

**WALKER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**May 3, 2023**

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

**Solicitor** – **John Miller III**

Supervisors called the May 3, 2023 meeting to order at 6:00pm in the Walker Township Municipal Building.

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

**Approval of April 5, 2023 Minutes:** Supervisor James Heckman made a motion to approve the April minutes as presented; motion second by Supervisor Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.

**Agenda Items:**

- A letter was sent to Ray and Charles Vonada letting them know a request was received to change the street name for their properties from Vonada Lane to Wise Rd. The Supervisors received a letter from Charles Vonada that he did not wish to change his street address. Ray Vonada made a statement at the meeting he did not either. A correction was made that Charlie would not have to change his address but would have added use to his driveway. Solicitor Miller stated this is a Civil matter and the Supervisors did not take any action.
- Justin Dashem presented a Sewage Module for the John Glick Minor Land Development Plan for the address oat127 Hoy Road. Mr. Glick would like to add one bathroom in the existing building. Supervisor Heckman made a motion to approve the DEP Component 2 Planning Module; motion second by Supervisor Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors. Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion for the Planning Commission to complete Component 4A for the plan; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors. Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to Adopt Resolution 23-476 to revise the 537 Sewage Plan for Walker Township; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- John Sepp, Penn Terra Engineering, presented the 234 Shady Farm Lane Estates Preliminary Plan (CCPCDO No. 42-23). The Plan calls for 90 building lots with 45 duplex buildings and 1 lot for storm water retention area. Supervisor Harter made a motion to sign the Non-Building Planning Module Postcard for the plan; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors. No more action was taken until Planning Commission reviews the plan.

**Sign-in Sheet (see attached list):**

- Kerry O'Hara, Township Resident, asked if the Township would look at the 2-inch dip and gravel issues on Korman Road at the turn around area.
- No other guest wanted to address the Board.

**Engineers Report:**

- The inlets on Blue Ball Road are finished and are waiting on the inlet markers.

**Solicitor Report:**

- Brookside Lumber is finished using Blue Ball Rd (T-472) and requests their Surety in the amount of \$3,000.00 be returned. Supervisor Heckman made a motion to return the Surety; motion second by Supervisor Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
- A Public Hearing was held on May 3, 2023 to hear any comments regarding vacating a portion of Cemetery Road (T-557) near the Village of Zion, Walker Township. Supervisor Heckman made a motion to adopt Ordinance 216 vacating the Right-of-Way; motion second by Supervisor Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Upon a request from the Parks and Rec Committee, Supervisor Heckman made a motion to adopt Ordinance 218 amending Ordinance 212 by decreasing the number of members on the Parks and Rec Board from 9 to 7; motion second by Supervisor Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Zito Media has not responded to the Townships changes for their Franchise Agreement renewal request.

**ZONING:**

- There were 8 Zoning Permits and 1 Road Encroachment Permits issued for April, 2023.
- Zoning Officer Mike Lesniak presented the replot proposal for Dennis and Cheryl Vonada File No. CCPCDO - #44-23. This replot is taking 3 lots and putting them into 2 lots. Supervisor Harter made a motion to authorize the Zoning Officer to issue the Meets or Exceeds letter; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Kerry O'Hara, representing Walker Township Water Association (WTWA) asked if the Supervisors would consider putting a note on the Townships Zoning Permit Application asking a new home owner if their water fee has been paid or if the Board could help with another solution. No more action taken at this time.

**ROADMASTER:**

- The Road Crew has replaced all the chains on the swings and put new playground mulch down. The restrooms are now open.
- The Ford 1999 FL60 was sold on Municibid for a final bid of \$18,600.00. Supervisor Heckman made a motion to accept the bid; motion second by Supervisor Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Harter made a motion to purchase the 2023 Massey 5711 D to replace the Tiger Mower for a price of \$169,244.94; motion second by Supervisor Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.

**PARKS AND REC REPORT:**

- A request to have the Volleyball area raked was received.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- First Energy Corp reached out to the Township with a proposal to replace the street light bulbs that are 20 years old with LED bulbs. They said by doing this it would be a large cost savings. Supervisor Harter made a motion to have First Energy replace the lights with LED bulbs; motion second by Supervisor Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Rod Beard, WTWA, discussed the reason for billing Walker Township for the WTWA fire hydrants. They are asking for the Township to work with them to come up with a solution and work together. Supervisor Zimmerman said a special meeting needs to be set up between the Township and WTWA to discuss this. The current invoice is not to be paid without an Agreement. No meeting date was set.
- There was no action taken on a donation request from Clearwater Conservancy.

Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to approve the April 2023 General Fund Paid Bills in the amount of \$56,286.26 and April Treasurers Report; motion second by Supervisor Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.

At 8:18pm the Supervisors recessed for an Executive meeting to discuss pending litigation. The meeting reconvened at 9:00pm.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:01pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan L. Wagner