

**WALKER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**Monthly Meeting**  
**December 13, 2021**

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| <b>Supervisors</b> | – | <b>Keith Harter</b><br><b>Deborah Zimmerman</b><br><b>James Heckman</b>                               |   |
| <b>Solicitor</b>   | – | <b>John Miller III</b>  |   |
| <b>Staff</b>       | – | <b>Sue Wagner - Secretary/Treasurer</b><br><b>Don Franson – Township Engineer</b>                     |   |
| <b>Guests</b>      | – | Chris Miller – Walker Township Fire Co.<br>Rick Bowman – Bowman Excavating<br>Mark McMaster – Realtor | Denny McDowell – Township Resident<br>Joni Spearly – Realtor<br>Kathy Fye – WT 2022 Tax Collector |

**Call to Order:** Chairman Keith Harter called the November 3, 2021 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 November 3, 2021:** Supervisor Heckman made a motion to approve the November minutes as presented; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

**Agenda:**

- Kathy Fye, Walker Township's newly elected Tax Collector, attended the Board Meeting to introduce herself to the Board.
- Walker Township Fire Company sent a letter to the Board of Supervisors requesting a One Mill Fire Tax Increase. Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to deny the One Mill Fire Tax Increase, donate \$125,000.00 to the Walker Township Fire Company before the end of 2021 with the money staying at the Township in a separate account to use towards the Fire Companies Debt Reduction when requested; and revisit the Millage Increase in 2022; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

**Guests:**

- Denny McDowell, Spring, Benner, Walker Joint Authority, said they will be raising their rates \$5.00 a quarter starting in 2022.
- No other Guests wanted to address the Board

**Solicitor Report: -**

- A Road Maintenance Agreement (RMA) was received from Dave's Sawmill to use .80 miles of Hoy Rd (T467) from the Rt. 445 entrance. Supervisor Harter made a motion to approve the RMA request; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Harter made a motion to adopt PennDOT's ECMS Resolution 21-462 for funding; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Heckman made a motion to adopt Resolution 21-463 appointing independent Auditors Baker Tilly to perform Walker Townships 2021 Audit; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Harter made a motion to approve the Bowman Construction, Excavation, Paving and Concrete application for Conditional Use with the presented Declaration of Conditions dated 12-14-2021; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- A Water Tariff was received from PA American Water Company. They are to send a contract for the 8 fire hydrants that are currently not under contract. Those hydrants continue to be billed to Walker Township every month, but are not paid for because there is no contract. No action was taken until the contract is received and reviewed.

**Engineer Report:**

- Eby Paving completed work at the new culvert on Zion Back Road. Engineer Franson said the work completed was under warranty.
- Parks and Rec has been approached about adding 2 pickle ball courts to the New Parking lot. Mr. Franson will address adding these to the plan and update the Board at the January Meeting.

**ZONING:**

- Supervisor Harter made motion to appoint an Interim Zoning Officer for routine matters if needed; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor made a motion to appoint Donna Reese for the position of Interim Zoning Officer; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.

**ROADMASTER:**

- It was brought to the Townships attention the County and 911 do not recognize hyphens or apostrophes. In Deerhaven, the roads Archer's Glen Rd and Ten-Point Path are 2 roads are affected by this. The County and 911 approved Archer's Glen Rd with the apostrophe and Ten-Pointe Path with the hyphen. It was decided to make all the road signs the same and leave it at this.

**PARKS AND REC REPORT:**

- The portable toilets will be removed in January.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Supervisor Harter made a motion to appoint Ben Haagen and Emily Rickard as Walker Township Auditors until January of 2024; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors. After the Board of Supervisors meeting on December 13, 2021 we were contacted by Ben Haagen the elections office had sent him a letter to let him know he received enough write-in votes and will serve as Walker Township's Auditor for a 6-year term.
- Supervisor Harter made a motion to approve the Component One Planning Module for Rickie and Lacie Snyder Replot – CCPCDO #153-21; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Harter made a motion to adopt Resolution 21-464 the 2022 Township Budget with no tax increase; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.

Supervisor Harter made a motion to approve the November 2021 General Fund Paid Bills in the amount of \$57,796.28 and the November Treasurer's Report; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.

The Board moved to an Executive Meeting at 5:04pm. The meeting resumed at 5:16pm.

- Supervisor Harter made a motion to amend the December 13, 2021 Agenda to include 2022 Employee Pay Increases; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to give a 3% rate increase effective the first full pay period of 2022 to the employees; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:20pm.

