

**WALKER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**Monthly Meeting**  
**March 2, 2022**

<b>Supervisors</b>	–	<b>Keith Harter</b> <b>Deborah Zimmerman</b> <b>James Heckman</b>
<b>Solicitor</b>	–	<b>John Miller III</b>
<b>Staff</b>	–	<b>Sue Wagner - Secretary/Treasurer</b> <b>Don Franson – Township Engineer</b>
<b>Guests</b>	–	Leah Burd – Walker Township Centre County Tax Collection Representative Angie Kroell – Township Resident Rick Snyder – Township Resident Tim Meyer – Township Resident Rod Beard – Township Resident

**Call to Order:** Chairman Keith Harter called the March 2, 2022, 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 2, 2022:** Supervisor Heckman made a motion to approve the February minutes as presented; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.

**Agenda:**

- Rick Snyder addressed the Board regarding the Rick and Lacie Snyder Lot Addition/Replot – CCPCDO 153-21. At the February meeting the Board asked for an overlay of the property so they could make their decision if the Parkland Fee-In-Lieu applies. There was confusion if the plan should be a subdivision instead of a replot resulting in a Fee-In-Lieu being owed. After review, it was decided Mr. Snyder is not creating a new building lot. He is taking the existing Tracts and replotting them. Solicitor Miller said in his opinion the Fee-In-Lieu doesn't apply because he is not creating a new lot. The Board agreed no Fee is due.
- Leah Burd, Centre County Tax Collection Committee Representative for Walker Township, gave a report on the Committee meeting recently held. There were two motions passed - - Waive the Township's contribution for 2022 and the due date for Tax Returns will be April 18<sup>th</sup> to coincide with the IRS.

**Guests:**

- Angie Kroell expressed her concerns regarding the Bowman Construction property located at 1311 East College Avenue. She shared pictures of the property with the fence installed of the view from her property. Mrs. Kroell asked if anyone has been over to check the set-back requirement for the fence. Supervisor Harter said he measured it and all it looks good. Mrs. Kroell asked if the white posts on the property can be removed. The Board said it is not part of the Conditions, but will ask him about removing them. However, the Board cannot make him. Mrs. Kroell stated the type of fence Mr. Bowman put up is not comparable to privacy fencing and is unsightly. Mrs. Zimmerman explained the fence is a safety barrier that separates the construction area from private property. The screenings are scheduled to be put in as soon as weather permits. Mrs. Kroell feels Mr. Bowman has not shown any respect for the property owners.
- No other Guests wanted to address the Board.

Supervisor Harter made a motion to Amend the March Agenda to include the following items:

1. Correction under Solicitor's Report - - RMA request is for Michael Yoder not A.M. Logging LLC to use 1 mile of T-463 (Benner Rd from Forest Avenue).
2. Correction under Solicitor's Report - - Amend Ordinance 168 not Ordinance 128 Tax Collector Fees
3. Under Road Master Report add Change Order for the new Freightliner M2 106 Chassis truck
4. Under New Business add Summer Camp Proposal
5. Executive Session to be held at the end of the meeting to discuss the Employee Handbook

**Solicitor Report:** -

- Supervisor Heckman made a motion to release the Bond for the Road Maintenance Agreement (RMA) received from A.M. Logging LLC to use .90 Miles of T-474 (Dietrich Rd); motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
- A Road Maintenance Agreement (RMA) was received from Michael Yoder to use 1 Mile of T-463 (Benner Rd) from Forest Avenue. Supervisor Heckman made a motion to approve the RMA request; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Kathy Fye, Tax Collector, is requesting to amend Ordinance 168 - Tax Collector Fees and start using the new fees now. Supervisor Heckman made a motion to amend Ordinance 168; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors. The new fees cannot be used until the Amended Ordinance is in place.

**Engineer Report:**

- Engineer Franson provided his recommendation for storm water projects to be put out for bids in April 2022. He suggests one bid package for 348 Benner Rd and Blue Ball Road; one bid package for Dunkle Rd; one bid project for Rogers Rd, Sand Ridge Rd, and Nittany Ridge Rd; and a possible bid package for Hemlock Dr.
- Mr. Franson had no update regarding Stony Pointe Line of Credit.
- DEP approval is anticipated for the new parking lot on Zion Back Road by April. When approval is received, he will do the bid package.
- An invoice was received from DEP for an old NPDES permit for Bellefonte Youth Football League. Mr. Franson spoke with DEP and this permit hasn't been closed out. The invoice will need to be paid and then a notice of termination will need to be submitted.

**ZONING:**

- Supervisor Harter reported there were 5 Zoning Permits issued.

**ROADMASTER:**

- A change order was received from Maxwell for the new Freightliner Truck. The change would add 12 inches to the body resulting in adding \$1,000.00 to the original bid. Supervisor Heckman made a motion accept the change order; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Heckman made a motion to use \$50,000 from Liquid Fuels and \$39,854.00 from General Fund to pay the invoice from Eck's Garage for the new Freightliner in the amount of \$89,854.00; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
- The Walker Township sign in front of the Municipal Building blew over in the recent storm and needs replaced. It was decided to replace the sign the same as it is currently. Supervisor Heckman will get quotes and bring them to the next meeting.
- The Township is fully executed with PennDot for the Hoy Road Bridge funding.
- No paving projects are anticipated for 2022.
- The Roadcrew were busy with snow removal, getting equipment ready for Spring, wind damage, and fixing roads

**PARKS AND REC REPORT:**

- Nittany Valley Little League (NVLL) came to the Parks and Rec Meeting with three quotes for field repairs. They are asking for funding assistance for the repairs. NVLL does not want to have these repairs done until after this year's season.
- The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm and the rain date is set for April 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Portable Toilets will be put in the Park April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Supervisor Harter made a motion to send a letter to the Walker Township Fire Company requesting more information to aid the Board in making decisions when asked for funding assistance from them; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and James Heckman said no. The motion passed 2 to 1.
- Walker Township will be receiving \$179,357.83 for 2022 Liquid Fuels Tax and \$3,360.00 for Road Turnback Annual Maintenance
- The 2022 Summer Camp Proposal was received. The camp will run from June 27, 2022 – August 4, 2022 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for ages 5 through ages 12. Supervisor Harter made a motion to authorize the 2022 Summer Camp with a budget not to exceed \$12,000; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors. Supervisor Zimmerman made a recommendation to have Amber to add another adult staff person and ask her to come back to the Board with another proposal if needed by adding another staff person.

Supervisor Heckman made a motion to approve the February General Fund Paid Bills in the amount of \$55,155.29 and the February Treasurer's Report; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

The Board went into an Executive Session at 8:09pm. The Board reconvened at 8:14pm.

Supervisor Harter made a motion to allow an employees request to carry additional hours of Comp Time over the allotted 80 hours due to family medical reasons and review again at the end of 2022; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan L. Wagner  
Secretary