

WALKER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
May 4, 2022

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

Solicitor – **John Miller III**

Staff – **Sue Wagner - Secretary/Treasurer**
Don Franson – Township Engineer

Guests – **Dennis McDowell – Twp. Resident** **Tony Fruchtl – Penn Terra Engineering**
Trooper Jacob Rhynestine and Captain Jeremy Pollick – Rockview State Police
David Modricker – Twp Resident **Michael Weaver – Twp. Resident**
Dan & Patty Supko – Twp. Resident **Tom Little – Twp Resident**
Jordan Sterrett, Twp. Resident **Jeffrey Seymour – Twp. Resident**
Kris Little – Twp. Resident **Tim Meyer – Twp. Resident**
Mark Long – Twp. Resident

Call to Order: Chairman Keith Harter called the May 4, 2022, 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 April 6, 2022 Minutes: Supervisor Heckman made a motion to approve the April minutes as presented; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.

Agenda:

- Tony Fruchtl, Penn Terra Engineering, presented Phase 3B of the Deerhaven Subdivision CCPCDC #35-22 to include 14 homes. During this phase, an emergency access connection will be incorporated for emergency use only, not public use. Supervisor Heckman made a motion to conditionally approve the plan; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors. Supervisor Harter made a motion to authorize the Interim Zoning Officer to write the Meets or Exceeds Letter; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors. Supervisor Harter made a motion to accept Parks and Rec Fee-in-Lieu recommendation of \$17,500 for 14 lots; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- The Board discussed safety issues for SR 64, Dunkle Road and cooperative action with PennDot. . Supervisor Zimmerman has been the Board's liaison with PennDot. She reported PennDot has put up two speed boards and traffic counter strips. The counter strips were installed to determine if the construction occurring at the I99 Exit ramp at Jacksonville Rd has been adding to the traffic on Rt 64. A board saying "Please Buckle Up" will be set up. There are many options on the table and the Board is working closely with PennDot. Two representatives from Rockview State Police said they have added more troopers in the area, set up check points, and are working with PennDot to enforce seatbelt issues and speeding. State Police said if residents see any wrongdoing to get a vehicle description, license plate number (if it can be safely obtained), description of the vehicle operator, approximate time of incident and call Rockview and report it. Some guests present expressed concerns with passing in no passing zones, Dunkle Road and SR 64 intersection safety as well as all intersections leading off SR64 and growth in the Township. Dave Modricker asked the Board to request the Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO) to consider SR64 as a candidate for safety funds to conduct a traffic safety audit and any suggested safety improvement projects be considered for funding through the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) and Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

Bids were opened for the Walker Township Parking Lot located off Zion Back Road:

1. Eby Paving - \$351,058.65
2. Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc. - \$389,811.75
3. Mid-State Paving, LLC - \$491,656.25
4. John Claar Excavating, Inc. \$516,497.37

Supervisor Harter made a motion to award the Walker Township Parking Lot project to Eby Paving & Construction pending review of the Bid Package; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.

Agenda:

- Rod Beard, representing the Walker Township Fire Company, reported they are working on gathering the requested information. He prepared an Agreement for the Board to consider in an effort to protect some information the Board requested. No action was taken at this time for the Agreement. He would like to see the Board and the Fire Company hold work sessions to exchange information and ultimately come up with a way for a funding approach for the Fire Company. These work sessions would have to be held during the Board of Supervisors meeting. Supervisor Harter is working with Solicitor Miller on an Ordinance providing for the establishment of an Emergency Fire Equipment Purchase Account.

Guests:

- Jeff Seymour, Township Resident, asked what will be done with the dirt from the Parking Lot Project. The Board said it is used for projects throughout the Township.
- No other guests wanted to address the Board.

Solicitor Report: -

- Ordinance 214 was adopted at the April meeting amending Ordinance 129 to establish pretreatment pollutant limits for discharge of waste water into the treatment system for the Borough of Bellefonte. Since that Ordinance was adopted, Bellefonte Borough sent a new chart to replace the one previously sent that is included in Ordinance 214 resulting in a new Ordinance to be adopted. Supervisor Heckman made a motion for Solicitor Miller to prepare the new Ordinance including the chart provided by the Borough and advertise the amended Ordinance; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Heckman made a motion to release the Cashier's Check to Dave's Sawmill for their use of Hoy Road – T-467; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Heckman made a motion to release the Bond to Michael Yoder for his use of Benner Road – T-463; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

Engineer Report:

- An Easement will be needed for the stormwater issues at 125 Red Oak Dr.
- There was no action on the Stormwater Bid Project

ZONING:

- Supervisor Harter reported there were 11 Zoning Permits and 6 Driveway Permits.
- A complaint was received regarding a lot in Stony Pointe containing a trailer and lots of debris. A letter will be sent to Zion Associates addressing the situation.

ROADMASTER:

- A watch children sign was requested for Zion Ridge Avenue.
- Engineer Franson will look into a reported stop sign on the ground in Stony Pointe.

PARKS AND REC REPORT:

- Supervisor Heckman made a motion to pay Cintas \$1,700.00 to buy out the existing Agreement as their services are no longer needed in the Park; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to upgrade the Township's current cell phones and increase the data plan from 64gb to 128gb for a one-time fee of \$49.99; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Heckman made a motion to sign the Fire Hydrant Agreement with Pennsylvania American Water and pay for 9 hydrants instead of the one currently being paid for from this date forward; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and Keith Harter said no. Motion passed 2-1.

Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to approve April General Fund Paid Bills in the amount of \$45,303.70; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors. Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to approve the April Treasurers Report; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:28pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan L. Wagner