

WALKER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
November 2, 2022

Supervisors	–	Keith Harter Deborah Zimmerman James Heckman
Solicitor	–	John Miller III
Staff	–	Sue Wagner - Secretary/Treasurer Don Franson – Township Engineer
Guests	–	Rich & Denise Poorman Dennis McDowell Chris Harte Tim Meyer Chris Sanders Tom Little Kerry O'Hara John Torres Rod Beard Cindy Kunes Chris Haak – NVJRA Michael Musser - NVJRA Lori and Chris Lauck David Salkind

Call to Order: Chairman Keith Harter called the November 2, 2022, monthly meeting of the Walker Township Board of Supervisors to order at 6:00pm in the Walker Township Municipal Building.

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

Approval of October 5, 2022, Minutes and Special Meeting – Budget Work Session: Supervisor Heckman made a motion to approve the October minutes as presented; motion second by Supervisor Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors. Supervisor Heckman made a motion to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting – Budget Work Session on October 17, 2022; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

Agenda Items:

- Chris Haak, Mike Musser and Cindy Kunes of the Nittany Valley Joint Recreation Authority (NVJRA) Board were at the meeting to give three updates on items happening with the Authority. The 2021 Annual Audit has been completed. They have received a request from Spring Township asking for an updated Fair Share Agreement from all Four Parties in the Authority. The last item was a request for them to invoice in the first quarter of every year instead of the 4th quarter of the year. Mr. Haak also provided status updates with Kepler pool.

Engineer Report:

- Engineer Franson gave an update on his meeting with PennDot, Richard and Denise Poorman, and Supervisor Harter regarding 404 Hemlock St stormwater issues. PennDot said they prefer an open system vs a closed system and are not doing anything with the swale unless there is an issue. Supervisor Harter said if PennDot restructures the road they may look at parallel piping. If this is done, the upkeep would return to the Township after work is complete. Mr. Poorman requests a two week notice from Engineer Franson to survey where his property pin is as discussed in prior meetings. Supervisor Harter said the existing stormwater issue which was to be addressed in the 2022 Stormwater Projects was deleted due to no Easement from the Poormans. Mr. Poorman said he will now grant an Easement and requests to be notified when there is any discussion regarding this project in the future so he can attend the meeting. This will be addressed in Spring of 2023.

Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to Amend the Agenda for additional items; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

- Supervisor Harter made a motion to authorize Engineer Franson to apply for a Highway Occupancy Permit for a permanent stop sign at Rt 550 and East College Avenue in the case of a traffic light issue; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to pay the Eby Paving Application for payment for the New Parking lot in the amount of \$256,769.69; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- The Shoulder Work Project is complete and awaiting a bond for the project.
- The Stormwater Project is finished except for Blue Ball Rd, which will be done in the Spring.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

- Supervisor Harter made a motion to adopt Resolution 22-469 Act 57 which allows a tax collector to issue a waiver to property owners who did not receive a tax bill; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Heckman made a motion to sign the Comcast Franchise Agreement; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Harter made a motion to table amending the Zoning Ordinance by Adding Section 430 to Article 4 (Solar Energy Systems); motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Heckman made a motion to adopt Resolution 22-470 to appoint a Certified Public Accounting Firm for 2023; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

ROADMASTER:

- Leaf Collection will continue until November 23rd.
- The Tiger Mower should be looked at being replaced in 2023.

PARKS AND REC REPORT:

- Parks and Rec would like to see Pedestrian Crosswalk & signs be placed at the new parking lot.
- Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to set up a separate checking account for the Parks and Rec fund where the Township has agreed to continue giving Parks and Rec \$25,000 per year and any monies from that \$25,000 that were not used are to be carried over to the next year; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Supervisor Heckman made a motion to accept the resignation of Sharon Elder from the Zoning Hearing Board; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Harter made a motion to adopt Resolution 22-471 appointing David Salkind to the Zoning Hearing Board; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors. David Salkind inquired whether his wife could fill the other vacant position for the Zoning Hearing Board. The Board said it is allowed, but it is not in the Township's best interest to have a husband and wife on the same Board. The Board thanked Mrs. Salkind for her interest.
- Supervisor Heckman made a motion to adopt Resolution 22-472 appointing Matthew Nelson to the Township Auditor Position; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Christian & Lori Lauck off Benner Road – CCPCDO File No. 125-22 Lot Addition Proposal:
 1. Supervisor Harter made a motion to issue a letter to the Centre County Planning Commission stating the existing Driveway Permit is acceptable, Walker Township will supply the first sign and authorize the Zoning Officer to issue a Meets or Exceeds letter to the County; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.
 2. Supervisor Harter made a motion to approve the street name Honey Buzz TRL for the driveway; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Charles C. Cole Two Subdivision – CCPCDO File Number 129-22:
 1. The Board had no comments for the Municipal Response Request
 2. Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to authorize the Zoning Officer to issue the Meets or Exceeds letter, sign the Component 1 Sewage Planning Module, and conditionally approve the Parks and Rec Fee-in-Lieu; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Joseph & Barbara King – CCPCDO File Number 131-22 – Two Lot Subdivision:
 1. Supervisor Harter made a motion to add comments to the Municipal Response Request stating the wrong Township is on the Plan, minimum lot size and allow the Parks and Rec Board and Planning Commission to add their comments before submitting it to the County; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three supervisors.
- Supervisor Harter made a motion to advertise the 2023 annual Budget; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.

NEW BUSINESS (con't):

- There was no action on the donation request from Home Nursing Agency
- Supervisor Heckman made a motion to approve the Spring Creek Watershed Commission 2023 Invoice in the amount of \$459.60; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Heckman made a motion to notify Spring, Benner, Walker Joint Authority to update the existing 537 plan; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- A letter was received from Walker Township Water Association (WTWA) regarding billing the Township for fire hydrants starting with the first quarter of 2023. There is currently no Agreement with WTWA. Per Section 1802 of the Second-Class Township Code, it states there must be an Agreement
- Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to hold a Public Meeting on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 5:30 to discuss Fire Protection and the Proposed Funding Agreement.

Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to approve the October General Fund Paid Bills in the amount of \$34,906.09 and October Treasurers Report; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

Supervisor Heckman made a motion to adjourn the meeting; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan L. Wagner