WALKER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Monthly Meeting
October 5, 2016

Supervisors	–	**Ronald Burd**	
		James Heckman	
		Keith Harter	
Solicitor	–	**John Miller, III**	
Staff	–	**Donna Reese**	**Vaughn Zimmerman - Zoning Officer**
		Terry Harter	**Don Franson - Township Engineer**
Guests	–	**Ken McMullen - Hemlock Drive, Bellefonte**	
		Ralph Stewart	
		Chuck Thompson - Nittany Engineering	
		Bob Cook	
		Steve Heaton - Hubler Ridge Road Resident	

Call to Order: Chairman Ronald Burd called the October 5, 2016 meeting of the Walker Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:00 pm in the Walker Township Municipal Building.

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

Approval of September Meeting Minutes: Motion by Jim Heckman to approve the minutes from the September 7, 2016 meeting as presented; seconded by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

AGENDA ITEMS -

Chuck Thompson from Nittany Engineering was present to discuss the Special Study on Bellefonte Borough's Wastewater Treatment Facility Maintenance Renovation and to answer any questions the Supervisor's may have. Keith Harter motioned to send a letter to Nittany Engineering / Chuck Thompson / DEP Tom Randis that the Supervisor's had the opportunity to review the project and are satisfied with the answers to any questions they had; motioned seconded by Jim Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.

Tabled a request from Tom Randis (PA DEP) requesting authorization to name SBWJA as 'agent' for Walker Township on the Bellefonte Borough Act 537 Special Study. We'd like to invite Denny McDowell and Ted Onufrak our representatives on the SBWJA Board to next month's meeting to explain in more detail SBWJA standpoint.

SIGN-IN SHEET - Guests

Ken McMullen was present to apologize for his behavior at last month's meeting. He's also interested in what's going on with Hemlock Drive drainage issues.

Steve Heaton was present to complain about not having good water pressure and at times no water. He was directed to take his complaint to the Walker Township Water Association.

Solicitor Miller's Report –

Solicitor Miller received a letter from **Zito Central PA, LLC** stating that Zito will be bound by all the terms and conditions of the current franchise agreement with Tele-Media.

Jim Heckman motioned to adopt **Resolution No 16-424 for the transfer of the Franchise Agreement with Tele-Media to Zito Central PA, LLC;** seconded by Ron Burd and approved by all three Supervisors.

Jim Heckman motioned to approve the **Road Maintenance Agreement** with **Dwight Lewis Lumber Co., Inc. for use of 0.81 mile of Dunkle Road**; seconded by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors. Surety supplied by Woodlands Bank in the amount of $10,125 expiring June 30, 2018.

***Engineer's Report* (Don Franson) –**

Don reported that the design for improvements to **Hemlock Drive** will be completed this year; with bids being put out in early spring next year. He has contacted PA One Call and utilities are painted. Jim Heckman motioned to approve **Hemlock Drive** improvements be one of our road projects for next year; seconded by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

The wall in the **new restroom** still needs to be painted. Jim Heckman motioned to approval final payment to SSR with our satisfaction of the wall being painted; seconded by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

Don is waiting on the structional engineer to get the submission to L&I for the **new pavilion.**.

The weight limit for the **Rodgers Road Bridge** has been lifted. All signage has been removed. Don contacted Dave Palmer and Ed Maxwell to get mill certifications for the steel stating it is US steel.

Don needs to look at the erosion issues on **Sand Ridge Road**. Centre County Conservation District issued a letter that the earthmoving activities at 525 Sand Ridge Road is in violation of the Rules and Regulations of the Department and The Clean Streams Law.

Liquid Fuels Grant applications are due at the end of October. Jim Heckman motioned to submit an application to clean and paint the beams on the Rodgers Road Bridge; seconded by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

Don has not heard from Ron Mattern regarding the LED light for the entrance at Dollar General/Cobblestone Road. Don will contact Ron on this issue.

***Zoning Officer's Report* (Vaughn Zimmerman) –**

Zoning Officer Vaughn Zimmerman reported he issued 8 permits for September with a total value of $481,554 and permitting fees of $987. Vaughn is reviewing the Benner Road resident's property weekly. Clean up is slow but ongoing and progress is being made. He will continue to monitor it and if further violations occur they will be addressed.

Zoning Hearing Board will be meeting on Friday, October 14, 2016 to hear the application for Special Exception and Variance request from Daniel King, on the property located at 3149 Nittany Valley Drive, Howard, PA. Applicant wishes to construct an addition on the front of existing building for a showroom and an addition on the back for working for a total addition of 2000 square feet for the operation of a wood business.

***Roadmaster's Report* (Jim Heckman) –**

Jim returned a call to the resident that called and left a message on the garage phone and who also submitted a written complaint regarding the Zion Back Road following the Fibermat A application but there was no answer.

The Dodge truck is still at Eagle Tire & Towing for repairs.

Blue Ball Road has been graded.

Jim contacted Aikey Tree Service to trim limbs on a property on Ponderosa Drive and also at Fire House Lane.

Fall Leaf Collection will start the week of October 24 and continue for 4 weeks. Discussed hiring some seasonal help to assist with this.

Roads that received the Fibermat A application have been swept to pick up the excess stones.

Earlier tonight Keith saw one of the gentleman from PennDOT who attended the 'Scoping Field Review' for the Y at Zion in May 2016 and said we should be hearing something preliminary soon.

NEW BUSINESS

We received a letter from Goodwill Hose Co. Ambulance Association Inc.'s Chief, Sean Kleckner requesting a meeting among Pleasant Gap EMS, Goodwill Ambulance, Walker Township Supervisors and Walker Township Volunteer Fire Company Chief. No meeting scheduled at this time. Jim talked to Lou Brungard and suggested he have his wife Tracie Young-Brungard bring a copy of an Ambulance Agreement or whatever document they'd like us to review and get back with Jim.

Keith Harter motioned to approve signing the **County's Municipal Request Form for the Ronald White Subdivision** on Zion Back Road (formerly Robert Cain Subdivision); seconded by Jim Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.

Jim Heckman motioned to renew the Geisinger Health Plan as proposed; Keith Harter seconded and approved by all three Supervisors.

Acknowledged an invitation for a breakfast meeting with Congressman Glenn Thompson and Bellefonte Area Local Government and Business leaders for tomorrow, Thursday, October 6th at 7:30 AM at the Diamond Deli.

OTHER BUSINESS

Motion by Ron Burd to **change the 2017 meeting time to 6:00 PM**; seconded by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

Motion by Ron Burd to **approve the dates of the 2017 meeting dates** as the first Wednesday of each month except for the January reorganization meeting; seconded by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

The following items were discussed to potentially be included in the 2017 budget: purchase of a Leaf Vac Truck; grading all berms; Hemlock Drive draining improvements; repaving a portion of Lisk Road in Meyers Development.

A meeting with Porter Township Supervisors, Nittany Valley Fire Company, Walker Township Fire Company and Walker Township Board of Supervisors is scheduled for October 27, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Walker Township Fire Company.

Keith Harter submitted a request to be on the Township insurance as permitted by PSATS Section 606.c

Motion by Jim Heckman to approve the **September 2016 General Fund Paid Bills in the amount of $81,002.14 and September Treasurer's Report**; seconded by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

Meeting was adjoured at 8:10 PM for executive session to discuss personnel issues. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:18 PM.

Motion by Jim Heckman to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors. Meeting adjourned at 8:19 PM