

WALKER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Monthly Meeting
October 6, 2021

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

Solicitor – **John Miller III**

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

Guests –

David Giboons – Centre Wisp
Rod Beard – WTWA
Tim Myers – Township Resident
Zach Berger – Township Resident
James Culp – Township Resident

Angie Kroell – Township Resident
Marc McMaster – Shaffer Realtor
Joni Spearly – Shaffer Realtor
Dennis McDowell – Township Resident

Call to Order: Chairman Keith Harter called the October 6, 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 September 1, 2021: Supervisor Heckman made a motion to approve the September minutes as presented; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.

Agenda:

- There were no Agenda items.

Guests:

- Angie Kroell and James Culp, Township Residents, expressed their thoughts and concerns to the Board of Supervisors regarding Bowman and Knorr Construction companies currently occupying the Shaffer Property and the upcoming Conditional Use Hearing.
- Rod Beard, Walker Township Water Authority (WTWA), gave the Board a breakdown of the costs to replace the water line on Zion Back Road. WTWA would like to replace the water line before the new Parking Lot begins and is asking to be considered when the Board decides how to use the American Rescue Funds. Supervisor Harter asked Mr. Beard about the repair to the road that was done on Benner Road after a water line break. He said they have contacted the Contractor and the issue will be addressed.

Solicitor Report: -

- Supervisor Heckman made a motion for Solicitor Miller to advertise Walker Township's intent to adopt a Resolution at their December 13th meeting to appoint a Certified Public Accountant to conduct the audit for 2021; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all the three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Heckman made a motion to hold a Conditional Use Hearing for Bowman Excavation/Paving/Concrete on Tuesday, November 16th with a backup date of November 23rd pending Stenographer availability at 6:00pm; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

Solicitor Report (Cont'd):

- The Wisp License Agreement was reviewed by Solicitor Miller. He recommends the term of the Agreement should be 10 years not 20 years, an indemnification clause added, and be sure the Agreement complies to all Walker Township Ordinances. Mr. Gibbons will work with Solicitor Miller to make any changes so it can be presented to the Board for approval. Zach Berger representing Forest Heights HOA told the Board their HOA has met and is working with Wisp to be a part of their Pilot program. He asked the Board if they can help with the FCC to recognize the issues with the internet that keep occurring. Supervisor Harter said there isn't anything the Board can do, but the Community can reach out to local representatives for help.
- Supervisor Heckman made a motion to table the Comcast Franchise Agreement which expires November 6, 2022; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- A Road Maintenance Agreement (RMA) was received from Pine Creek Lumber to use .21 miles of Snyderstown Rd (T-696) and 1.30 Nittany Ridge Road (T-469). Supervisor Heckman made a motion to approve the RMA; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.

ENGINEER REPORT:

- Engineer Franson is looking into projects for Centre County Liquid Fuels. The Rodgers Road bridge is deteriorating and concrete headwalls for culverts on Blue Ball Rd are two possible projects.
- Applications for Permits for the new parking lot on Zion Back Rd. are ready to be sent into DEP. Supervisor Heckman made a motion to authorize Engineer Franson to submit the applications and use Open Space Funds for the fees; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors. After the Permits are submitted approval can take up to 6 months.
- PennDot contacted Engineer Franson regarding complaints received from Robin Wood residents concerning some trees whose limbs have grown and are affecting site distance when pulling from Lorinda Lane onto Forest Avenue. PennDot would like the Township to address the issue since it is a Township Road. Mr. Harter said we will send a letter with Mr. Franson as a point of contact.

ZONING REPORT:

- The Zoning Officer reports that there were 7 permits issued for September.

ROADMASTER:

- Smiths Excavating is scheduled the week of October 18th to clean up the Compost Area.
- Supervisor Heckman made a motion to continue the Winter Maintenance Agreement with Marion Township; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
- The Paving project is done, and Alpha Space will paint lines on Deitrich Rd and part of Snyderstown Road this fall.
- The new truck has been delayed due to waiting on parts for both the truck and upfit.

PARKS AND REC REPORT:

- Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to prepare and advertise an ordinance to amend Ordinance 148 to increase the number of members on the Parks and Rec Board from 7 to 9; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Harter made a motion to appoint Frank Skrzycki to the Nittany Valley Joint Recreation Board; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Nittany Valley Little League attended the September Parks and Rec meeting to see if they would be willing to help with repairs for Field 2. Parks and Rec would like to help them with funds out of the Open Space account with the Boards approval. Discussion was tabled pending the need for additional quotes.
- Fall Festival was held on Saturday, September 25th. There was a lot of fun by all and a big thank you goes out to all who helped to make it a huge success.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Supervisor Harter made a motion to offer Penns Valley Code Agency with Mike Lesniak as the Zoning Officer Representative the Zoning Position for Walker Township; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- The Board received a Lot Addition/Replot Plan for Michael Lorenz & Eric Melissa Weber (CPCDO No. 117-21). This plan removes 1.73 acres from the Lorenz parcel and adds 1.73 acres to the Weber parcel. Supervisor Harter made a motion to accept the plan; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Harter made a motion to hold Trick or Treat Saturday, October 30th. There was no second and the motion died. Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to hold Trick or Treat on Sunday, October 31 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm with no rain date; motion was second by James Heckman and Supervisor Harter said no. The motion passed 2-1.
- Supervisor Heckman made a motion to accept the Board of Supervisors Meeting Dates for 2022; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
- There was no action to hold a 2022 Budget meeting.
- The Spring Creek Watershed Commission (SCWC) invoice was received for 2022 in the amount of \$459.60 and was based on the 2020 Census. Supervisor Harter made a motion to pay the invoice; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- The Walker Township Fire police asked if the Township could purchase 2 Road Closed signs. The Board asked them to submit the request in writing.
- No updates have been received for the Federal funding from the County for Hoy Bridge.
- There was no action to the Fair District Input Opportunity.
- The ESTIMATED Liquid Fuels Allocation for 2022 is \$175,686.02 and the ESTIMATED 2022 Turnback Program mileage will be \$3,360.00.

Supervisor Heckman made a motion to approve the September 2021 General Fund Paid Bills in the amount of \$105,351.94 and the September 2021 Treasurer's Report; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:34p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan L. Wagner
Secretary