appointed Solicitor on a motion by Supervisor Harter; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.

Penns Valley Code was appointed as Walker Township's Zoning Agency and Mike Lesniak as our Zoning Officer on a motion by Supervisor Heckman; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

Leah Burd was appointed Centre County Tax Collection Committee on a motion by Supervisor Heckman; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

Resolution 23-474 was adopted appointing Stan Wallace as Township Sewage Enforcement Officer and Jeff Kreger Alternate on a motion by Supervisor Heckman; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

Don Franson (Franson Engineering) was appointed as Township Engineer on a motion by Supervisor Heckman; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

Don Franson (Franson Engineering) was appointed Township Stormwater Engineer on a motion by Supervisor Heckman; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

McCormick-Taylor was appointed Township Traffic Engineer on a motion by Supervisor Heckman; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

Don Franson was appointed Chairman of Spring Creek Watershed Commission on a motion by James Heckman; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors. **No alternate was appointed at this time**

Tim Meyer 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 the Planning Commission on a motion by Supervisor Heckman; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

Leah Burd was appointed Recording Secretary for the Parks & Recreation Board on a motion by Supervisor Heckman; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

Sue Wagner was appointed the CDL Program contact person on a motion by Supervisor Heckman; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

Supervisor Heckman motioned to **draw from one General Fund budget item to pay another General Fund budget item**; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

Supervisor Heckman motioned to **itemize the bills and prepare a monthly list for Supervisor approval/signatures**; 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 Heckman; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

Supervisor Heckman motioned to **approve a mileage reimbursement rate of \$.62 ½ cents per mile or whatever the current IRS rate is**; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

AGENDA ITEMS:

- Mark Bair gave a letter of interest to the Board requesting them to Rezone he and his wife Kim properties to Commercial. These properties include Parcel #14-011-047, 14-011-045, and 14-011-045A. He told the Board by making all three of these properties commercial, it would allow them to consolidate parcels. At some point they are thinking of putting an addition on their building for a retail space and more processing or updated processing area for easier sanitation and product flow. Supervisor Harter made a motion to accept the request from Mr. Bair and schedule a Public Hearing; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors. Supervisor Heckman made a motion to set the Public Hearing for March 1, 2023 at 5:30pm at the Walker Township Municipal Building; motion second by James Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Dean Fishel, Uhler and Associates presented the Ken and Stacy Ingram 2-Lot Subdivision – CCPCDO File No: 159-22. This plan is subdividing a 10-acre lot from the existing 309-acre farm tract. The Supervisors asked Mr. Fishel to separate the Water Disclaimer and Ag Disclaimer on the plan. The Board will wait to hear Planning Commission comments and act on the plan at their February meeting.

@6:35pm The Chairman amended the agenda to add the following:

1. Discuss an appointment to the Spring Benner Walker Joint Authority Board
2. Readdress the Hoy Bridge Road Resolution

NEW BUSINESS:

- Supervisor Harter made a motion to accept the resignation letter from Joseph Swanderski; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- There is an opening for the SBWJA Board and 2 letters of Interest were received. Mr. McDowell will review the letters and give the Board a recommendation.
- A Road Maintenance Agreement (RMA) request was received from Oakridge Lumber LLC. They would like to use .02 mi. of Snyderstown Rd and 1.3 mi. of Nittany Ridge Rd. while doing work for the Black Eagle Bowman. Supervisor Harter made a motion to conditionally approve the RMA upon receipt of the Line of Credit; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Heckman made a motion conditionally approve the Fire Protection and Funding Agreement as long as the Agreement is received in its present form and signed by the Fire Company; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman. Supervisor Harter voted no. Mr. Harter said he did not agree with giving the Fire Company \$300,000 to use to buy a new piece of equipment. He said he was told by many residents it was a waste of tax payer's money and he agrees with them. He said the Board is to be looking out for taxpayer monies. Motion passed 2 to 1.
- Supervisor Harter made a motion to adopt Resolution 22-475 amending the reimbursement agreement with PennDot for the T-467 Hoy Road Bridge over Little Fishing Creek; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.

Old Business:

- Supervisor Heckman made a motion to give the Fire Company \$125,000.00 to use for Debt Service as was budgeted for 2022; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors. Chris Harter said the Fire Company would like to thank the Supervisors and Community that supported them through the months of working on the Agreement and wanted them to know the money will be put to good use. He also said if anyone has questions at any time to please contact them. Mr. Harter asked if there were any answers whether the American Rescue Fund could be used for the Fire Company. Supervisor Zimmerman said we are still waiting for answers.
- The Applicants for the proposed Solar Farms granted an extension to February 1, 2023 meeting for the Supervisors to give their Conditions for the Solar Farms. Many people were in attendance with questions, concerns, and input for the conditions. The County has been working with Penn State Cooperative Extension and they have compiled many answers regarding Solar Farms. The contact and website will be listed on the Walker Township website.

Supervisor Harter made a motion to approve the December 2022 **General Fund paid bills in the amount of \$2126,028.75 and December 2022**; 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 three Supervisors. Meeting adjourned at 8:08p.m.

Respectfully Submitted – Susan Wagner