

**WALKER TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Monthly Meeting  
July 2, 2014**

**Attendance:**

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

**Solicitor-**                **Mr Miller was absent**

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

**Guests:**                **Lee Brooks (Zion Ridgecrest Resident)  
Jeff Novosel (Walker Township Fire Company)  
Mr & Mrs Ken McMullen (Zion Ridgecrest Resident)  
Walter Jodon (Zion Ridgecrest Resident)  
David Zanzalari (Zion Ridgecrest Resident)  
Rodney Benner (Zion Ridgecrest Resident)  
David Kosman (Zion Ridgecrest Resident)**

**Call to Order:** James Heckman called the July 2, 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 June Meeting Minutes:** Ronald Burd motioned to approve the minutes from the June 4, 2014 meeting as presented; motion second by Brian Saiers and approved by all three Supervisors.

**Agenda Items:** **Ken and Joan McMullen** were in attendance to discuss the **stormwater drainage problem in Zion Ridgecrest Development**. Mrs McMullen also requested an update regarding the possible enactment of a **Recreational Tax** to support the **Kepler Pool** and other recreational needs in the area. The Supervisors stated they are seeking additional information and input from residents, but have not yet made a decision on the issue. Some options discussed were conducting a Township survey, holding a public meeting or the possibility of including the Recreational Tax issue as a referendum on the November election ballot.

**Jeff Novosel** spoke to the Supervisors regarding a request from the Fire Company for financial assistance of \$5,100.00 to purchase a new fire hydrant and 3 valves for the water line that is being relocated because of the construction for the building addition to the **Walker Township Fire Station** in Hublersburg. Mr Novosel stated the Walker

Township Water Association has agreed to supply the necessary pipe and fittings for the project and the Fire Company will supply the excavation, labor and backfill. Ronald Burd motioned to approve the request for \$5,100.00 to purchase the hydrant and valves; motion second by Brian Saiers. James Heckman abstained as he is an active member of the Fire Company. The Supervisors requested the invoice be sent to the Township for payment.

The **Conditional Use Hearing** requested by Rich Rogers and Scott Smith that was originally scheduled for tonight at 7:30pm has been postponed until Wednesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. This postponement was necessary because our Planning Commission needed additional time to have some questions and concerns addressed by Mr Rogers and Mr Smith in order to provide a recommendation to the Supervisors. The applicants have agreed to the postponement.

**Guests:** The guests from Zion Ridgecrest Development were in attendance to discuss the stormwater drainage problems in the development.

**Solicitor's Report:** Solicitor Miller was absent. **Larry Cleaver** contacted the office to request his Letter of Credit for \$23,775.00 be returned. He stated he is finished hauling lumber over Blue Ball and Hecla Roads. Roadmaster Brian Saiers inspected the roads and found no damage. Brian Saiers motioned to return the Larry Cleaver Letter of Credit; motion second by Ronald Burd and approved by all three Supervisors.

**Engineer's Report:** Engineer Don Franson submitted an updated **Surety** amount of \$69,564 for the remainder of **Deerhaven, Phase 1**. The Surety was received and the Agreement will be signed once it is reviewed by Solicitor Miller.

Engineer Franson presented plans for the **2014 Road Project**, Cedar Lane and Walizer Road Stormwater Projects.

- The **Walizer Road and Nittany Valley Drive (SR64)** project is for replacement of stormwater drains at the intersection. The cost estimate for this project is \$12,159.00;
- The second project is for stormwater drainage improvements on **Cedar Lane in Zion Ridgecrest**. Don stated that the sewer lines are on one side of the road and water lines are on the other side of the road which means the stormwater drains would need to be installed down the middle of the road. The estimated cost of this project is \$61,740.00 for Phase 1. Don stated future phases may be necessary to address and correct similar stormwater issues in this area of Zion Ridgecrest. Ridgecrest residents in attendance expressed their concerns and raised questions and suggested possible solutions regarding the project. Don will further investigate the problem to determine if installing a swale on Benner Road would help alleviate the problem. Discussion was also held regarding a stormwater drainage issue on Hemlock Drive.

James Heckman motioned to put the two projects out for bid; motion second by Brian

Saiers and approved by all three Supervisors. Bids will be opened at the August 6, 2014 meeting at 7:15pm.

**Zoning Officer's Report:** Zoning Officer Vaughn Zimmerman issued 10 Zoning Permits and three Road Occupancy Permits in May with a value of \$113,159.

Vaughn reported the proposed **Conditional Use Request** from Rich Rogers and Scott Smith for the **Hecla Skating Rink Property** was discussed at the June 18th Planning Commission Meeting. The Planning Commission expressed concerns about the submission and requested a professionally prepared site plan be provided and will ask Mr Rogers and/or Mr Smith to attend the next Planning Commission meeting to answer some questions and respond to the concerns. The Planning Commission recommended postponing the Conditional Use Public Hearing until more information is received and a more informed recommendation can be made to the Supervisors.

**Roadmaster's Report:** Roadmaster Brian Saiers received the following three quotes to replace the chain link fencing along Zion Back Road:

1. Suter Fencing (Altoona) \$8,089.00
2. Foncos & Moro, Inc (Mifflintown) \$7,080.00
3. Warriors Mark Fencing (Warriors Mark) \$7,810.00

Brian Saiers motioned to accept the Foncos & Moro, Inc bid of \$7,080.00 to replace the fencing; motion second by Ronald Burd and approved by all three Supervisors.

Brian reported the power steering pump had to be replaced on the FL80.

**New Business:**

- The Board congratulated the following seniors who received the 2014 Walker Township Academic Excellence Awards: Grant Stone, Mitchell Grasser and Lindsey Robb.
- The Board acknowledged receipt of \$3,811.67 for the 2013 Natural Gas Impact Fee Distribution. This amount will be deposited into the Act 13 Saving Account to be used for an 'as yet' unnamed project.

Brian Saiers motioned to approve the June 2014 General Fund paid bills in the amount of \$36,129.88 and the June 2014 Treasurer's Report as presented; motion second by Ronald Burd and approved by all three Supervisors.

Brian Saiers motioned to adjourn the meeting; motion second by Ronald Burd and approved by all three Supervisors. The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.