

**WALKER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**December 11, 2023**

**Supervisors** – **James Heckman, Chairman**  
**Deborah Zimmerman, Vice Chairman**  
**Keith Harter**

**Township Engineer** - **Not Present**

**Zoning Officer** - **Not Present**

**Secretary** - **Sue Wagner**

**Guests:** **Tom Little** **John Glick** **Roy Vonada**  
**Leah Burd** **Zane Sherman**

Supervisor Heckman called the December 11, 2023 meeting to order at 3:00pm in the Walker Township Municipal Building.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Chairman Heckman led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of November 1, 2023 Minutes:** Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to approve the November minutes as presented; motion second by Supervisor Harter. Motion approved by all.

**GUESTS:** No Guests wanted to address the Board.

**ENGINEER REPORT (via email):**

- WTWA waterline project: I received a call from the inspector on December 5 and visited site. Contractor was making the crossing of Jacob Road. Inspector noted that work is being performed satisfactorily.
- Walker Park Playground Equipment: I met on site with Leah Burd (Park and Rec member) and representative from Miracle Playground Equipment. After discussing options, I believe the best option to remove existing equipment and replace with new equipment.
- Hemlock Street stormwater project: Topographic survey has been completed.
- Rodgers Road Bridge Liquid Fuels Grant: Request for substitution of LFG to Hemlock Street Stormwater project has been submitted to County Commissioners. It is on the Tuesday December 12 agenda. The published agenda recommended motion is to approve.
- Deerhaven 3B: Stone and base course paving placed.

**Solicitor Report:**

- Supervisor Heckman made a motion to adopt Resolution 23-482 appointing a Certified Public Accounting Firm for 2023; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all.
- Supervisor Heckman made a motion to adopt Ordinance 220 amending the Zoning Ordinance by adding Contractor Shop and Yard with Conditions to the Agriculture District; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman. Supervisor Harter said no. Motion passed 2-1

**ZONING (via email):**

- There were five Zoning Permits and one Driveway Permit issued in the month of November.

**ROADMASTER:**

- The trees were trimmed in Deerhaven by the Roadcrew per the request of the HOA as they were not able to do so themselves.
- Supervisor Harter would like to see a plan or ordinance put in place regarding cutting or boring Township Roads. This was tabled for future discussion.
- The Roadmaster would like to look at Road Projects in January/February.

**Parks and Rec:**

- Leah Burd, Parks and Rec Board Member, met with a representative from Sports and Recreation Associates, LLC, Engineer Franson, and the Road Crew to look at the deteriorating playground equipment. All agreed the playground equipment should be replaced. A quote was received in the amount of \$86,527 for three pieces of equipment to tear out, install, free delivery and surfacing. The Parks and Rec Board would need a 50 percent deposit, which they do not have in their account. Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to lend Parks and Rec \$40,000 out of General Fund towards their deposit with the understanding the \$40,000 will be paid back to General Fund ; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Supervisor Heckman made a motion to send a letter to Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission supporting Benner Township's request for the Benner Pike Corridor project in interest between Interstate 99 and Stonecrest Drive; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all.
- Supervisor Heckman made a motion to continue the Snow Removal Agreement with Marion Township for shared road maintenance for the 2023/2024 winter season; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all.
- Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to adopt Resolution 23-483 accepting the 2024 Budget with no tax increase; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all.
- Supervisor Harter made a motion to hire Angel Emery for the Assistant Full-Time Secretary/Treasury position; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all.
- Supervisor Harter made a motion to raise hearing fees to \$800.00. No second was made. The motion died. Supervisor Heckman made a motion to raise hearing fees to \$650.00; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman. Supervisor Harter said no. Motion passed 2-1.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Zane Sherman will replace Deb Zimmerman in working with the Fire Company in finding a Fire Company Joint Operating Committee.
- An email will be sent to Liz Lose, Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission, to see if the Fire Company responded to the request to participate in the regional fire services study.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- There will be no increase in Street Light Fees.

Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to approve the November 2023 General Fund Paid Bills in the amount of \$45,044.47 and Treasurer's Report; motion second by Supervisor Heckman and approved by all.

Meeting adjourned at 4:47pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan L. Wagner