

**WALKER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Monthly Meeting
February 12, 2014**

Attendance:

Supervisors- **James Heckman
Ronald Burd
Brian Saiers**

Solicitor-

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

Guests: **Kay & Marlene Emerick (Township Residents)
David Knoffsinger (Township Resident)
Mark Torretti (Penn Terra Engineering)**

Call to Order: James Heckman called the February 12, 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 January Meeting Minutes: Ronald Burd motioned to approve the minutes from the January 6, 2014 Reorganization Meeting as presented; motion second by Brian Saiers and approved by all three Supervisors.

Agenda Items: Ronald Burd motioned to reappoint **Jeff Seymour** to the East Nittany Valley Joint Municipal Authority Board for an additional 5-year term; motion second by Brian Saiers and approved by all three Supervisors.

James Heckman motioned to appoint **Tim Meyer** to fill a vacancy on the East Nittany Valley Joint Municipal Authority Board; motion second by Brian Saiers and approved by all three Supervisors.

Mark Torretti representing the Torron Group presented a new concept plan for the **Zion Manor Subdivision** located along Zion Back Road. The new plan allows for 29 dwelling units on ½ to ¾ acre lots. The plan also proposes 26 foot wide full depth paved roadways. This would allow for a 20 foot paved cartway with 3 foot fully paved berms. Access is planned to Deerhaven Subdivision and to the new park. The Board had comments on sidewalk installation, drainage basins, park access, an existing access road to Smokerise Development for emergency vehicles and an existing sewer easement to the property. Mr Torretti will review the Board's comments and present the concept plan to the Township Planning Commission.

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Miller was absent.

Solicitor Miller prepared a **Road Maintenance Agreement with Kuhns Lumber** to use Crust Road for a logging project. A signed agreement was received and a cashier's check in the amount of \$6,250.00 was provided. Brian Saiers motioned to approve the Kuhns Lumber Road Maintenance Agreement for Crust Road; motion second by Ronald Burd and approved by all three Supervisors. Roadmaster Saiers stated he inspected the road.

Solicitor Miller provided the Board with an opinion regarding the **Lincoln Lane Easement** issue. Supervisor Heckman stated he felt the Township should leave the easement as is and not take it over. Supervisor Burd questioned the legality of the Township then continuing to use the easement as a truck turnaround. Further discussion was tabled until Solicitor Miller could be present to advise the Board.

Engineer's Report: Township Engineer Don Franson discussed information he received regarding purchase of a **solar warning sign** with flashers to be installed at the intersection of Sand Ridge Road and Snyderstown Road. There have been numerous accidents at that intersection. Don and Roadmaster Brian Saiers will gather additional information for the March meeting.

Don has not yet received a response from West Penn Power Engineers regarding a request to provide power to the **proposed restrooms at the soccer fields** and had nothing further to report. He stated the project is not ready to be put out for bid.

Don reported he met with Mark Torretti regarding the concept plan for **Zion Manor Subdivision**.

Zoning Officer's Report: Zoning Officer Vaughn Zimmerman reported no zoning permits were issued in January. He stated he performed several final inspections and denied one home occupation permit.

Roadmaster's Report: Roadmaster Brian Saiers gave the following report:

- The 2014-2015 winter season road salt order through CoStars is due March 15th. Brian recommends ordering the same amount as this year. He stated we should have a sufficient supply for the remainder of this year;
- No line painting was done in 2013. Brian recommends that Korman, Deitrich, Nittany Ridge and Benner Roads should be included in the 2014 line painting;
- Brian and Jim met with a Cedar Lane property owner regarding a drainage problem and agreed to place a culvert at that location as part of the 2014 road project. James Heckman motioned to have Don Franson proceed with preliminary plans for the project; motion second by Ronald Burd and approved by all three Supervisors;
- James Heckman motioned to proceed with purchasing a flashing warning sign for the Sand Ridge Road/Snyderstown Road intersection; motion second by Ronald Burd and approved by all three Supervisors.

New Business:

- A letter was received from the SBWJA regarding the Sewage Management Plan. The Board would like to meet with Benner Township representative and also seek additional information at the PSATS conference;
- In response to a request from the Park & Rec Board, the Supervisors are requesting \$50,000.00 from the Park & Rec Board Budget towards the cost of constructing the new restrooms;
- Ronald Burd motioned to sign the Parente-Beard Agreement to audit the 2013 accounts; motion second by Brian Saiers and approved by all three Supervisors;
- A letter was received from Township resident Jason Brown expressing interest in appointment to the Spring-Benner-Walker Joint Authority Board. The Supervisors would like Mr Brown to attend the March meeting prior to making the appointment;
- The Board designated Saturday, April 26th as Watershed Cleanup Day. A Township truck will be available for trash pickup;
- James Heckman motioned to donate \$450.00 to the Bellefonte High School Senior Award Program; motion second by Ronald Burd and approved by all three Supervisors;
- Confirmation was received from Jersey Shore State Bank that our deposits are insured or collateralized;
- Information was received from the County Association about upcoming events;
- A report was received from Walker Township Fire Company regarding the disposition of Fire Tax money;
- A thank you was received from the Centre County Library for our 2013 donation;
- Fourth Quarter 2013 Franchise Fees in the amount of \$1,722.46 were received from Comcast;
- Jim Heckman presented information on the Fire Company's Zion Sub-Station electricity usage since the solar panels were installed. Jim was given approval to pursue possible panels for the Township Building. Jim will contact Rep. Thompson regarding availability of federal funds. Jim will also request more information from the Walker Township Fire Company regarding costs etc.

Ronald Burd motioned to approve the January 2014 General Fund paid bills in the amount of \$42,267.27 and the January 2014 Treasurer's Report as presented; motion second by Brian Saiers and approved by all three Supervisors.

Ronald Burd motioned to adjourn the meeting; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors. The meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.