

**WALKER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Monthly Meeting
February 3, 2016**

Attendance:

Supervisors-	Ronald Burd James Heckman Keith Harter
Solicitor-	John Miller III
Staff-	Donna Reese Vaughn Zimmerman – Zoning Officer Leah Burd Don Franson – Township Engineer
Guests:	None

Call to Order: Chairman Ronald Burd called the February 3, 2016 meeting of the Walker Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:00pm in the Walker Township Municipal Building.

Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Burd led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of January Meeting Minutes: Keith Harter motioned to approve the minutes from the January 4, 2016 meeting as presented; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.

Agenda Items: There were no Agenda Items.

Guests: There were no guests present

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Miller had nothing to report.

James Heckman reported that persons were using the **Township dumpster** on a regular basis to dispose of household waste. He inquired what course of action should be taken to curtail this practice. Vaughn Zimmerman stated the Solid Waste Authority employs an Enforcement Officer and recommended reporting the incidents to him for action.

Engineers Report: Engineer Don Franson reported on the status of the **restroom construction project**. He stated some additional electrical connection work is needed to be completed by PBCI Allen and that First Energy would be submitting an invoice for the cost of the electrical hookup. Once the connection fee is paid the electrical connection will be completed in about three weeks. SSR Contracting will return in the spring to finish the landscaping work.

James Heckman stated the Township received a complaint about the condition of two **catch basins at the entrance to Blue Spruce Drive** in Zion Ridgecrest. Don will investigate the complaint. Don will also investigate an issue Ken McMullen addressed at the January Supervisors meeting regarding an ongoing stormwater drainage problem at his Hemlock Drive property.

Zoning Officer's Report: Zoning Officer Vaughn Zimmerman reported he issued three Zoning Permits in January including one for a new residence.

Vaughn reported the Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission is requesting townships to review their current **Land Use Maps** to update the County Comprehensive Plan. He provided copies of the maps and requested comments from the Supervisors before taking them to the Planning Commission for updating.

Keith Harter inquired if the Township requires a **Zoning Permit** for upgrading electrical and plumbing work. Vaughn stated those upgrades would be addressed under the Building Codes. He will further review our ordinance.

Keith also inquired if Vaughn would investigate several **abandoned properties** in the township.

Roadmaster's Report: Roadmaster James Heckman gave the following report:

- There is about 120 tons of **road salt** on hand and the bin could hold about another 50 ton which should be sufficient for this winter;
- The crew completed refinishing all the **picnic tables**;
- The **Township roller** needs replaced. Jim solicited the following three quotes for a replacement using the Costars program:
 - Groff \$37,933.00
 - Best Line \$38,253.91
 - SEI (Bomag) \$39,894.00

- All three quotes meet the township's requirements for the equipment. James Heckman motioned to accept the low bid from Groff Tractor & Equipment for a 2016 roller at a cost of \$37,933.00 and to use funds from the General Fund for the purchase; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors;
- The **Salt Contract** for 2016-2017 will remain at 500 ton through the Costars program;
 - Jim will provide the '**pavement marking**' numbers for 2016 prior to the Friday due date.

New Business:

- James Heckman motioned to Adopt **Resolution 16-417** SEO Agreement with Stanley Wallace; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors;
- Ronald Burd motioned to donate \$450.00 for the **2016 Bellefonte High School Senior Award Program**; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors;
- James Heckman motioned to approve the following appointments to the **CCMPO** as recommended by the Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission;
 - Coordinating Committee Rep – Dave Wise, Benner Township
 - Coordinating Committee Alternate – Paul DeCusati, Bellefonte Borough
 - Technical Rep – Bill MacMath – Spring TownshipMotion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors;
- Ronald Burd motioned to approve a request from the **Walker Township Fire Company** to purchase 10 Minitor 2/6 pagers at a cost of \$3,500; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors;
- Representative **Kerry Benninghoff** has scheduled a “Town Hall Meeting” to be held here on Monday, March 28th;
- No action was taken on a letter received from **SBWJA** regarding issues with the sewer treatment plant upgrade proposed by Bellefonte Borough Authority;
- No action was taken regarding a notice received from the County Commissioners about the **2016 Community Development Block Grant Program**;
- A list of 2016 **Walker Township Fire Police** was received;
- James Heckman motioned to hire Terri Harter as Township Assistant **Secretary/Treasurer** at a rate of \$18.00 per hour; motion second by Ronald Burd, Keith Harter abstained;
- Discussed a recommendation from the **Park & Rec Board to construct a pavilion** near the new restrooms. Don Franson will consult with a structural engineer and report back to the Park & Rec Board;
- A letter was received last summer from Centre County Soil Conservation District regarding improvements to **Blue Ball Road**. They would like the Township to install additional culverts to divert stormwater that is currently flowing in Little Fishing Creek. Roadmaster Heckman will pursue these improvements through the Dirt and Gravel Program.

James Heckman motioned to approve the January 2016 General Fund paid bills in the amount of \$41,233.01 and the January 2016 Treasurer’s Report as presented; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

Keith Harter inquired about the **park rules signs** proposed by the Park & Rec Board and suggested adding a statement regarding violations of the rules. Solicitor Miller asked that Park & Rec provide a final list of the rules for his review prior to ordering the signs and also submit a list of questions regarding holding a Fall Festival.

James Heckman motioned to adjourn the meeting; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors. The meeting adjourned at 7:43pm.