

WALKER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Monthly Meeting
May 4, 2016

Supervisors – **Ronald Burd**
James Heckman
Keith Harter

Solicitor – **John Miller III**

Staff **Donna Reese** **Vaughn Zimmerman - Zoning Officer**
Terry Harter **Don Franson - Township Engineer**

Guests - **Ken McMullen (Hemlock Drive resident)**

Call to Order: Chairman Ronald Burd called the May 4, 2016 meeting of the Walker Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:00 pm in the Walker Township Municipal Building.

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

Approval of March Meeting Minutes: Keith Harter motioned to approve the minutes from the April 6, 2016 meeting as presented; motion second by Jim Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.

Agenda Items: There were no agenda items.

Guests: **Ken McMullen** was present and asked if any progress has been made regarding the ongoing storm water issues on Hemlock Drive. Engineer Don Franson replied that he plans to do his study/survey within the next week.

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Miller reported that he was in contact with David Stoltzfus to extend his road maintenance agreement that expired on November 5, 2015. Solicitor Miller prepared an **Addendum to the David Stoltzfus Road Maintenance Agreement** to use Sand Ridge Road (T-476) from Brooks Lane to Snyderstown Road intersection (0.50 miles) and to use Snyderstown Road (T-676) to Nittany Valley Drive (1.53 miles). This addendum will expire October 14, 2016. Surety was provided in the amount of \$25,375. Motion by Jim Heckman to approve this addendum; seconded by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

Solicitor Miller prepared a **Road Maintenance Agreement with Superior Lumber** to use 0.25 mile of Hoy Road (T-467) from the Ron Denker property to Pike Road (SR445) with a bond amount \$8,250. Superior Lumber is not permitted to use the bridge on Hoy Road even if trucks are not loaded. Surety was provided by a bank check. Jim Heckman motioned to approve this agreement; seconded by Keith Harter, and approved by all three Supervisors.

Walker Lumber made a request to use a portion of Sand Ridge Road (T-476) from a property on Sycamore Lane to the Marion Township line for a distance of 0.25 miles. Motion by Jim Heckman to conditionally approve this agreement provided Walker Lumber submits the proper surety and signs the agreement as prepared by Solicitor Miller; seconded by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors. It was also stated Walker Lumber needs to contract Marion Township to bond their portion of Sand Ridge Road.

Solicitor Miller provided copies of **Road Bonding** regulations for hauling lumber from the PA Code. The Board discussed local deliveries and small logging operations that only use the roads for a day or two without providing surety. No action was taken.

There was a discussion regarding a property along Hoy Road where a logging landing is cleared and trees are marked, but no activity is observed. Donna Reese made contact with the property owners by phone a few months ago and reminded the owners that before any logging operation can commence, the road would need to be bonded. Nothing further has been heard from the property owner.

Motion was made by Jim Heckman to approve the Park & Recreation Board's **Park Rules** as reviewed by Solicitor Miller; seconded by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors. Someone will check with the Park & Rec Board to see who will order the signs.

Notice was received from **Tele-Media** regarding selling their assets and assigning the cable franchise to **Zito Central PA LLC**. Solicitor Miller will review and prepare the cable franchise transfer Resolution.

Road Project Bids were opened at 7:30 PM. The bids were as follows:

- Midland Asphalt -- \$39,116.87 (2.95/unit)
- Hammaker East -- \$43,566.18 (3.29/unit)

Motion by Jim Heckman; seconded by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors to conditionally accept **Midland Asphalt's bid** pending receipt of a completed Employment Verification Form within 5 days.

Engineer's Report: Don Franson reported he will be out in the next week to survey the **Hemlock Drive** property at Ken McMullen's. He also will look at the drainage issues on **Rodgers Road**.

Several small items need addressed at the **new Park Restroom** - handicap door needs adjustment and a trim ring needs installed. Jim suggested opening the new restroom next Thursday after cleaning and sanitizing is done. There is puddle of water near the new restrooms where topsoil and grading may need to be done. Caution tape is up around a soft/mud area.

Don will contact John Claar regarding the repairs for the **inlet boxes at Blue Spruce Drive**. The grates that are to be replaced need to be bicycle safety grates.

PA Broadband Network sent a plan to Don showing a 120' high mini pole (utility tower) they would like to install near the Y in Zion within the PennDOT right-of-way. Don will scan and send this plan out to Centre County Planning, Nick Ninosky, Permit Manager at PennDOT, Donna and to Vaughn. It will need reviewed to see if there are any land ordinances or zoning issues.

Supervisor Heckman asked Don to stake out where the new pavilion is to be built.

Zoning Officer's Report: Zoning Officer Vaughn Zimmerman reported he issued 15 Zoning Permits in April with a construction cost of \$803,400 and permit fees of \$1,724.

Zoning Hearing Board will meet on Thursday, June 2nd, 2016 to hear a request from **Daniel King** to build and operate a sawmill on the old Ingram Farm at 2051 Nittany Valley Drive.

There was discussion regarding **waiving the permit fees for Spring-Benner-Walker Joint Authority** for their pump station upgrades. Motion by Keith Harter; seconded by Jim Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors to waive the permit fee and road encroachment fee for SBWJA.

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

- A representative from Midland Asphalt talked with Jim and recommended sealing all cracks on the roads that are included in the Road Project. The tar/crack sealer is at a good price of \$12.85 per gallon applied if 401 gallons are purchased; price decreases per gallon if 601 gallons are purchased to approximately \$11.99 per gallon. Motion by Keith Harter to purchased 401 gallons of tar/crack sealer from Midland Asphalt; seconded by Jim Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Jim also suggested we contact Matt Kenepp (PennDOT rep) about possibly having additional roads treated with Fibermat A.
- He met with Mike Philippe from Centre County Soil Conservation about repairs on Blue Ball Road through the **Dirt and Gravel Program**. This proposed work will be delayed until next year to allow time to design a diagram showing where the culverts should be located.
- Reported the 2007 GMC truck repairs are done but the truck is not back yet. We may hear something tomorrow about picking it up.
- Jim noticed the roof on the front of the building is rusty. He was given permission to contact Keystone Commercial Roofing & Construction (Stephen Fisher) to inspect the roof and see what repairs may be needed.
- Keith suggested the Supervisors inspect the roads and berms in the Township to note which roads need crack sealer and/or repairs.

New Business:

- Notice was received from PennDOT that they will conduct a **traffic count** from April through July on **Zion Ridge Avenue and Hublersburg Road**.
- Notice from PennDOT about a '**Scoping Field Review**' at the Y in Zion to be held on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 10 AM. All the Supervisors and Engineer Franson will attend.
- Notice received from CCMPO regarding the **Public Comment Period for the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program**.
- Motion by Jim Heckman; seconded by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors to proclaim **May 15-21 as Emergency Medical Services Week** as requested by Seven Mountains EMS Council.
- No action taken on a request from Jan Smith regarding a donation to the **Bellefonte Children's Fair**.
- Motion by Jim Heckman; seconded by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors to approve a proposal from **Scott Kimble (Broadband Networks Inc.)** to create a new Township website. Initial cost is \$4500 for design/support and a cost of \$1000 per year thereafter for support.

Keith Harter made a motion to approve the **April 2016 General Fund Paid Bills in the amount of \$43,964.70 and the April Treasurer's Report**; seconded by Jim Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.

Jim Heckman stated there are currently six **fire truck signs** along SR64 in disrepair and we have permits for eight. Jim made a motion to order eight new signs to replace the old ones and paid for by the Township; seconded by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

SBWJA asked to be notified prior to road work being done so they can adjust or cover their manholes. Donna will notify them of the upcoming road project.

Donna suggested while Jim was ordering signs, to check into signs that can notify property owners of road work to be done. (Ex: Road to be Oiled Next Week, Road Construction/Improvement)

Keith Harter suggested the **blinking speed limit light** the Township owns be installed on roads when complaints are received about speeding. This sign will warn and alert drivers of their speed and also record the speeds of the vehicles.

James Heckman motioned to adjourn the meeting; motion second by Ron Burd and approved by all three Supervisors. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.