

**WALKER TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Monthly Meeting  
December 2, 2015**

**Attendance:**

<b>Supervisors-</b>	<b>James Heckman Ronald Burd Brian Saiers</b>
<b>Solicitor-</b>	<b>John Miller, III</b>
<b>Staff-</b>	<b>Leah Burd      Vaughn Zimmerman – Zoning Officer Donna Reese    Don Franson – Township Engineer</b>
<b>Guests:</b>	<b>None</b>

**Call to Order:** James Heckman called the December 2, 2015 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 November Meeting Minutes:** Ronald Burd motioned to approve the minutes from the November 4, 2015 meeting as presented; motion second by Brian Saiers and approved by all three Supervisors.

**Agenda Items:** There were no Agenda Items.

**Guests:** There were no Guests present.

**Solicitor's Report:** Solicitor Miller reported he returned the road bond/surety to **A M Logging** for the use of **Walizer Road** for their logging operations. A M Logging replied that they were not finished using the road due to delays caused by its repaving. Solicitor Miller stated the agreement was still in effect and requested A M Logging to return the road bond/surety back to him before using the road. Mr Miller has not yet received the surety back and will contact A M Logging to resolve the issue.

The **Planning Commission** would like to establish a policy regarding **meeting attendance** (i.e., cannot miss more than three consecutive meetings without good cause). Solicitor Miller stated the Planning Commission could create their own internal rules; however, the Municipalities Planning Code states a member of the Planning Commission who is not doing his job can only be removed from the commission by action of the Board of Supervisors. The Planning Commission could recommend removal to the Supervisors, who would notify the member by letter, giving him 15 days to request a hearing before removing the member from the commission for nonfeasance.

**Engineers Report:** Engineer Don Franson presented **SSR Contracting Application & Certificate for Payment #2** in the amount of \$73,693.79 for the restroom project. Don reviewed the project and approved payment. Electric and plumbing contractors have not completed their work to date. Don met with the SSR Contractor to discuss the addition of snow guards to the roof which were not included in the original plans. Don recommended a change order to add snow guards to both sides of the restroom roof at a cost of \$739.00. The original plan provided for three Koala care baby changing tables. Don recommended that only one be placed in the family restroom which is a savings of \$2,400.00 for the other two stations. Brian Saiers motioned to approve Change Order #2 to add snow guards to the restroom project; motion second by Ronald Burd and approved by all three Supervisors. James Heckman then motioned to approve payment #2 to SSR Contracting in the amount of \$73,693.79; motion second by Ronald Burd and approved by all three Supervisors.

Don then presented **Maxwell Trucking & Excavating, Inc Application & Certificate for Payment** in the amount of \$49,822.81 for the Cedar Lane Stormwater Project. The Township will hold \$1,016.79 of the contract for completion of landscaping in the spring. Don inspected the project and recommended payment. Brian Saiers motioned to approve for payment the request from Maxwell in the amount of \$49,822.81 for the Cedar Lane Project; motion second by Ronald Burd and approved by all three Supervisors.

**Zoning Officer's Report:** Zoning Officer Vaughn Zimmerman reported he issued three zoning permits in November.

**Roadmaster's Report:** Roadmaster Brian Saiers reported leaf collection is complete with a total of 62 loads collected and distributed to local farmers. The Township crew continues with routine winter maintenance.

**New Business:**

- Ronald Burd motioned to adopt **Resolution 15-415 to adopt the 2016 Budget** with no tax increases; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors;
- **SSR Contracting** submitted a proposal for construction of a 20'x30' pavilion near the new restroom. This will be referred to the Park & Rec Board for comment;
- Ronald Burd motioned to accept the resignation of **Debra Hoy** from the **Nittany Valley Joint Recreation Authority Board** effective at the end of her current term in March 2016 or upon appointment of a replacement, whichever comes first; motion second by Brian Saiers and approved by all three Supervisors;
- Brian Saiers motioned to accept the resignation of **Ronald Denker** from the **Planning Commission** effective immediately; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors. Letters of interest for the board vacancy were received from three Township residents and will be given to the Planning Commission for their review and recommendation;

- **The Centre Daily Times** requested a copy of our **2016 Budget** and any comments the Supervisors may have regarding taxes, etc. Donna will respond to the request with budget figures, no tax increases and the Supervisors had no comments on new or changing services;
- The Walker Township Zoning Hearing Board presented their Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Decision on the Daniel King application for a Special Exception to operate a Lumber and Salvage Business (a Nonconforming Use) at the **Abramson Salvage Yard** at 1349 Nittany Valley Drive. The request to convert the use of the property from an automobile salvage yard to a lumber salvage yard was granted with the condition that the applicant must maintain the existing screening fence along the front of the property and shall limit the use of the land in front of the fence to customer parking only;
- No action was taken on a membership proposal from **C-Net** to televise township meetings at a cost of \$7,900 per year. C-Net is not available through our local cable suppliers;
- No action was taken on a request from the **Centre County Farmland Trust** for a ‘2016 membership gift’;
- A thank you was received from the Centre County Library for our 2015 donation;
- Don Franson provided information from **West Penn Power** regarding their program to swap out between 12 and 24 streetlights with new LED’s at no cost.

Brian Saiers motioned to approve the November 2015 General Fund paid bills in the amount of \$174,663.32 and the November 2015 Treasurer’s Report as presented; motion second by Ronald Burd and approved by all three Supervisors.

The Supervisors discussed investing some **Township funds** in alternate banks. Donna will contact local banking institutions for rates and investment options.

Chairman Heckman and Supervisor Burd extended thanks to **Brian Saiers** for his six years of service as a Supervisor.

James Heckman motioned to give **Christmas gift certificates** to the Township employees as in past years; motion second by Ronald Burd and approved by all three Supervisors. The employee Christmas lunch will be Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at noon at the Hublersburg Inn.

Brian Saiers motioned to adjourn the meeting; motion second by Ronald Burd and approved by all three Supervisors. The meeting adjourned at 7:43pm.

