

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 19, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Washington Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:10 p.m., by Chairman, Michael E. Krestynick, at the Washington Township Municipal Building. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Supervisors, Michael E. Krestynick, Tonya Bauer, Brian S. Mohr; Secretary/Manager, Jason S. Ganster; Solicitor, Stephen Price, Esquire; Glen Powell, representing Envirotech & Associates; and approximately eleven (11) residents in attendance.

TAPING OF MEETING

The meeting was recorded as an aid in the preparation of the minutes. It was noted that no one other than the Secretary/Manager was taping the meeting this evening.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 22, 2009

A motion was made by Brian Mohr and seconded by Tonya Bauer to approve the Minutes as prepared, for the January 22, 2009 meeting. **No public comments received.**

All ayes

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Tonya Bauer and seconded by Brian Mohr to approve the payment of all bills for the General Fund, Highway Aid Fund, Recreation Fund, Street Light Fund, Traffic Impact Fund and Building Escrow Funds up to and inclusive of February 19, 2009 and to file the treasurer's report for audit. **No public comments received.**

All ayes

TAX COLLECTOR

Tax Collector, Brenda Miller, gave her report for the month of January 2009, showing the following collections:

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| Interim | \$ 439.59 |
| Per Capita | <u>\$ 93.70</u> |
| Total | \$ 533.27 |

REPORT OF PUBLIC WORKS ACTIVITIES

Road master Brian Mohr reported that pot hole patches are getting way out of hand and that the distributors can't keep cold patch in. Brian Mohr also spoke about the Himmelwright Road Bridge. Brian Mohr stated the County is reconstructing this bridge and they must post the signs. Demolition of this bridge is scheduled for March 2, 2009.

Brian Mohr stated a lot of the truck traffic to rebuild this bridge would be coming in through Washington Township.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Matthew Bakes reported that a representative from the Bechtelsville Fire Company was in attendance and he is Assistant Chief Scott Reitnauer. Chief Reitnauer stated he has been in contact with multiple people with regards to a merger of the fire companies. A meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2009 with these people. Chief Reitnauer stated that a study for the merger is free of charge and the only thing needed is a letter stating that Washington Township is in favor of a survey of a possible merger of area fire companies. Chief Reitnauer stated what they are looking for down the road in five (5) or ten (10) years or so, is something is in place so everyone is ready for it. A motion was made by Tonya Bauer and seconded by Brian Mohr to authorize the Township Manager to compose a letter stating that Washington Township is in favor of a study with a merger of the area fire companies. **No public comment received.**

All ayes

Fire Chief Bakes also stated that the fire company is not pushing for a new firehouse; it is more a resident benefit. Michael Krestynick stated all three (3)-fire companies will benefit from it and feels that the study is a very good first step.

ZONING/SEO REPORT

Zoning/SEO Officer Allen Madeira reported that for the month of January there was ten (10) zoning/building permits requested, nine (9) permits that were issued and no complaints investigated.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Glen Powell reported that for the month of January a continued dialog with ARCADIS for Bally Well #4 was continued and a resubmission of plans were received and are currently being reviewed. Revised Plans for West Tract PRD phases G, H, L, M, P, and U were received and they are also being reviewed. The 2009 Road Project is still on hold until PENNDOT approves or denies the use of CP-2 on the second half of Anthony's Mill Road. PENNDOT stated they would know by late May or early June.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Stephan Price stated he is currently working on the Staffa deed and the Hutt's Glass letter.

SUPERVISORS

A motion was made by Brian Mohr and seconded by Tonya Bauer adopting Resolution 2009 – 13 entering into the Maintenance Agreement with PENNDOT for grass mowing for a three (3)-year term. The amount that Washington Township will be paid will be \$8,067.80.

A motion was made by Tonya Bauer and seconded by Michael Krestynick adopting Resolution 2009 – 14 setting the rate of pay per hour for Snow Emergency Personnel at \$14.00 per hour. **No public comment received**

2 Ayes Brian Mohr Abstained.

There was a discussion about enacting a fee for no shows at the Planning Commission meetings if they were expected at that meeting. Solicitor Price stated that you couldn't charge a fee, because the Escrow fee is what is to be used.

Also discussed, was the concern of the cost of additional hardware, cabling, and other accessories for the EOC at the Fire Department. Matthew Gehman stated why these items were required. Matthew Gehman stated the Township wanted the EOC at the fire department and the EMA office is already there. Supervisor Mohr requested to see the written documentation where it was required to be at the fire company, because he feels it was never required to be there. Fire Chief Bakes stated it doesn't have to be at the firehouse. This item was tabled for the time being.

Another discussion was held about the survey results for the Township Newsletter concerning changing it to a bi-annual newsletter. Out of approximately fifteen hundred (1500) newsletters mailed out, thirty-one (31) responses were received. After discussing this, the next newsletter will be issued in September and that the Community Map will be going out between March and May. A motion was made by Brian Mohr and seconded by Tonya Bauer authorizing the Township Manager to mail out postcards to the residents informing them of the Spring Clean Up and the Easter Egg Hunt. **No public comments received.**

All Ayes

A motion was made by Tonya Bauer and seconded by Brian Mohr to commence the Township Newsletter in September 2009 and then setting the Newsletter mailings will be no later than September 15, and March 15.

A motion was made by Brian Mohr and seconded by Tonya Bauer authorizing the Township Manger to execute the Planning Modules for the Kelsch Subdivision. **No public comments received.**

All Ayes

It was noted that Vice-Chairperson Tonya Bauer is no longer receiving dental and vision with the Township, which she was paying for.

A Motion was made by Tonya Bauer and seconded by Brian Mohr authorizing the Township Manager to advertise and mail postcards to Township residents informing them of a Public Hearing to be scheduled on March 26, 2009 at 6:00 p.m., for discussion of a possible Zoning Map change in the area of Limekiln Road and Route 100. The applicant will be responsible for the fee of the mailings. **No public comments received.**

All Ayes

A motion was made by Tonya Bauer and seconded by Brian Mohr authorizing the Township Manager, Solicitor and Engineer to begin to review and prepare a draft Windmill Ordinance for Washington Township. **No public comment received.**

All Ayes

Supervisor Krestynick stated he wanted to make clear that the West Tract Developer has conditional approval for building permits and the permits should be issued. Township Manager, Jason S. Ganster stated that the reason the permits weren't issued, was because none of the addresses for the three (3) buildings were approved by the 9-1-1 center as of yet. Supervisor Mohr stated he does not want the developer strong-arming the Township staff to issue these permits. Supervisor Mohr stated he agrees that the street signing and address numbering must be taken care of before permits are issued.

A motion was made by Tonya Bauer and seconded by Brian Mohr appointing Dirk Buchter to the EAC as an alternate member for a three (3)-year term to expire on 12/31/2011. **No public comment received.**

All Ayes

A motion was made by Brian Mohr and seconded by Tonya Bauer to reappoint Charles Good to the position of Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator from Coordinator. **No public comment received.**

All Ayes

A motion was made by Brian Mohr and seconded by Tonya Bauer to reappoint Bruce Hoffman to Emergency Management Coordinator from Deputy Coordinator. **No public comment received.**

All Ayes

A motion was made by Brian Mohr and seconded by Tonya Bauer to relocate the EOC and the EMA office to the Township Building. Matthew Gehman wanted to know if both were being moved and he was told yes. **No further comment received.**

All Ayes

SUBDIVISIONS

None

SUBDIVISION EXTENSIONS

A motion was made by Brian Mohr and seconded by Tonya Bauer granting the following subdivision extensions:

West Side Sketch Plan 02/28/09 to 05/29/09

No public comment received.

All Ayes

COMMUNICATIONS

A copy of the material shipped from the Gabel Quarry for the calendar year 2008.

A copy of the Volunteer Barto Fire Company calls for the month of December.

A letter from Albright College thanking the Township for its donation.

The February 2009 newsletter from the Berks County Emergency Services.

A copy of the WTMA Treasurer's report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Contractor Larry McElroy, who is working on the Hutt's Glass project, wanted to know the status of when he can begin to schedule work for this project. Solicitor Price stated that the process for this letter has started and it will be taken care of within seven (7) days.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Tonya Bauer and seconded by Brian Mohr to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. **No public comment received.**

All ayes

Respectfully submitted,

Jason S. Ganster
Secretary/Manager