

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

**Attendance:**

<b>Supervisors-</b>	<b>James Heckman Ronald Burd Brian Saiers</b>
<b>Solicitor-</b>	<b>John Miller III</b>
<b>Staff-</b>	<b>Donna Reese      Don Franson – Township Engineer Leah Burd        Vaughn Zimmerman – Zoning Officer</b>
<b>Guests:</b>	<b>Cindy Kunes (Park &amp; Rec Board Member) David Knoffsinger (Township Resident) Christopher Shirey (CPI Masonry Instructor)</b>

**Call to Order:** James Heckman called the April 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 March Meeting Minutes:** Ronald Burd motioned to approve the minutes from the March 5, 2014 Meeting as presented; motion second by Brian Saiers and approved by all three Supervisors.

**Agenda Items:** Cindy Kunes presented two sketches for the ‘**Wall of Appreciation**’ the Park & Rec Board would like to install near the Township Building. Chris Shirey, Masonry Instructor at CPI, developed the sketches and explained the services that could be provided by the masonry, heavy equipment operation and landscaping CPI students. Estimated cost for materials is between \$2,000 and \$3,500 and would be paid from the Park & Rec Board budget. Cindy stated guidelines need to be developed for future recognition plaques for the wall. James Heckman motioned to approve the project and move forward using Option A; motion second by Ronald Burd and approved by all three Supervisors. Cindy suggested this could be a good opportunity for press coverage for both CPI and Walker Township. Brian Saiers will be the Township contact for the project.

**Guests:** There were no additional comments from the guests present.

**Solicitor’s Report:** Solicitor Miller presented a **Memorandum of Understanding** for Bob Cain. Mr Cain recently purchased Lot 112 in the Deerhaven Subdivision and is preparing a plan to reclassify Lot 112 from ‘church, place of worship’ to ‘residential’. A second plan will show the subdivision of Lot 112 into two residential lots. James

Heckman motioned to sign the Bob Cain Memorandum of Understanding; motion second by Brian Saiers and approved by all three Supervisors.

Solicitor Miller reported he sent **Turnaround Easement Agreements** to four property owners on **Lincoln Lane** and received favorable responses from three of them. These agreements will allow the Township to continue to use these easement areas as truck turnarounds. Ronald Burd motioned to sign the Turnaround Easement Agreement with Lincoln Lane residents Gary and Nancy Andrews; motion second by Brian Saiers and approved by all three Supervisors.

**Engineer's Report:** Engineer Don Franson updated the Board on plans for the proposed **restroom at the soccer fields**. Don stated the restroom design meets all ADA requirements and he hopes to have the plans ready for the May meeting.

Don also reported he is still working on the **culvert/drain/pipe project specs for our '2014 road project'**. He will have the proposal ready to go out for bid at our May meeting.

Don has not received any additional information for the proposed **Dollar General** site. He stated there are several issues to be resolved from the traffic study.

Don reviewed a recent **Hoy Road Bridge Inspection Report**. He noted several needed repairs were listed including two priority code issues involving repairs to the beams. Don stated the County's Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) was adopted several months ago and both Walker Twp bridges were in the mid-range of the approximately 80 projects listed. He does not feel any corrective action is needed at this time.

**Zoning Officer's Report:** Zoning Officer Vaughn Zimmerman issued five Zoning Permits and three Highway Occupancy Permits in March with a total construction value of \$461,173.00. Vaughn also stated he participated in a Webinar addressing **mini cell towers** which are being placed in state and municipal road right-of-ways. The towers are 25-40 foot poles with an antenna mounted at the top. He stated the PUC is permitting these towers and most borough and township ordinances don't address their placement. Currently the towers are mostly in urban areas but are expected to spread to more rural areas. Vaughn will continue to monitor the issue and keep the Board updated.

Supervisor Burd inquired about a letter received from the Attorney representing **Rightnour Machining**. Vaughn stated the letter basically informs the Township that even though they are opening a second location, the Hecla Road location will continue to operate as a non-conforming use.

Supervisor Heckman inquired as to the status of the **Kyle property** at the corner of Routes 64 and 445 in Nittany. The property is currently listed for sale. Vaughn said he spoke with the owner who is undecided what he is going to do with it. Vaughn will continue to follow up on the property.

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

- The replacement **Bobcat Excavator** was delivered at an increased cost of \$910.92 for additional equipment. James Heckman motioned to approve payment of the increased cost; motion second by Ronald Burd and approved by all three Supervisors.
- All of our winter salt allocation has been delivered.
- The 1985 Case Loader is at Groff Equipment with a cracked block. Repairs are estimated to cost approximately \$13,000. Repairs of \$7,000 to \$8,000 were made on the machine in the last year. The current value is between \$6,000 and \$10,000. Brian received quotes for both a new and used loader as follows:

Doosan	New - \$109,015.75	Used - \$ 89,000.00
Case	New - \$118,536.60	Used - \$ 65,500.00
Volvo	New - \$126,522.72	Used - \$127,000.00
		Used - \$116,000.00

All new prices are State Contract prices. All the used machines have in excess of 1,000 hours-use under unknown conditions. James Heckman motioned to purchase a new **Doosan Loader** through Bestline Equipment at the State Contract price; motion second by Brian Saiers and approved by all three Supervisors. James Heckman then motioned to use \$57,000.00 of **Liquid Fuels Funds** towards the purchase price with the balance from the General Fund; motion second by Brian Saiers and approved by all three Supervisors. The Board will advertise the old loader. Due to this unexpected expense the Board agreed to postpone construction of the restroom until 2015. Don Franson stated it would be several months before construction could begin and he would have it ready to go to bid January 1, 2015.

- Spring road sweeping and clean-up has begun.
- One of the new special needs swings is installed.
- Weather permitting the restrooms will be opened for the Easter Egg Hunt, if not a portable toilet will be in place.

**New Business:**

- **Walker Township Fire Company** requested financial assistance to purchase ten new pagers needed due to County 911 system update. Ronald Burd motioned to allocate up to \$4,000.00 from the Township's Act 13 Funds to purchase new radios; motion second by Brian Saiers. James Heckman abstained because he is an active fireman. Motion carried.

- Information was received from the County regarding West Nile Virus periodic trapping in the Township.
- A letter was received from Amber Buchanan regarding her search for a responsible administrator for **2014 Summer Camp**. The Board agreed to support Amber in her search for competent staff and to proceed with the program for this year.
- Notice was received from the Centre County Planning Office requesting information on Economic Development needs for the County Comprehensive Plan update.
- A Household Hazardous Waste Collection event is scheduled for May 2 and 3.
- Information was received from DCED on a Solar Energy Program.
- A letter was received from John Claar Excavating regarding any repair/maintenance projects in the Township.
- A Bill was received from McCormick Taylor for \$1,680.00 for a Traffic Engineering Review for Dollar General. Donna will bill the engineering firm for Dollar General.

Ronald Burd motioned to approve the March 2014 General Fund paid bills in the amount of \$41,559.36 and the March 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 James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors. The meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.