

**WALKER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**Monthly Meeting**

**March 4, 2020**

**CORRECTED 4/29/2020 HIGHLIGHTED IN RED**

**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 –** Kerry O'Hara - WTWA Tom Little - WTWA  
Kevin Clark - BAI Rod Beard - WTWA  
Tim Meyer - Township Resident Kris Little - WTWA

**Call to Order:** Chairman Keith Harter called the March 4, 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 February 5, 2020 Meeting Minutes:** Supervisor Heckman made a motion to approve the Minutes from the February 5, 2020 meeting; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.

**Agenda:**

- Kevin Clark - BAI Engineering group representing Shady Lane Farms. Mr. Clark said they are in the very early stages of preparing a subdivision for the farm. He anticipates 60 lots for single family homes. The plan is in early stages and he anticipates it will be done in multi-phases. Along with the Subdivision plan they are proposing a Solar Farm. They plan to conduct a traffic study and will go to the Planning Commission next meeting. The client would like to start building the Spring of 2021.
- Rodney Beard, representing the Walker Township Water Association (WTWA), updated the Board with their future intentions. After their last meeting they decided they are going to be looking for another location to accommodate their needs and slowly migrate out of our building.

**Guests:**

- Kerry O'Hara, WTWA, asked the Board if there was a possibility the Township can help support their endeavors of collecting their impact fee. There was no further discussion.
- Tom Little, Leroy Vonada, and Kris Little had nothing to address with the Board.
- Mr. Tim Meyers, representing the East Nittany Valley Joint Authority (ENVJMA) said their Solicitor and Solicitor Miller are to meet regarding the Ordinance needed to allow them to inspect a property before the property changes hand. Supervisor Harter spoke with Spring Benner Walker Joint Authority and they stated they have a Resolution, not an Ordinance, to enforce inspections. Solicitor Miller said the Authority can do a resolution not an Ordinance.

**Solicitor:**

- There will be a Public Meeting on Monday, March 16th to consider changing the Zoning for the property of Treva and Gerald Lucas from Urban Residential to Agricultural.

**Engineering Report:**

- **Deerhaven Phase 2A Surety Bond** runs out on May 1, 2020. The vast majority of the work is done and Engineer Franson will contact Chris Schnure to inspect the site.
- Mr. Franson received e-mail correspondence from John Coleman Engineering who is providing engineering support to Aquilla Stoltzfus to replace the stream crossing structure located on his private road identified as **Sampsel Lane** off Hublersburg Rd. Mr. Coleman is working with PennDot and has not reached out to the Township for input.

**Zoning Officer Report:**

- The Zoning Officer reported he issued 2 Zoning Permits.
- **A Minor Subdivision Plan for David and Patricia Zerby (CCPCDO - 8-20)** was presented. The Planning Commission has reviewed the plan and has no comments and recommends approval. Supervisor Heckman made a motion to issue the Meets or Exceeds letter; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
- **The S&A Homes Deerhaven Phase 3A Subdivision (CCPCDO - 12-20)** was presented to the Board. This Phase will include 10 residential lots. Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to issue the Meets or Exceeds letter pending County comments; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors. Supervisor Harter made a motion to accept Parks and Rec Board recommendation of \$12,500.00 for the Fee-In-Lieu-Of-Land assessment pending County approval; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Zoning Officer Zimmerman noted that we currently do not have an ordinance in place for solar farms in Walker Township.

**Roadmaster Report:**

- Supervisor Zimmerman said she has received several calls regarding the Township not accepting brush. Discussion was held about having certain days designated for brush, grass, and leaves or looking into the cost of a tub grinder. Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to continue accepting brush on designated days and limiting it to no more than 2 days a week during work hours and roadcrew schedule; motion second by Jim Heckman. Keith Harter voted no. Motion passed 2-1.
- The bottom of one of the salt shed's bottom is in bad shape. Quotes will be obtained to replace the sheet metal siding not replace the shed as March Minutes said at April 1, 2020 BOS Meeting.
- The roof in the back parking lot has been leaking and in need of repair.
- At the April meeting, a date will be discussed for Road Inspections.

**New Business:**

- Supervisor Harter made a motion to remove Todd Holden from his probationary period and start all standard benefits effective March 7, 2020; motion second by Deb Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Walker Township has been offered free **Active Shooter Training**.
- Jim will work on the **2020 Dirt, Gravel and Low Volume Roads Application** due Wednesday, April 8th.
- The **2020 Liquid Fuels** funding included Gemstone Dr and Mountain Stone Rd. Supervisor Harter made a motion to release the \$1,000.00 from Zion Associates that was being held to cover the costs of Liquid Fuels money if the roads were not included; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.

Supervisor Harter made a motion to approve the February 5, 2020 **General Fund Paid Bills** in the amount of \$33,972.72 and the February 2020 **Treasure's Report**; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.




Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to renew the CD with Jersey Shore State Bank; motion second by Keith Harter 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 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Susan L. Wagner

THE NEXT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING WILL BE HELD APRIL 1, 2020

  
Keith E. Harter

  
James B. Heckman

  
Deborah L. Zimmerman