

WALKER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
October 5, 2022

Supervisors	–	Keith Harter Deborah Zimmerman James Heckman	
Solicitor	–	John Miller III	
Staff	–	Sue Wagner - Secretary/Treasurer Don Franson – Township Engineer	
Guests	–	Tom Little – Twp. Resident Rich & Denise Poorman - Twp. Resident Matt Brungard – Twp. Resident Tim Meyer – Twp. Resident Chris Roan - Twp. Resident Dustin Deitrich - Twp. Resident John Torres - Twp. Resident David and Tiffany Salkind - Twp. Resident	Chris Harter - Twp. Resident Kris Little – WTFC President Rod Beard – Solicitor – WTFC Dennis McDowell - Twp. Resident Chris Miller - Twp. Resident Jeffrey Seymour - Twp. Resident Jason Harter - Twp. Resident

Call to Order: Chairman Keith Harter called the October 5, 2022, 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 September 7, 2022, Minutes: Supervisor Heckman made a motion to approve the September minutes as presented; motion second by Supervisor Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.

Guests:

- Denny McDowell, representing Spring, Benner, Walker Joint Municipal Authority (SBWJMA), told the Board Spring Township came to them wanting to refresh their 537 Plan. The SBWJMA Board decided to look over all three Townships. He said there were no surprises for Walker Township and reminded the Board the Plan should be reviewed every five years. A copy of the review will be sent to the Board when completed.
- Chris Miller, Walker Township auditor, turned in his resignation effective immediately. He feels its in best interest of the Walker Township Fire Company and Walker Township that he does not hold both positions.

Agenda Items:

- Solicitor Beard representing the Walker Township Fire Company sent Solicitor Miller a Draft Open- End Agreement between the Fire Department and the Township for the Board to review and offer comment. Supervisor Harter said they have received the Draft Agreement and would like to hold a public meeting to give comment and work on a final Agreement. The Solicitors and Board will agree on a date and advertise for a Public Meeting. Chris Harter, Walker Township Fire Company President said the Fire Company will be going to Marion Walker Elementary School for National Fire Prevention Day

Engineer Report:

- The Stormwater and Shoulder Work Projects are set to start the week of October 10th.
- Engineer Franson will work on the 2023 Centre County Liquid Fuels application to help with repair costs for the beam on Rodgers Road Bridge.
- Mr. Franson has not had an opportunity to survey the property corner of Hemlock Street and Forest Avenue. He will give the property owner, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Poorman, a 24-hour notice when he is planning to do so. Mr. Poorman, had questions regarding the repairs that were proposed prior when looking at stormwater issues. Both Mr. Franson and Mr. Poorman have spoken with PennDot. There was a disagreement what PennDot told each. A meeting will be set up with PennDot for Engineer Franson, Mr. Poorman, and members of the Board to attend to resolve the issue. The Board will revisit this issue after the meeting.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

- The motion for the Act 57 Resolution was tabled until the November meeting.
- Solicitor Miller has reached out to Comcast regarding the changes the Board requested in the proposed Franchise Agreement they sent the Board and has had no response.
- Discussions regarding the revisions made to the Solar Ordinance were heard and the Supervisors agreed it was ready to be adopted. There were many “conditions” noted for future hearings. Supervisor Heckman made a motion to accept, prepare, and advertise the Solar Ordinance; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all.

ZONING:

- Zoning Officer Mike Lesniak reported there were 10 Zoning Permits.
- Conditional Use Applications were received from CE-Shady Farm LLC (Shady Farm Lane and Curt & Michelle Krape) and Confer 1, LLC (Lee Confer and Estate of Ned Deitrich) to install ground mounted solar energy systems. Supervisor Harter made a motion to send these applications for review to the Centre County Planning Commission and Walker Township Planning Commission; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors. Solicitor Miller will check with the Stenographer to determine her availability.
- There was no action on the Christian & Lori Lauck –Lot Addition Proposal CCPCDO File No. 125-22 pending Planning Commission review.

ROADMASTER:

- Solicitor Miller will prepare the necessary documents to vacate Cemetery Lane back to the property owners once PennDot sends final notice they are finished with the road. West Penn Power contacted the office and they have a Right-of-Way with Bill Struble dated back to 1926 for the property along Cemetery Lane.
- Tel-Power has been contacted to maintain the traffic light after the 180-day warranty expires. Insurance coverage has been added for the traffic light.
- Supervisor Harter made a motion to continue the Winter Maintenance Agreement with Marion Township; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- The Road Crew replaced a waterline to the Park Restroom. Leaf collection will start Monday, October 24th through November 23rd weather pending.

PARKS AND REC REPORT:

- Park restrooms will be closed the end of October. Portable Toilets will be available through the month of November.
- The Fall Festival was a huge success.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Supervisor Heckman made a motion to accept the resignation of Bob Reese from the Zoning Hearing Board; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors. Supervisor Heckman made a motion to advertise for the Zoning Hearing Board position; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Heckman made a motion to approve the 2023 meeting dates; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

Supervisor Harter made a motion to amend the Agenda to accept the resignation of Township Auditor Chris Miller; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.

NEW BUSINESS (con't):

- Supervisor Harter made a motion to accept the resignation of Township Auditor Chris Miller; motion second by James Heckman approved by all three Supervisors. Supervisor Harter made a motion to advertise the position of the Township Auditor till the end of Mr. Miller's term; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- The estimated Liquid Fuels for 2023 is \$182,410.85 and Turnback Allocation is \$3,360.00.

Supervisor Heckman made a motion to approve the September General Fund Paid Bills in the amount of \$368,473.55 and September Treasurers Report; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan L. Wagner