# WALKER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Monthly Meeting March 7, 2018

Supervisors - Keith Harter

James Heckman Deborah Zimmerman

Solicitor

John Miller III

Staff

Donna Reese - Secretary/Treasure
Sue Wagner - Asst. Secretary/Treasure
Vaughn Zimmerman - Zoning Officer
Don Franson - Township Engineer

Guests

Joe Strouse (Resident)
Carroll Heckman (Resident)

<u>Call to Order:</u> Chairman Keith Harter called the March 7, 2018 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 the February 7, 2018 Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Supervisor Heckman to approve the minutes from the February 7, 2018 meeting as presented; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.

Guests: There were no guests who wanted to address the Board

#### Solicitor's Report:

- In May of 2017, Solicitor Miller wrote to Zito Media to request a copy of their annual customer complaint report, which was never received by the Township or him. A second request was sent on February 8, 2018. On February 16, 2018 Mr. Miller received the report, which really doesn't show much detail on the Technical issues or Provider issues. Supervisor Zimmerman said she is seeing a lot of complaints on social media about Zito. Mr. Miller stated our Franchise Agreement with Zito is nonexclusive and if another cable/internet provider wanted to come into the area they can. Comcast has indicated in the past that they will not build in the same location as another provider who has the Franchise Rights there. Supervisor Heckman made a motion to contact Zito to see if they would be interested in attending a public meeting; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors. Mr. Miller said he will contact Zito.
- A Road Use and Maintenance Agreement with Walker Lumber was presented for approval. This Agreement is to use .80 miles of T-474 (Deitrich Road). Supervisor Heckman motioned to approve the Road Use and Maintenance Agreement; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Correspondence was received from the Assessment Office regarding our increase in the Street Light
  assessment from \$30.00 to \$40.00. Due to technical issues, the new rate was not included on the new tax
  statements which have already been sent out. Solicitor Miller stated a new Resolution is needed to amend
  the current Resolution from \$40.00 to \$30.00. Supervisor Harter motioned to adopt Resolution 18-433 to
  amend Resolution 17-429 levying an assessment in the amount of \$30.00 per year and Street Light funds will
  be paid out of General Funds when necessary; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three
  Supervisors.
- FWF Insurance Agency stated that Real Estate Tax Collector Judith Deitrich would be covered under E&O for mistakes but not fiduciary responsibilities. Mr. Miller asked for a copy of Judi's bond.
- The Supervisors discussed adopting a resolution that creates a committee (consisting of EMS providers and one Supervisor) to work together and recommend any changes to the medical box boundaries and then be approved by the Supervisors. Solicitor Miller will work with Supervisor Harter to draft this resolution.

- Supervisor Harter questioned having to file a **Right-To-Know request** to get Walker Township Medical Index Boxes. Solicitor Miller stated that because he was requesting documents from a County office it is necessary.
- Supervisor Harter would like to see the Zoning Permit expiration time changed from two years to one year
  with a one year extension. Solicitor Miller said that he will review the current Ordinance, discuss it with
  Zoning Officer Zimmerman and come back to the Board with his recommendations.
- Supervisor Harter made a motion to collect **Permit Fees** when a permit application is submitted. Motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Zimmerman asked since she is now a Supervisor and also a member of the Park & Recreation Board if she was allowed to vote as a Supervisor on Park and Rec Board issues; Solicitor Miller stated she can.
- Solicitor Miller stated there is no conflict with Chris Miller being one of Walker Township's auditors as he was
  elected and not appointed as he previously thought.

## Engineer's Report:

- Engineer Don Franson met with Supervisor Heckman at the intersection of Black Walnut Street and Dry Run Road to discuss the location of a stop sign that is repeatedly being damaged. Engineer Franson will send a letter to the Township regarding this new location.
- Engineer Franson has been and will continue to attend the Spring Creek Watershed Commission (SCWC)
  meetings, which are held every 3rd Wednesday of the month. He noted SCWC would like an elected official
  to attend the meetings if possible.
- Supervisor Zimmerman asked Engineer Franson a question about the proposed size of holes for the playground equipment at Zion Park; Engineer Franson will look into it.

## **Zoning Officers Report:**

- Zoning Officer Vaughn Zimmerman reported he issued 10 zoning permits and 1 driveway permit.
- There were no comments from the Planning Commission for the Aquillas J. and Sallie A. Peachy Lot Addition Plan (CCPCDO No. 135-17). Supervisor Heckman made a motion to send the Meets/Exceeds letter; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Vickie & Mark Tenny Subdivision (CCPCDO File #125-17)
  - 1. Supervisor Harter made a motion to sign the DEP Non-Building Waiver Declaration; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.
  - 2. Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion there is no need for a Driveway Permit and the paid fee be returned; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors
  - 3. Supervisor Harter made a motion the road is not required to be named at this time; however if any additional residences are built in the future the road name issue will be revisited; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.

#### Roadmaster Report:

- Supervisor Heckman received a quote from Boyd Tree Service in the amount of \$800.00 to cut the 15 ash
  trees down that overhang the Park Walking Path. The trees are located on the Rightenour property and since
  he is currently away the situation will be discussed with him when he returns. Supervisor Harter made a
  motion for James Heckman to take whatever means necessary to resolve any dead tree issues with property
  owners; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- A hole on the Blue Ball Road bridge was repaired. Supervisor Heckman called Soil Conservation to let them know there was some mud in the water and he is awaiting their call back.
- Mr. Heckman asked the other Supervisors when they wanted to schedule a road check for possible 2018 Road Projects. No date was scheduled.

### **New Business:**

 Supervisor Heckman made a motion to approve the 2018 Summer Camp proposal cost of \$7,000.00; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.

- A motion was made by Supervisor Harter to accept the resignation of Harold Brungard III as Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator for Walker Township; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors. James Heckman will represent Walker Township until a new representative is appointed
- Spring Creek Watershed Cleanup Day is Saturday, April 12, 2018.
- A draft letter to Clinton County Commissioners and Clinton County Sewer Authority regarding their membership criteria was approved to mail out.

## Other Business:

- The 2018 Liquid Fuels Tax Allocation is \$194,014.81; this is up from last year
- 2018 PennDOT Resurfacing Road Project includes resurfacing SR0550 from Bellefonte to the Y in Zion. In 2019, they are proposing to resurface from the Y in Zion to the Clinton County Line.

Supervisor Heckman made a motion to approve the **February 2018 General Fund Paid Bills** in the amount of \$47,813.78 and approve the **February 2018 Treasurer's Report**; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.

Supervisor Heckman motioned to adjourn the meeting; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Signed Swan R. Wagner

Approved

Keith Harter

James Heckman

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