

WALKER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Monthly Meeting
January 4, 2021

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

Staff – **Vaughn Zimmerman - Zoning Officer**
Sue Wagner

Guests – **Denny McDowell - Twp. Resident** **Tim Meyer - Twp. Resident**
Bill Shaffer - Twp. Resident **Sandy Breon - Twp. Resident**
Joni Spearly - Realtor **Richard Bowman and Son**
Marc McMaster - Realtor

Call to Order: Vice Chairman Deborah Zimmerman called the January 4, 2021 Reorganization Meeting of the Walker Township Supervisors to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Walker Township Municipal Building.

Pledge of Allegiance: Supervisor Zimmerman led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reorganization:

- **Supervisor Heckman made a motion to keep the positions of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Roadmaster and Assistant Roadmaster the same as they were in 2020:**
 - **Chairman - Keith Harter**
 - **Vice Chairman - Deb Zimmerman**
 - **Roadmaster - Keith Harter**
 - **Asst. Roadmaster - Jim Heckman**
- motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.**

Zoning Officer Report:

- Zoning Officer Vaughn Zimmerman reported he issued 6 Zoning Permits and 2 DW Permits. He noted that 2 of the Zoning Permits were electrical so there was no fees attached to them.

Agenda:

- Bill Shaffer addressed the Board regarding the Residential Zoning his property is in. Mr. Bowman is interested in purchasing the property but it must be zoned Light Industrial. The Zoning Hearing Board denied Mr. Bowman request for a change of Non Conforming Use and a Variance. The Board told him they cannot overturn the Zoning Hearing Board's decision. Mr. Shaffer expressed that Mr. Bowman will be doing business the same as Shaffer Electric. The Zoning Officer said the property, if approved, could be Commercial Zoning. Mr. Bowman asked if he had the property rezoned to Commercial could he then ask for a special exception for Light Industrial. He also asked if he could rent the property now if he stayed in compliance with how Shaffer Electric Company was--employee count, equipment, etc. Mr. McMaster inquired about the Spot Zoning Law. Because the Zoning Officer left the meeting early and Solicitor Miller was absent, the Board will have the secretary send those questions to them to answer. The Board told Mr. Bowman and Mr. McMaster they would give him an answer to the questions by Thursday, January 14th.

Guests: No other guests wanted to address the Board.

Roadmaster's Report:

- The Roadmaster reported the Roadcrew has been busy with snow removal.

Reorganization (cont.)

- **Sue Wagner was appointed Secretary/Treasurer** on a motion by Supervisor Harter; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- **Donna Reese was appointed Assistant Secretary/Treasurer** on a motion by Supervisor Harter; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- **Treasurer's Bond was set at \$500,000** on a motion by Supervisor Harter; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- **John Miller III (Miller, Kistler, Campbell, Inc) was appointed Solicitor** on a motion by Supervisor Harter; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- **Vaughn Zimmerman was appointed Zoning Officer** on a motion by Supervisor Heckman; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- **Penns Valley Code Enforcement Agency was appointed Alternate Zoning Officer** on a motion by Supervisor Heckman; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- **Leah Burd was appointed Centre County Tax Collection Committee** on a motion by Supervisor Heckman; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- **Resolution 21-454 was adopted appointing Stan Wallace as Township Sewage Enforcement Officer and Nate Sweeley Alternate** on a motion by Supervisor Heckman; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- **Don Franson (Franson Engineering) was appointed as Township Engineer** on a motion by Supervisor Heckman; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- **Don Franson (Franson Engineering) was appointed Township Stormwater Engineer** on a motion by Supervisor Heckman; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- **McCormick-Taylor was appointed Township Traffic Engineer** on a motion by Supervisor Zimmerman; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
- **William Workman was appointed to the Township Vacancy Board** on a motion Supervisor Zimmerman; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
- **Donna Reese was appointed Recording Secretary for Planning Commission** on a motion by Supervisor Zimmerman; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
- **Leah Burd was appointed Recording Secretary for Park & Recreation Board** on a motion by Supervisor Zimmerman; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
- **Sue Wagner was appointed the CDL Program contact person** on a motion by Supervisor Zimmerman; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Zimmerman motioned to **draw from one General Fund budget item to pay another General Fund budget item**; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Zimmerman motioned to **itemize the bills and prepare monthly list for Supervisor approval/signatures**; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
- **Shannon Allison was reappointed as the Township Emergency Management Coordinator and James Heckman as Assistant EMC** on a motion made by Supervisor Zimmerman; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Zimmerman motioned to **approve a mileage reimbursement rate of \$.56 cents per mile or whatever the current IRS rate is**; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 14, 2020 Supervisors meeting as presented; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Harter made a motion for Engineer Franson to prepare bids for the new Parking Lot; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to purchase a Freightliner M2 106 Conventional Chassis truck to replace the 1999 FL60 and advertise for bid an Up Fit for the new truck; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Harter made a motion to appoint Don Franson as the Spring Creek Watershed Commission Representave; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Harter made a motion to release the Road and Use Maintenance Bond for .30 miles of T-696 (Snydertown Road) as requested by Byron Walk; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Harter made a motion to approve the December 2020 **General Fund paid bills in the amount of \$142,433.33 and December 2020 Treasurer's Report**, motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors
- Parks and Rec Board has one vacancy.
- Supervisor Heckman made a motion to reappoint Ronald Zimmerman and Daniel Mattern to the Planning Commission Board; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Heckman made a motion to reappoint Denny McDowell to the SBWJA Board; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- The Zoning Hearing Board will meet on Thursday, January 14 at 7:00 to hear Mark Esh's request for a Special Exception for the property located between 303 Crust Rd and 130 Zook Ln, Howard.

Supervisor Harter recessed the Board for an Executive Session at 7:28 pm. The regular meeting reconvened at 7:30 pm.

- Supervisor Heckman motioned to give all **employees a 3% increase** in salary effective with the next pay period; 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 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Wagner, Secretary