

WALKER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Monthly Meeting
October 7, 2020

Supervisors – Keith Harter
Deborah Zimmerman
James Heckman

Solicitor – John Miller III

Staff – Sue Wagner - Secretary/Treasurer
Donna Reese - Asst. Secretary/Treasurer
Vaughn Zimmerman - Zoning Officer
Don Franson - Township Engineer

Guests – Clint Frazier - Township Resident
Tom Little - Township Resident
Tim Meyer - Township Resident
Dennis McDowell - Township Resident
Jon Guizar -

Call to Order: Chairman Keith Harter called the October 7, 2020 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 September 2, 2020 Meeting Minutes: Supervisor Heckman made a motion to approve the Minutes from the September 2, 2020 meeting; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.

AGENDA: There were no Agenda Items to Discuss

GUESTS:

- Denny McDowell, Walker Township's representative and Chairman of the Spring Benner Walker Joint Authority (SBWJA) informed the Board his term was up at the end of December, 2020. Supervisor Heckman asked Mr. McDowell if he was willing to stay on and he replied that if the Board couldn't find anyone to replace him he would stay, but wasn't sure if he wanted to stay for another 5 year term. Supervisor Harter told Mr. McDowell the Board and the Sewer Authority have been very happy with everything he has done. No further action was taken.
- Clint Frazier was present to hear discussion on his request to change the zoning for 124 Cone Street from Urban Residential to Commercial. Solicitor Miller said comments from the Planning Commission and they had no problem with the rezoning but do recommend the removal of the house trailer by the end of six months. The Centre County Planning Commission had no issues with the request, but stated that the Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission needs to be notified of any new zoning changes. Supervisor Harter made a motion to advertise and schedule a Public Hearing for the Zoning Request on December 14, at 2:30 pm; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisor. Solicitor Miller will make arrangements to have a stenographer at the meeting.
- No other Guests wanted to address the Board.

Engineering Report:

- Engineer Franson reported that the East Springfield Dr Phase Two project should begin in a couple weeks.
- The 2021 Centre County Liquid Fuels application has been received. No action was taken.
- Deb Zimmerman, representing the Parks and Rec Board is requesting Engineer Franson to get prices for the new Parking Lot across the street from the current one. They are hoping to start this project in the Spring of 2021.

Solicitor's Report:

- Supervisor Heckman made a motion for Solicitor Miller to advertise Walker Township's intent to adopt a Resolution at their next meeting to appoint an Independent Auditor for 2020; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Mr. Miller received notice East Nittany Valley Joint Municipal Authority (ENVJMA) is looking into refinancing their debt. Tim Meyer, representative ENVJMA, said the Board is meeting Thursday, October 9th to vote on any changes, but feels from earlier discussions the Board will not make any changes.

Zoning Officer Report:

- The Zoning Officer reported he issued 7 Zoning Permits
- Mr. Zimmerman received a Lot Addition/Replot Proposal for Omar K. & Linda K. Stoltzfus and Keith A. Jury & Kristina J. Kramer-Jury - CCPCDO #113-20. He sees no problem with the plan and said Planning Commission and Parks and Rec have not seen the plan. No action was taken from the Board.

6:30 pm Bids Were Opened for the Zion Back Road and Weights Lane Culvert Replacement Project:

1. Eby Paving & Construction	\$49,106.00	2. Antares Site Work, LLC	\$51,251.00
3. Nestlerode Contracting Co., Inc.	\$54,907.55	4. Masters Excavating, LLC	\$55,260.95
5. John Claar Construction	\$56,994.00	6. Charles Construction Co.	\$58,131.72
7. Stone Valley Construction	\$60,540.00	8. Jay Fulkroad & Son LLC	\$72,120.04
9. C. H. & D. Enterprises	\$74,660.00	10. Guyer Brothers	\$78,000.00
11. Maxwell Trucking	\$82,545.40	12. Dave Gutelius Excavating	\$91,394.50
13. HRI, Inc.	\$96,845.00	14. BCS Construction	\$125,625.00

Supervisor Heckman made a motion to award the Zion Back Road and Weights Lane Culvert Replacement Project to Eby Paving & Construction with a bid of \$49,106.00; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

Roadmaster:

- Mr. Harter reported there have been times our Township roads are damaged when repairs to water, sewer, etc. are done. He would like to have any Company cutting into a Township Right-of-Way obtain a permit that shows the specifications for our roads. In the case of emergencies they would still apply for the permit after Emergency is fixed. Solicitor Miller recommends the Board do an ordinance for these permits.
- At the May, 2020 Board of Supervisors meeting, it was decided the property owner on Dunkle Rd move his Arborvitaes in the fall. Mr. Harter asked the Township secretary to contact Krape's Landscaping regarding the safety of moving the Arborvitaes now that it is fall.
- In reviewing the Agreement for the Cares Act County Relief Block Grant, Supervisor Zimmerman discovered different things that were purchased to help with sanitation of Township Buildings and Parks. She talked with the Roadcrew about the cleaning of the Park and they said the water lines do not reach all through the Park therefore making it hard to properly clean benches or anything outside of where the water lines reach. If they had a golf cart with a pumping system it would help. She obtained a quote for a golf cart for \$10,455.94, pump system not included in price. If purchased she will turn the receipt in for possible reimbursement from Grant monies. Supervisor Harter made a motion to purchase the golf cart if a compatible pumping system can be put on it; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- The seal coat portion of the Fibermat Project is finished.
- The Paving project is complete. The Roadcrew will backfill the shoulders.

New Business:

- Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to hold Trick or Treat on Thursday, October 29, 2020; motion second by James Heckman. Keith Harter voted no. Motion passed 2 to 1.
- Supervisor Heckman made a motion to approve the offer for the purchase of a property located on Hubler Ridge Rd, Parcel #14-003-,017E,0000- which was in a Judicial Sale on September 19, 2018; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
- After the September meeting, Supervisor Zimmerman received a call from Kristen Ricchey, Franchise Agreement Person for Comcast. Ms. Ricchey said she worked with Springfield Development about 18 months ago after they requested Comcast do a feasibility study to bring their services to Walker Township. It showed it was too expensive to consider expanding their services to the area. Poles would need replaced and lines moved to the new poles, which is very expensive. The development has underground utilities and new conduit would need run for the cable. Mrs. Zimmerman told her about the new housing growth. She said she would take another look at it but didn't think they would be interested in pursuing coming into our area because of the cost. Mrs. Zimmerman also pursued the government funding that is available to rural areas for broadband development but found that money is only available to municipalities who have no other broadband in the area.
- Supervisor Zimmerman signed a lease with Cinta's to provide hand sanitizers in the Park. The signs that are in the park will remain reminding anyone that uses the Park they are voluntarily assuming all risks related to exposure of Covid-19; the facilities are not sanitized.
- Supervisor Harter made a motion to hold a work session for the 2021 Budget on Monday, November 9th at 1:00; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Heckman made a motion to approve the 2021 Board of Supervisor meeting dates; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Harter made a motion to not offer employees the Payroll Tax Deferral Option for the employee portion of Social Security taxes; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Heckman made a motion to make a donation in the amount of \$200.00 to the Home Nursing Agency; motion second by Keith Harter. Deborah Zimmerman voted no. Motion carried 2 to 1.
- Supervisor Harter made a motion to advertise for a Temporary Part-Time Skill Laborer; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Harter made a motion to approve any Supervisor or Administrator to participate in the virtual session for Building and Maintaining Effective Relationships with Volunteer Fire Companies on October 21st; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.

Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to approve the **September, 2020 General Fund Paid Bills** in the amount of \$106,956.53 and August and September 2020 Treasurer's Report; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.

Supervisor Harter recessed the for an Executive Meeting at 7:42pm. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:13pm.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan L. Wagner, Secretary