

WALKER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Monthly Meeting
November 4, 2020

Supervisors – **Keith Harter**
Deborah Zimmerman
James Heckman

Solicitor – **John Miller III**

Staff – **Sue Wagner - Secretary/Treasurer**
Donna Reese - Asst. Secretary/Treasurer
Vaughn Zimmerman - Zoning Officer
Don Franson - Township Engineer

Guests – **Joni Spearly (KBB Realtors)** **Tim Meyers - ENVJMA & Twp. Resident**
Zach Berger - Twp. Resident **Scott Kimble - Broadband Network, Inc.**

Call to Order: Chairman Keith Harter called the November 4, 2020 monthly meeting of the Walker Township Board of Supervisors to order at 6:00 pm in the Walker Township Municipal Building.

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

Engineer Report:

- Engineer Franson reported on the new parking lot estimate he was asked to provide. This proposed parking lot will be on the 30-acre park land parcel located across Zion Back Road. Don referred to the Pennoni Associates plan done in 2008 for the park. The ultimate parking lot would be 164 spaces, however it was suggested that only a portion of the parking lot be done at the time. His cost estimate of \$94,000 is for 46 spaces and would require approximately 1/2 acre of land. The Supervisors authorized Solicitor Miller to send a formal letter to Cornerstone Farm (the land tenant) amending the Agreement to reduce the land by 1-acre.

Approval of October 7, 2020 Meeting Minutes: Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to approve the Minutes from the October 7, 2020 meeting; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.

Agenda:

- Joni Spearly (KBB Realtors) was present for any questions on the Zoning Hearing Board application submitted by Richard Bowman for a Special Exception at the former Shaffer Electric property. Zoning Officer Zimmerman stated he wanted to make the Supervisors aware of this request. The Board had no comments.
- Scott Kimble, Broadband Network, Inc., provided quotes to upgrade the Township's computer, backup and network systems, and switch the current phone system to a wireless phone system.
 1. Computer and Network Upgrade - \$6,817.04
 2. Backup System - \$2,066.78
 3. Wireless Phone System - \$157.71

The quotes do not include new software and the Board would like Mr. Kimble to get provide a quote for that as well. Any upgrades will not be done until 2021 and the prices will not change.

Guests:

- Tim Meyers had three items to address with the Board.
 1. Mr. Meyers wanted to thank the Supervisors for being proactive in changing the Trick/Treat night when heavy rains were forecast for the originally scheduled night.
 2. Representing East Nittany Valley Joint Municipal Authority (ENVJMA), he said the Board voted to refinance their existing loan for better interest rates. When the papers are all finalized he will need the Supervisors and Solicitor Miller to sign the them.
 3. The ENVJMA Board would like the Township to pass an Ordinance when a property changes ownership ENVJMA has the right to inspect the property. Supervisor Harter asked if Spring Benner Walker Joint Authority (SBWJA) has been contacted to see if they have an Ordinance for this. Mr. Meyers said SBWJA has it in their rules and regulations, but if a property owner refuses to allow them to do an inspection they do not pursue it any further. Supervisor Harter asked if all ENVJMA Townships were being asked to adopt the Ordinance. Mr. Meyers said Lamar Township has opted not to adopt one. Solicitor Miller requested ENVJMA to provide a draft Ordinance or a written request stating what they would want an Ordinance to say. Mr. Meyers will take the request back to ENVJMA Board.

Solicitor:

- Zito Media sent a letter notifying the Board the Cable Television Franchise for Walker Township expires on October 11, 2023. The letter to the Township is suggesting the renewal process be done as a formal or informal basis. The informal basis would mean Zito gives the Board a proposed Franchise Agreement to review and gives public notice the Board intends to adopt the Franchise, which is similar to what has been done in the past. A formal process requires different types of notices, production of documents, public hearings and more. The Supervisors are going to prepare a list of questions/concerns for Solicitor Miller to send to Zito.

Zoning Officer Report:

- The Zoning Officer reported he issued six Zoning Permits and one Driveway Permit.
- Mr. Zimmerman presented a **Lot Addition/Replot Proposal for David & Michele Faussette & David Faussette - CCPCDO File No. 132-20**. Supervisor Heckman made a motion for Mr. Zimmerman to issue a Meets or Exceeds letter; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
- A lot consolidation plan was presented for **Ingram Oil, Inc. and Ingram Oil, Inc. & Ingram Family, LP - CCPCDO File No. 128-20**. Their intent is to replot the existing properties; 5 into 2. The Board tabled the plan until Planning Commission reviews it. It was noted the Ag Disclaimer needs to be added to the Plan.

Roadmaster Report:

- Supervisor Harter made a motion to continue the Winter Maintenance Agreement with Marion Township; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- The trees located at 438 Dunkle Road were moved.
- The restrooms in the Park have been closed for the year.
- Mondays, 8:00am to 2:00pm continues to be brush drop off day. Mrs. Zimmerman will check with Bellefonte Boro to see if Township residents are allowed to bring their brush there on other days.

New Business:

- There was no action to make January 2 - 30, 2021 School Choice Week in Walker Township
- There was no action to become a C-NET member
- There was no action on a donation request from Centre County Farmland Trust.
- Supervisor Heckman requested a letter be sent to Centre County Elections Board asking them to review the lines that determine where someone votes. The lines at the Walker Township building were very long.

Supervisor Heckman made a motion to approve the October 7, 2020 **General Fund Paid Bills** in the amount of \$45,563.83 and the October 2020 **Treasure's Report**; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

Supervisor Heckman motioned to adjourn the meeting; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all present.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan L. Wagner
Secretary