

WALKER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Monthly Meeting
July 1, 2020

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

Solicitor – **John Miller III (Absent)**

Staff – **Sue Wagner - Secretary/Treasurer**
 Donna Reese - Asst. Secretary/Treasurer
 Vaughn Zimmerman - Zoning Officer
 Don Franson - Township Engineer

Guests – **Pam Rogers - Parks and Rec Board**
 Tom Little - Township Resident
 John Lutz - Walker Township Fire Company
 Chris Miller - Walker Township Fire Company

Call to Order: Chairman Keith Harter called the July 1, 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 June 3, 2020 Meeting Minutes: Supervisor Heckman made a motion to approve the Minutes from the June 3, 2020 meeting; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.

AGENDA:

- Harry Burd was on the Agenda, but did not attend the meeting
- John Lutz and Chris Miller representing the **Walker Township Fire Company (WTFC)** presented their 10 year long-range planning and are hoping the Township can help with some of the expenses. Their request is for a 2 mill increase over a 10 year period. They are hoping for a 1 mill increase as soon as possible; in 5 years a 1/2 mill increase, and 5 years after that another 1/2 mill increase. No action was taken at this time from the Board. Mr. Miller said the Fire Company lost over \$14,000 in fund raising monies due to COVID-19. He was told there were monies set aside for another fund, (2020 Summer Camp) that couldn't be used and he was hoping the Board would consider giving that money to the Fire Company to help cover their losses. Supervisor Heckman made a motion to give the Fire Company \$10,000.00 to help with their losses; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.

6:30 pm Bids Were Opened for 2020 Road Projects:

Paving Project - Cambium Ave, Heartwood St, Lincoln Ln

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| 1. HRI, Inc. | <u>\$59,799.40</u> |
| 2. Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc. | <u>\$52,915.55</u> |

Supervisor Harter made a motion to award the bid to Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc. for the amount of \$52,915.55; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.

Fibermat Project - Meyers St, Dry Run Rd, Oak St, Lisk St, Loy Ave

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| 1. Hammaker East Ltd. (Russell Standard) | <u>\$44,368.20</u> |
| 2. Midland Asphalt Materials, Inc. | <u>\$41,090.04</u> |

Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to award the bid to Midland Asphalt Materials, Inc. for the amount of \$41,090.04; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.

Guests:

- **Pam Rogers, representing Parks and Rec, requested that all Park facilities be opened and to have signs posted in the Park that Facilities are not sanitized.** Deb Zimmerman said Marion Township shared what they have on their signs and she would like to use the same wording except with Walker vs. Marion; "By Utilizing The Walker Township Facilities You Voluntarily Assume All Risks Related To Exposure Of COVID-19. FACILITIES ARE NOT SANITIZED". Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to open all facilities with the exception of the water fountains once proper signs are made up; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
- There were no other Guests who wanted to address the Board.

Engineering Report:

- Stormwater issues on **Nilson Road** are being addressed by DEP and CCCD.
- Mr. Franson received a GP11 Permit form for the culvert work on **Zion Back Road**. Supervisor Harter made a motion to sign the GP11 Permit form; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Mr. Franson will assess the work necessary to complete the **East Springfield Development project** and a small portion of storm water issues in the West Springfield Development. He would like the bids for the project to be opened at the September BOS meeting.

Zoning Officer Report:

- The Zoning Officer reported he issued 22 Zoning Permits and 2 Driveway Permits.
- **A Minor Subdivision Plan was presented for Glenn and Nancy Tice (CCPCDO 67-20).** The proposed Minor Subdivision would be separated into 2 Parcels. The Planning Commission Board (PC) and Parks and Rec Board (P&R) have not seen the plan. Mr. Zimmerman has no issues with the plan and recommends conditional approval pending PC and P&R comments. Supervisor Harter made a motion to conditionally accept the Minor Subdivision Plan as recommended; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman. James Heckman abstained. Motion passed 2-1.

Roadmaster:

- The Roadcrew have been busy working on Stormwater issues.
- Preliminary work for the new Volleyball Court is done.

New Business:

- Supervisor Harter made a motion to approve Parks and Rec recommendation for the Fee-In-Lieu \$5,000.00 Assessment for the **Ernest Perri Minor Subdivision (CCPCDO 63-20)**; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- In the **Holiday Section of the Employee Handbook** if a holiday falls on a Friday, Saturday, or Sunday it will now be a Floating Holiday instead of the Supervisors choosing when the Paid holiday would be awarded.
- The **Nittany Valley Little League (NVLL) Facilities Agreement** was presented for approval. Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to approve the NVLL Facilities Agreement and the Soccer League Agreement pending receipt of the Soccer Agreement. Keith Harter commented: "NVLL doesn't represent the values and morals I feel this Twp. should support. There have been numerous incidents of poor behavior and lack of sportsmanship by coaches that has gone unchecked by the league. Just this past season I watched as a coach told a heavyset player that the ball was 3 cheeseburgers. More instruction would have gone farther to teach the youngster than this tormenting. Therefore, I feel this league doesn't meet the expectations of values I feel this Township should expect and require. They also don't respect the use of our facility, Jim spent hours cleaning up garbage because they couldn't or wouldn't remember to empty THEIR cans. They stated at a Parks and Rec. meeting in early spring 2019 that they would be removing a score booth as it created a safety issue yet until late June 2020 it was still here. They also ask about the old shed by the batting cages and were told if they cleaned it out the Twp. was willing to remove it for them. We never were told it was cleaned out and until late June 2020 it was still here creating another safety concern. On May 28, 2019 I notified the league president that some of their signs stacked against the restroom storage area needed removed as they had been there over a year and the crew had to move them when they mowed.

New Business (con't):

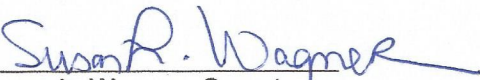
- The reply was that they would do so ASAP, and yet at the beginning of March 2020 the crew removed the signs themselves. I transferred my daughter to Penns Valley LL to get away from the poor values exhibited here, and was asked by four different NVLL families how to get transferred as they had issues with NVLL as well. Therefore, I will be voting against the Use Agreement for NVLL and feel the board should deny their Use Agreement until they show a true desire to correct the many issues I've stated." Motion was second by James Heckman and Keith Harter voted no. Motion carried 2-1.
- Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to sign the **DEP Component One Sewage Module for the Ernest Perri Minor Subdivision**; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Heckman made a motion to Adopt **Resolution 20-249 Designating September 10th as Centre County Suicide Awareness and Prevention Day and the month of September as Suicide Prevention Month**; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- The **2020 Walker Township Academic Awards** were awarded to Elizabeth Hargrove, Keeli Pighetti, and Mallorie Smith.
- Supervisor Harter made a motion to hire Justin Dietrich as a **Temporary Part-Time Employee** to help on the Road Crew at a rate of \$12.00 if he is still available; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.

Supervisor Heckman made a motion to approve the June 3, 2020 **General Fund Paid Bills** in the amount of \$41,776.17 and the June 2020 **Treasurer's Report**; motion second by Keith Harter 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 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Susan L. Wagner, Secretary