

WALKER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Monthly Meeting
May 6, 2020

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

Solicitor – **John Miller III**

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

Guests – **Wyatt Harter - Township Resident** **Jeff Harter - Township Resident**

Call to Order: Chairman Keith Harter called the May 6, 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 April 1, 2020 Meeting Minutes: Supervisor Heckman made a motion to approve the Minutes from the April 1, 2020 meeting; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.

Agenda:

- **Dunkle Road:**
 1. Engineer Franson recommended lowering the speed limit from 35 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour. He also recommends moving the Arborvitaes as soon as it safe to get the minimum site distance for a 25 mile per hour road per Chapter 441, which is 160 ft.
 2. A letter has been received from Attorney Lee Roberts representing Douglas and Mary Speerstra, stating the actions taken so far regarding the trees are unacceptable. They are respectfully requesting the Arborvitaes be removed within thirty day of the date of the letter - April 15, 2020.
 3. Supervisor Harter made a motion for the property owner to move the Arborvitaes within the 160' site distance in the fall when Curt Krape (local landscaper) says its feasible and lower the speed limit to 25 miles per hour; motion second by James Heckman. Deborah Zimmerman voted no. Motion passed 2 to 1. If the Arborvitaes are not removed by the property owner the Township will remove them.
 4. Solicitor Miller will send a follow up letter to Attorney Roberts advising him of the Board's decisions.

Guests:

- There were no guests that wanted to address the Board

Solicitor Miller's Report:

- The County Planning office notified Solicitor Miller that the Tax Parcel number in Ordinance 206 was incorrect. The Parcel number in the Ordinance was 14-4-98 but should of been 14-4-9A. He has prepared Ordinance 207 amending the error. Supervisor Harter made a motion to adopt Ordinance 207; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- The County has taken action and is recommending all Municipalities take action regarding the local real estate tax. They recommend Municipalities extend the due date to pay taxes without penalty until September 30th. Supervisor Heckman made a motion to adopt **Resolution 20-448 Amending and Supplementing the Walker Township Tax Collection Policy**; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.

Engineering Report (con't):

- Engineer Franson has no objections to the proposed **Revised Surety amount for Deerhaven Subdivision Phase 3A in the amount of \$489,230.34 dated 4-15-20**. No action was taken from the Board.

Zoning Officer Report:

- The Zoning Officer reported he issued 9 Zoning Permits and 1 Driveway Permit.
- A letter was received from a Walker Meadows resident with several concerns.
 1. The Median at Walker Meadows Blvd is in bad shape. Engineer Franson is going to research whether the Median can be removed.
 2. The condition of a property in the development. The Zoning Officer will look at the property and address if necessary.
 3. The resident would like to see the Board adopt a Burn and Weed Ordinance. No action was taken.
 4. A letter will be sent to the resident addressing all his concerns.

Roadmaster Report:

- A call was received regarding the culvert on Snyderstown Road in front of the church needing cleaned out. It is on the list to be addressed.
- A quote in the amount of **\$2,800 was received from MG Roof Construction to repair the roof on the Township Building.** Supervisor Heckman made a motion to accept the quote; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
- No decision has been made for 2020 Road Projects.

New Business:

- **Summer Camp is canceled for 2020** due to the COVID-19 pandemic uncertainties and the restrictions placed upon us.
- The **Walker Township Park Facilities** remain closed until further notice. Use of the Walking Trail is allowed.
- Supervisor Harter made a motion to accept Parks and Rec Fee-In-Lieu recommendation of \$0.00 for **the David and Patricia Zerby Minor Subdivision Plan - CCPCDO 8-20**; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Harter made a motion that we sign the **Letter of Intent for the Regional Fire Study** for the Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Harter suggested we give the money that was to be used for Summer Camp to the **Walker Township Fire Company** as they had to cancel its two major fund raisers. Supervisor Zimmerman said she would like them to send us a letter with their needs before we give it to them. No further action taken.
- **Brush, grass and leaves will be accepted on Mondays, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m at the Township's Composting Area on Zion Back Road.** The Township is setting up a contract with Smith Excavating and Construction to use their tub grinder at a price of \$3,600.00 when needed.
- The **Walker Township Water Association** has moved out of the building.
- As in the past, the building will be one of the sites for the General Primary on June 2, 2020.

Supervisor Heckman made a motion to approve the April 1, 2020 **General Fund Paid Bills** in the amount of \$38,140.14 and the April 2020 **Treasure's Report**; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan L. Wagner, Secretary