

WALKER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Monthly Meeting
February 3, 2021

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

Solicitor – **John Miller III**

Staff – **Sue Wagner - Secretary/Treasurer**
Vaughn Zimmerman - Zoning Officer

Guests – **Denny McDowell - Township Resident**
Tim Meyers - Township Resident

Call to Order: Chairman Keith Harter called the February 3, 2021 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 January 4, 2021 Meeting Minutes: Supervisor Heckman made a motion to approve the Minutes from the January 4, 2021 meeting; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.

Agenda: There were no Agenda items to discuss

Guests: No Guests had any comments

Solicitor:

- The Board of Supervisors was notified from the **Walker Township Water Association they will be instituting billing for fire protection fire hydrants with the municipalities served by them.** Solicitor Miller advised the Board of their options. Supervisor Heckman made a motion to have Supervisor Harter contact and work with a Supervisor from Spring Township and Marion Township to come up with a plan to address the hydrant situation; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Heckman made a motion to adopt **Ordinance 209** amending the Walker Township Zoning Ordinance and the Official Zoning map by rezoning **Centre County Tax Parcel No. 14-011-026K from Urban Residential District (UR) to General Commercial District (C)**; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

Engineering Report:

- Engineer Don Franson was absent from the meeting, but sent a report in stating he has performed the survey for the new parking lot and begun design.

Zoning Officer Report:

- The Zoning Officer reported he issued 8 Zoning Permits and 1 Driveway Permit.
- Mr. Zimmerman said he would like the Board to look at a draft **Solar Ordinance** he has been working on for future requests he receives.

6:30pm Bids were opened for the Upfit for the new Freightliner M2 106 Chassis:

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| 1. Bradco Supply Company | \$61,925.60 |
| 2. Maxwell | \$44,750.00 |

Supervisor Harter made a motion to award the Upfit for the new Freightliner 2 106 Chassis to Maxwell with a bid of \$44,750.00 pending final review of the bid; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.

Roadmaster Report:

- The **2021 Line Painting Contract** has been completed and sent to Ferguson Township.
- The **Co-Stars Salt Contract** for 2021-2022 Season has been received and ready to submit. The quantities will be the same as last year.
- The Township received correspondence from Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) regarding **Personal Delivery Devices (PDDs)** being used in the Commonwealth and may be asked for comment. Engineer Franson commented on the correspondence by email and said this service will never serve Walker Township, it is more for Urban Environments.
- Supervisor Harter attended the **East Nittany Valley Joint Municipal Authority (ENVJMA)** meeting to address their request for Walker Township to adopt an Ordinance for when a property changes ownership ENVJMA has the right to inspect the property. He provided them with a copy of a resolution done by Spring Benner Walker Joint Municipal Authority (SBWJMA) showing how they dealt with Inspections. ENVJMA agreed to try this approach. Mr. Harter told their Board if Porter Township and Lamar Township wanted to do the Ordinance Walker would have no problem doing one as well. All three Townships need to agree to do it.

New Business:

- Amber Buchanan sent in the **2021 Summer Camp Proposal**. The camp will run from June 28 - August 5, 2021. She asked if someone would contact the Nittany Country Club to discuss the contract with them. Supervisor Heckman made a motion to approve the 2021 Summer Camp Proposal for a cost of \$7,600; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
- **Spring Creek Watershed Commission (SCWC)** submitted an invoice for the 2020 Walker Township Contribution they inadvertently forgot to send us. Supervisor Heckman made a motion to pay the 2020 yearly contribution to SCWC in the amount of \$443.00; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- The Bellefonte Area Middle School Drama Club requested the use of the Park for their Spring Performance. No action was taken until the Parks and Rec Board review the request.
- Supervisor Harter made a motion to give the **Bellefonte High School \$450.00 for Senior Awards**; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Harter made a motion to appoint **Lance King to the Parks and Rec Board**; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- No action was taken on the donation request from Centre County Farmland Trust.
- Walker Township was invited to review and comment on the Benner Township Shiloh Road Extension.

Other Business:

- At the December 2020 meeting, Richard Bowman asked if he requested the Shaffer Electric property be rezoned to Commercial and approved could he then ask for a special exception for it to be zoned Light Industrial. Zoning Officer Zimmerman said they cannot get a special exception for Light Industrial. Mr. Bowman also wanted to know if he could rent the property. Mr. Zimmerman said he could not at this time give approval for Mr. Bowman to store his equipment and supplies on the site nor give approval for the site to be an assembly point for the business employees. This was supported by the decision of the Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB) . If we allowed all of the operations under the pretense of just using the office space, then by default this would be the full industrial use being located on the property and this use was not approved by the ZHB. Solicitor Miller said to rezone the Shaffer property to Light Industrial would be spot zoning taking into account the zoning of the property currently and the zoning of the nearby properties. It would be looked at as singly out one property for different treatment than the surrounding parcels as they are currently zoned.

Supervisor Heckman made a motion to approve the February 3, 2021 **General Fund Paid Bills** in the amount of \$61,790.17 and the February 2021 **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 present.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan L. Wagner

Keith E Harter

James B. Heckman

Deborah L. Zimmerman