

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

Attendance:

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

Solicitor- **John Miller, III**

Staff- **Leah Burd Vaughn Zimmerman – Zoning Officer
Donna Reese Don Franson – Township Engineer**

Guests: **Justin Dashem (Nittany Engineering)
Warren Miller (Spring-Benner-Walker Joint Authority)**

Call to Order: James Heckman called the September 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 August Meeting Minutes: Ronald Burd motioned to approve the minutes from the August 5, 2015 meeting as presented; motion second by Brian Saiers and approved by all three Supervisors.

Agenda Items: Justin Dashem presented the **Final Land Development Plan** for the **Walker Township Fire Company** for approval. Ronald Burd motioned to sign the Walker Township Fire Company Final LDP; motion second by Brian Saiers and approved by all three Supervisors.

Warren Miller updated the Supervisors regarding SBWJA's plans to upgrade **Pump Station #7** located along Forest Avenue at the entrance to Forest Heights. Warren stated the upgrade includes an enlarged 'wet well', an addition to the current building and the installation of two new pumps. These improvements are needed to improve efficiency of operation, to handle projected future growth and development and to provide a savings in operating costs. Warren stated the current property housing the pump station was deeded to SBWJA and that the new construction would require additional land. He stated the Authority would like to acquire the needed land as an easement rather than going through subdivision. The adjacent land is owned by the Forest Heights Homeowners Association. Warren further stated that in 2009 the Flood Plan was updated and this property now falls within the 100 year flood plain which will require additional permitting. Zoning Officer

Vaughn Zimmerman stated it may also require a variance. Vaughn and Don Franson both reviewed the plan and requested additional information and requested a more detailed map be submitted.

Mr Miller then commented on a letter **SBWJA sent to Bellefonte Borough Authority (BBA)** regarding the proposed BIOMAG upgrades to the wastewater treatment plant. Warren stated SBWJA and BBA met and as a result of that meeting SBWJA outlined several concerns they had regarding the scope and cost of the project. Warren will keep the Township informed as discussions move forward.

Guests: There were no comments from the guests present.

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

Engineers Report: Engineer Don Franson reported **PBCI Allen** provided **Agreements** for the **Walker Township Park New Restroom Facilities Electrical and Plumbing Construction** along with certificates of insurance. Ronald Burd motioned to sign the agreement with PBCI Allen for the Electrical Contract for the restrooms; motion second by Brian Saiers and approved by all three Supervisors. Ronald Burd then motioned to sign the agreement with PBCI Allen for the Plumbing Contract for the restrooms; motion second by Brian Saiers and approved by all three Supervisors. The Township will not release the agreements until the revised bonds have been received.

Don stated a series of tests and inspections will be required to meet L&I requirements for the restroom construction. He presented a proposal and fee schedule from **CMT Labs** for performing testing services and requested Supervisor approval. James Heckman motioned to enter into the contract with CMT Labs for inspection services; motion second by Brian Saiers and approved by all three Supervisors. The Township will be responsible for the costs of this service. Don also stated the Uniform Construction Code Building Permit from L&I was received. He would like to schedule a pre-construction meeting with the contractor next week and asked for Supervisor participation. Don will arrange a date and time. He also stated we will need to purchase a water meter from the Walker Township Water Association. The Supervisors then agreed on the color of brick for the restroom from the samples provided.

Don reported he conducted a post construction walkthrough of the **Zion Dollar General Store** and stated the construction was in conformance with the approved plans.

The Supervisors approved a Resolution at their August meeting accepting the Deed of Dedication for **Marie Lane** in Glen Acres. However, no maintenance bond was requested due to an oversight. Don will contact the developer to request the required bond.

Maintenance Bonds have not yet been received from the contractor for the **Cedar Lane Phase 2 Stormwater Project**. Don will contact Maxwell's requesting the bonds by next Wednesday.

Zoning Officer's Report: Zoning Officer Vaughn Zimmerman reported he issued nine zoning permits in August - including five for new homes.

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

- The tamper used by the road crew is worn out and needs replaced. Ronald Burd motioned to purchase a new **Vibroplate Compactor** at a cost of \$1,500-\$1,600; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors;
- Grit was added to the **walking trail** and the trail was rolled. Additional compacting will be done when the trail is wet;
- Several branches from diseased **ash trees** on an adjacent property have fallen into the park near the walking trail and t-ball field. Solicitor Miller was of the opinion that we can only legally trim what is overhanging on Township property. Supervisor Heckman will meet with the property owner to discuss a solution.

New Business:

- Notification was received from the County Commissioners regarding the **2016 Liquid Fuels** program deadline of October 30th;
- Additional names (June Lane and Guinea Lane) were submitted for the private right-of-way off Pike Road. James Heckman motioned to name the right-of-way **June Lane**; motion second by Ronald Burd and approved by all three Supervisors;
- Brian Saiers motioned to set October 29th from 6-8pm as **Township Trick or Treat** night; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors;
- There were no additional comments for Sam Grenninger regarding the new **Dental Insurance policy**. Brian Saiers motioned to approve the Gurdian Dental Policy for Township employees; motion second by Ronald Burd and approved by all three Supervisors;
- A letter was received from Amber Buchanan regarding **2015 Summer Camp**. Once again the camp was a huge success with 68 campers registered;
- An Email was received from Rod Fye regarding dumping of **trash on Blue Ball Road**;
- A complaint was received from a Township resident regarding hours of operation at the **Iron Pro facility**. Vaughn Zimmerman will review the conditions agreed to at the Conditional Use Hearing and will follow up on the complaint.

Ronald Burd motioned to approve the August 2015 General Fund paid bills in the amount of \$31,927.11 and the August 2015 Treasurer's Report as presented; motion second by Brian Saiers and approved by all three Supervisors.

James Heckman motioned to adjourn the meeting; motion second by Brian Saiers and approved by all three Supervisors. The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.