

**WALKER TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Reorganization Meeting  
January 5, 2015**

**Attendance:**

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

**Solicitor-**

**Staff-**                   **Donna Reese  
Leah Burd**

**Guests:**               **Deb Zimmerman (Walker Twp Park & Rec Board)  
Will Rigg  
Chad Fisher  
Warren Miller (SBWJA)**

**Call to Order:** Vice-Chairman Ronald Burd called the January 5, 2015 Reorganization Meeting of the Walker Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:00pm in the Walker Township Municipal Building.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Vice-Chairman Burd led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Reorganization:** **James Heckman was appointed Chairman of the Board of Supervisors** on a motion by Ronald Burd. Motion second by Brian Saiers and approved by all three Supervisors.

Chairman Heckman then presided over the meeting.

**Ronald Burd was appointed Vice-Chairman of the Board of Supervisors** on a motion by Brian Saiers. Motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.

**Brian Saiers was appointed Roadmaster** on a motion by Ronald Burd. Motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.

**James Heckman and Ronald Burd were appointed Assistant Roadmasters** on a motion by Ronald Burd. Motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.

**Guests:**

**Will Rigg and Chad Fisher** were in attendance to discuss a probable ‘Fee-in-Lieu of Land’ assessment for a project they are proposing on the former Kyle property at the SR64/445 intersection in Nittany. Mr Rigg stated this proposed project will contain 10 rental units in two buildings with a potential \$25,000 fee-in-lieu assessment, which would create a financial burden. He asked if a portion of the fee could be waived or if payments could be made over a period of time. He also stated they spoke with the Park & Rec Board and they are agreeable to make an adjustment of some kind. Mr Rigg further stated that the current owner purchased 6 sewer tap-ons for the property and they will only be requesting 4 additional EDU’s; he asked if that could have an impact on the fee-in-lieu assessed. The current structure will be demolished to make room for the two new buildings. The Supervisors responded that they needed to discuss the issue with Solicitor Miller and would not be making any decisions without legal advice. Action was tabled until the February Meeting.

**Deb Zimmerman** (Park & Rec Board) inquired about the status of the new Park restroom project which was to be ready for RFP’s at tonight’s meeting. Engineer Franson was not in attendance, so there was no information to report. Acton was tabled until the February meeting. Deb also reported an invoice from a subcontractor for design work on the project was paid from the 2014 Park & Rec Board Budget.

Warren Miller was in attendance to answer any questions the Supervisors might have regarding a letter Spring-Benner-Walker Joint Authority sent to Bellefonte Borough Authority about some proposed upgrades to the treatment plant. The original upgrade plan with a cost of \$750,000 has been expanded and upgraded to a current cost estimate of \$5.5 million. Mr Miller questioned the need to upgrade the plant above more than what the current needs are. He also questioned Bellefonte Borough Authority’s statement that blamed Rockview and Benner Prisons for the need for the upgrade thus making SBWJA partially responsible for the costs. Warren also reported that SBWJA had a good 2014 financially and that they inspected 3500 homes which resulted in decreased flows to the sewer plant.

**Reorganization (Continued):** **Donna Reese was appointed Secretary/Treasurer** on a motion by Ronald Burd. Motion second by Brian Saiers and approved by all three Supervisors.

**Leah Burd was appointed Assistant Treasurer** on a motion by Brian Saiers. Motion second by James Heckman; Ronald Burd abstained.

**Bond was set at \$300,000 for the Treasurer** on a motion by James Heckman. Motion second by Brian Saiers and approved by all three Supervisors.

**John Miller III (Miller, Kistler, Campbell, Inc) was appointed Solicitor** on a motion by James Heckman. Motion second by Ronald Burd and approved by all three Supervisors.

**Vaughn Zimmerman was appointed Zoning Officer** on a motion by Ronald Burd. Motion second by Brian Saiers and approved by all three Supervisors.

**William Workman was appointed Alternate Zoning Officer** on a motion by James Heckman. Motion second by Ronald Burd and approved by all three Supervisors.

**Leah Burd was appointed as representative to Centre County Tax Collection Committee (Alternate – Ronald Burd)** on a motion by James Heckman. Motion second by Brian Saiers; Ronald Burd abstained.

**Don Franson (Franson Engineering) was appointed Township Engineer** on a motion by James Heckman. Motion second by Ronald Burd and approved by all three Supervisors.

**Don Franson (Franson Engineering) was appointed Township Stormwater Engineer** on a motion by Ronald Burd. Motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.

**McCormick-Taylor was appointed Township Traffic Engineer** on a motion by James Heckman. Motion second by Ronald Burd and approved by all three Supervisors.

**Cindy Kunes, Pam Rogers and Patty Correll were reappointed to 5-year terms on the Park & Recreation Board** on a motion by James Heckman. Motion second by Brian Saiers and approved by all three Supervisors.

**William Workman was reappointed to a 5-year term on the Planning Commission** on a motion by James Heckman. Motion second by Brian Saiers and approved by all three Supervisors.

**Robert Reese, Sharon Elder and Kenneth Shuey were reappointed to the Zoning Hearing Board** on a motion by James Heckman. Motion second by Ronald Burd and approved by all three Supervisors.

**William Workman was appointed to the Township Vacancy Board** on a motion by James Heckman. Motion second by Brian Saiers and approved by all three Supervisors.

**Donna Reese was appointed Recording Secretary for the Planning Commission** on a motion by James Heckman. Motion second by Ronald Burd and approved by all three Supervisors.

**Leah Burd was appointed Recording Secretary for the Park & Rec Board** on a motion by James Heckman. Motion second by Brian Saiers; Ronald Burd abstained.

James Heckman motioned to **draw from one General Fund budget item to pay another General Fund budget item.** Motion second by Ronald Burd and approved by all three Supervisors.

James Heckman motioned to **itemize bills and prepare monthly list for Supervisor approvals/signatures.** Motion second by Brian Saiers and approved by all three Supervisors.

James Heckman motioned to **appoint Ronald Burd as CDL Program contact person.** Motion second by Brian Saiers and approved by all three Supervisors.

Ronald Burd motioned to **reappoint Harold Brungard as Township Emergency Management Coordinator and James Heckman as Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator.** Motion second by Brian Saiers and approved by all three Supervisors.

James Heckman motioned to **approve a mileage rate of 57.5 cents/mile or whatever the reimbursement rate is authorized by the IRS.** Motion second by Ronald Burd and approved by all three Supervisors.

James Heckman motioned that a **Township Supervisor can be an employee of the Township for 2015.** Motion second by Brian Saiers and approved by all three Supervisors.

James Heckman motioned to appoint **Ted Onufrak to the Spring-Benner-Walker Joint Authority Board for a 3-year term to replace Joseph Swanderski** who moved from the area. Motion second by Ronald Burd and approved by all three Supervisors.

**Agenda Items and Other Business:**

- Ronald Burd motioned to approve the **minutes from the December 10, 2014 meeting** as presented; motion second by Brian Saiers and approved by all three Supervisors;
- Ronald Burd motioned to accept the recommendations of the Park & Rec Board for the following:
  1. Zero ‘fee-in-lieu’ for the **Doris Stover lot addition and realignment** proposal plan;
  2. Zero ‘fee-in-lieu’ for the **S&A Homes (Barry Kerstetter property) realignment** plan.

Motion second by Brian Saiers and approved by all three Supervisors;

- Ronald Burd motioned to approve a new road name **Turkey Hill Road** (located off Hunter Ridge Road); motion second by Brian Saiers and approved by all three Supervisors.

- Ronald Burd motioned to sign the contract with **Baker Tilly (Parente Beard)** for the 2014 audit at an estimated cost of \$3,900-\$4,100; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors;

**Roadmaster's Report:** Roadmaster Brian Saiers reported the following:

- Winter maintenance is off to a slow start with approximately 125 tons of salt ordered so far.
- The Co-stars request for road salt use for next year has been received;
- Brian stated there are several manholes in the developments that are in need of adjustment. He will send a list of locations to SBWJA.

Ronald Burd motioned to give employees a 3% wage increase effective with the first pay period of 2015; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.

Ronald Burd motioned to approve the December 2014 General Fund paid bills in the amount of \$60,008.96 and the December 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 Brian Saiers and approved by all three Supervisors. The meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.