

WALKER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Monthly Meeting
March 3, 2021

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

Solicitor – **John Miller III**

Staff – **Sue Wagner - Secretary/Treasurer**
Vaughn Zimmerman - Zoning Officer

Guests – **Bill Shaffer, Sandy Breon, Joni Spearly, Richard Bowman and son,**
Marc McMaster - Shaffer Electric property at 1161 E College Ave.
Denny McDowell - Township Resident
Tim Meyers - Township Resident

Call to Order: Chairman Keith Harter called the March 3, 2021 monthly meeting of the Walker Township Board of Supervisors to order at 6:00pm in the Walker Township Municipal Building.

Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Harter led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of February 3, 2021 Meeting Minutes: Supervisor Heckman made a motion to approve the Minutes from the February 3, 2021 meeting; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.

Agenda:

- Bill Shaffer addressed the Board regarding the Zoning for the Shaffer Electric property located at 1161 E. College Avenue. He asked the Board to consider rezoning the property to Commercial with an addendum to allow Contractors. Zoning Officer Zimmerman said that would require a whole-scale-change to our Commercial Zoning Ordinance to allow Contractors to be in the Commercial District. It could not be one property specific. Solicitor Miller said the Board needs to receive a written request from the Shaffer's stating exactly what the Board is to consider. Mr. Zimmerman said after the request is received it would go to the Centre County Planning Commission for their comment and recommendation. The Board will then act on the application. Mr. Zimmerman asked Mr. Bowman to remove the equipment he has on the property as it is not in compliance with the current zoning nor the Zoning Hearing Board's decision. Mr. Bowman's offices are allowed to operate inside the building.

Guests: No Guests had any comments

Solicitor:

- Discussion was held regarding the Township Code and paying for fire hydrants in Walker Township to Walker Township Water Association (WTWA) and Pennsylvania American Water. Supervisor Harter made a motion to not pay WTWA or Pennsylvania American Water based on the reasons discussed; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- A Road and Maintenance Agreement (RMA) was received from Larry R. Boob Logging. Mr. Boob would be using .6 miles of Rodgers Road starting at Route 445. Supervisor Heckman made a motion to conditionally approve the RMA pending on the Agreement being signed and Bond received; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

Engineering Report:

- Engineer Don Franson and Solicitor Miller presented example Ordinances to the Board for creating a Township Ordinance stating a permit must be obtained if the Township Right-of-Way needs to be cut into or disrupted. Mr. Franson will work on a draft Ordinance for the Board and Solicitor Miller to review.
- Supervisor Heckman made a motion to have Mr. Franson obtain quotes to fix the culvert at 404 Forest Ave; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.

Zoning Officer Report:

- The Zoning Officer reported he issued 8 Zoning Permits and 1 Driveway Permit.

Roadmaster Report:

- The Board did not take any action on the **2021 Dirt Gravel and Low-Volume Roads Maintenance Program Application**.
- Supervisor Harter is going to ask Matt Kenepp from PennDot to look at **Blue Ball Road** and give his recommendation to address the condition of the road and the culvert issue at the bottom starting up the mountain. Mr. Harter then will get quotes for the Board to fix the road.
- Supervisor Heckman made a motion to accept the **2021 Line Painting Contract**; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Discussion was held for the **2021 Road Projects**. For paving, Mr. Harter suggested the upper part of Snyderstown Rd and Deitrich Rd. For Fibermat he suggested the Robinwood Development, Toni Terrace and Madison Avenue. The Board will decide on the roads at the April meeting.

New Business:

- There was a request for the Township to hold a **Community Shredding Event**. The Board would like more information before they would decide.
- Parks and Rec approved **The Bellefonte Area Middle School Drama Club** to use the Park for their Spring Performance as long as a Certificate of Insurance is received.
- The **2021 Liquid Fuels funding** was received in the amount \$178,062.29 and Turnback \$3,360.00.

Supervisor Heckman made a motion to approve the February 3, 2021 **General Fund Paid Bills** in the amount of \$65,475.38 and the February 3, 2021 **Treasure's Report**; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:50p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan L. Wagner

Keith E. Harter

James B. Heckman

Deborah L. Zimmerman