

**WALKER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Monthly Meeting
November 5, 2014**

Attendance:

Supervisors-

**James Heckman
Ronald Burd
Brian Saiers**

Solicitor-

John Miller III

Staff-

**Donna Reese Don Franson – Engineer
Leah Burd Vaughn Zimmerman – Zoning Officer**

Guests:

**Howard Long
Carole Yearick
John Yearick
M J Musser
Tonya Packer**

Call to Order: James Heckman called the November 5, 2014 meeting of the Walker Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:00pm in the Walker Township Municipal Building.

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

Approval of October Meeting Minutes: Ronald Burd motioned to approve the minutes from the October 1, 2014 meeting as presented; motion second by Brian Saiers and approved by all three Supervisors.

Agenda Items: Carole Yearick spoke to the Board regarding the benefits of the **Kepler Pool** to the community. She requested the Township enact a recreation tax to help finance the upgrade to the pool. Following a lengthy discussion of the pros and cons of a proposed recreation tax, Ronald Burd motioned to table action on the issue until the December meeting. This would allow time to complete the survey count and also to meet with the Recreation Authority and representatives from the other Townships. Motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors. Howard Long invited one of the Supervisors to attend the next Recreation Authority meeting that is scheduled for Wednesday, November 12th at 6:30pm.

Guests: The other guests attending were here for the Kepler Pool discussion.

Engineer's Report: Engineer Don Franson requested payment of the invoice from **John Claar Excavating** for the **2014 Stormwater Project**. Don reported the project to improve drainage on Cedar Lane and at the Walizer Road/Route 64 intersection was complete. Change orders were authorized which brought the project \$6,118.00 over the bid price of \$73,925.00. Brian Saiers motioned to approve payment of \$80,043.00 to John Claar; motion second by Ronald Burd and approved by all three Supervisors.

Don reported the **Marie Lane** street paving was completed in **Glen Acres**; however, the installed street signs are not up to current PennDOT standards and must be replaced. Road striping was not done, but it wasn't included in the Surety Agreement. Don stated all items covered in the Surety are complete. The Township will not 'take over' the road until next year because the paving was not complete until after the PennDOT deadline. James Heckman motioned to release the Letter of Credit and terminate the Surety Agreement for Glen Acres; motion second by Brian Saiers and approved by all three Supervisors.

Don reported he would have specifications ready for the **new Park Restroom Project** for the November Park & Rec Board meeting. Don will also provide pricing for construction of a new pavilion, although the projects will be separate. The Park & Rec Board would like to pay some of the fees associated with the project from their 2014 budget.

A request was received to lower the speed limit on **Dunkle Road**. Don responded that the speed limit was set according to the results of a speed study and that a new speed study could possibly result in an increase to the speed limit.

Don reviewed plans for **Phase VIII A of Stony Pointe** and stated the McCormick Taylor Traffic Impact Study for the proposed Dollar General site is complete.

Solicitor's Report: A Road Maintenance Agreement request was received from **David Stoltzfus Logging** to use portions of Sand Ridge and Snyderstown Roads for hauling. A Surety Bond in the amount of \$25,375.00 was provided and Roadmaster Saiers inspected the roads. Brian Saiers motioned to approve the Road Maintenance Agreement request; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.

Zoning Officer's Report: Zoning Officer Vaughn Zimmerman reported he issued twelve Zoning Permits in October including four new homes and one duplex. Vaughn stated the computer in the Zoning Office is outdated and requested permission to purchase a new one. Ronald Burd motioned to approve purchasing a new computer not to exceed \$500; motion second by Brian Saiers and approved by all three Supervisors.

Roadmaster's Report: Roadmaster Brian Saiers reported the following:

- CPI students are working on the '**Wall of Appreciation**'. There was some confusion when ordering the bricks which resulted in a surplus of approximately 500 bricks which are unable to be returned since they are a special order. The Board discussed using them on the restroom project. Brian also had the mortar color changed;
- **Leaf collection** is underway with 35 loads collected to date.

New Business:

- Joe Swanderski resigned as one of the Walker Township representative on the **Spring-Benner-Walker Authority Board**. A notice will be put on our website for a replacement;
- James Heckman motioned to approve the **proposed meeting dates for 2015**; motion second by Ronald Burd and approved by all three Supervisors;
- The **2015 proposed Budget** was presented for discussion. James Heckman motioned to authorize advertising the proposed 2015 budget available for inspection with adoption at the December meeting; motion second by Ronald Burd and approved by all three Supervisors;
- Information was received from the Hartman Agency regarding a 7% increase in our **employee health insurance** for 2015. Brian Saiers motioned to approve the new rates pending consultation with Mark at the Hartman Agency regarding alternative plans; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors;
- A copy of the Auditor General's **Liquid Fuel 2-year Audit** was received;
- A copy of the Auditor General's **Firefighters' Relief Association 3-year Audit** was received;
- The Board agreed to send a written request to **Bellefonte Youth Football & Cheer** about the status of the new field construction.

Brian Saiers motioned to approve the October 2014 General Fund paid bills in the amount of \$78,595.75 and the October 2014 Treasurer's Report as presented; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.

Brian Saiers motioned to adjourn the meeting; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors. The meeting adjourned at 7:40.