

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
JANUARY 22, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Washington Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:05 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 nine (9) 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 DECEMBER 18, 2008 &
REORGANIZATION OF JANUARY 5, 2009**

A motion was made by Tonya Bauer and seconded by Brian Mohr to approve the Minutes as prepared, for the December 18, 2008 & January 5, 2009 meetings. **No public comments received.**

All ayes

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AGENDA ITEMS

Township Solicitor Stephen Price told Resident Nancy Staffa, that she would have to get a very brief description of what was filled in and submit it to him and he will then have the easement changed.

Resident Shawn Skoog questioned the Supervisors why his Driveway Permit was not approved. Road master Brian Mohr stated it was due to the fact that it was a safety matter with the clear site triangle. Mr. Skoog said that they did measure and he thought it was good enough. Mr. Mohr stated that when Texas Eastern brings equipment out there, they also bring a flagman. Mr. Mohr also stated that the area must be paved. Mr. Skoog questioned how much must be paved. Mr. Mohr stated at least (fifteen) 15 feet. Mr. Skoog stated he couldn't cut the shoulder because it is not his land. Glen Powell stated that he could cut what was in the Township's right-of-way. Mr. Skoog requested that Brian Mohr and himself meet at the site and go over what is needed. Mr. Skoog feels that speaking with the neighboring landowner might not be a good idea. Mr. Skoog was also told he must submit the rest of the escrow money and then the permit process can begin. Mr. Skoog will be calling Brian Mohr to set up the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Brian Mohr and seconded by Tonya Bauer 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 January 22, 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 December 2008, showing the following collections:

Real Estate	\$6,673.63
Interim	\$ 264.09
Light	\$ 17.60
Per Capita	<u>\$1,011.00</u>
Total	\$7,966.32

REPORT OF PUBLIC WORKS ACTIVITIES

Road master Brian Mohr told Mr. Skoog that the cost of the (three) 3 signs that would be needed for his Lane is \$18.00 a piece. Mr. Mohr also stated that the new International truck is being repaired for a transfer case leaking. This work is covered under warranty.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Matt Bakes stated that the fire company is at a normal call rate so far and that they are taking some classes right now to keep up with their training. Also discussed was the possible location of a new engine house. Supervisor Mohr stated he would like to review the report more due to the fact that it was a very busy month for him and he wouldn't have a conclusion for tonight's meeting. Supervisor Krestynick stated he looked it over and both locations have potential. Supervisor Krestynick questioned Fire Chief Bakes if he knew how big this firehouse would be. Fire Chief Bakes stated not exactly. He feels that would possible have to have (five) 5 bays with (two) 2 drives through. Glen Powell did confirm around (four) 4 to (five) 5 bays for future growth. Fire Chief Bakes stated that this would also be a time for consolidation for other fire companies. Fire Chief Bakes stated he would like to take the next step, which would enable the fire company to build another firehouse that would be big enough to consolidate at least (two) 2 of the surrounding fire companies. Fire Chief Bakes stated he is unaware how Bally would feel about it at this time. Fire Chief Bakes stated that a majority of Bechtelsville fire calls are in Washington Township. Fire Chief Bakes stated his concerns with the Niantic Road location is traffic, the kids with soccer and that (eighty) 80% to (ninety) 90% of the volunteers from Barto and Bechtelsville live on this side of Route 100. Supervisor Krestynick questioned if anyone was there from the Bechtelsville Fire Company. Fire Chief Bakes stated no and he would have them included as the process moves further along. Supervisor Krestynick stated he would like to hear from them also, prior to moving along and to make sure they would want to participate. Ernie Gehman stated that they want to make sure they have the land before they consider doing anything. Fire

Chief Bakes would like to know what hoops the Supervisors would like the fire company to jump through to get this process started. Supervisor Krestynick would like to have some input from the Bechtelsville Fire Company. Supervisor Bauer questioned if they should attend the meeting next month and Supervisor Krestynick stated it is up to them. He is not forcing anyone to attend. Solicitor Stephen Price suggested that Fire Chief Bakes get in contact with the Brian Clemmons, who worked on the merging of fire companies in his Municipality. Fire Chief Bakes just wants a clear direction on which way to proceed. Solicitor Stephen Price stated that a meeting should take place with the fire companies to figure out how the merger can work. Fire Chief Bakes stated as long as a meeting of the fire companies occurs, should they then attend the February's Board of Supervisors meeting for further discussion. Fire Chief Bakes stated even if no one wants to merge, something still needs to be done. Supervisor Krestynick questioned if they thought of how this project will be financed. Fire Chief Bakes would like a piece of property put aside for this. He stated that it is too early for that until the land is acquired. He also stated that the fire company is going to try and finance the whole project or as much as possible, so it is not a burden for the Township. Supervisor Krestynick stated that he is very much in favor of regionalization. Fire Chief Bakes requested that the Board of Supervisors reconsider the appointment of Charles Good as the Emergency Management Coordinator. He feels that Bruce Hoffman is the better person for this. Mr. Hoffman feels that there wasn't an adequate attempt to get a hold of him.

ZONING/SEO REPORT

Allen Madeira, SEO from Envirotech & Associates stated that there were (three) 3 zoning and building permit applications requested, (two) 2 zoning and building permits issued, (one) 1 SEO subdivision review performed and (three) 3 SEO permit related items completed. Resident Dave Moyer questioned if Schlegals Grove was investigated yet. Mr. Moyer was told it would be addressed later in the meeting.

Allen Madeira then reported that there were (two) 2 issues with the Sewer Management Program, (one) 1 was with an elderly person having to pump every (three) 3 years. Mr. Madeira stated that this situation is covered by the program and may be requested to have it done less to the Board of Supervisors. The other issue was residents who pump early might request the Township to change the beginning date. This would then also negate the (three) 3 zones, which were created. The Board of Supervisors has the final decision on how the Program is enforced. A motion was made by Brian Mohr and seconded by Tonya Bauer to have the SEO mail out the violation notices to residents who did not comply with the pumping of their septic systems. Supervisor Mohr had a comment, which was the one problem with this program in cycle one, was that residents do have receipts and that a certain hauler told them he would turn them into the Township but he didn't. Supervisor Mohr stated that there should be a notation on the letter stating if they do have a receipt by this certain hauler to provide it to the Township. **No further comment received.**

ALL AYES

Supervisor Bauer questioned what cycle would the people in violation be in. Allen Madeira stated that they would remain the same just late in their cycle.

WTMA Administrator Sue Brown requested that the Program stay the same until the first (three) 3 cycles are completed.

Allen Madeira stated that our Chapter (forty-five) 45 does not have the wording “concurrent adoption of the current code” this Ordinance must be updated with that wording. A motion was made by Tonya Bauer and seconded by Brian Mohr authoring the Manager to amend the UCC ordinance to reflect the new wording. **No public comment received.**

ALL AYES

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Glen Powell, representing Envirotech & Associates reported that there was continued dialog with ARCADIS concerning the Bally Borough Well Number (four) 4, a review of the West Tract PRD phases G, H, L, M and phases P & U, a review of the swale at the Staffa property and a discussion with PennDOT officials about their intention to delete the CP-2 binder specifications. A meeting will be set up with Penn DOT, the Road Master and Township Manager to discuss these items further.

A motion was made by Brian Mohr and seconded by Tonya Bauer to authorize the Township Engineer Envirotech & Associates to begin the preparation of the bid specifications for the 2009 road project, which is the completion of Anthony’s Mill Road. **No public comment received.**

ALL AYES

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Stephan Price stated a letter was received from Paul Ober and Associates concerning a County Board of Appeals for the Kelsch property. Supervisor Krestynick stated the original assessment of this property was \$48,100; it is now being assessed at \$560,000.00. Mr. Price also stated he received a letter from Lewis Environmental on how to get reimbursement for the cleanup. Mr. Price spoke about a letter received from Attorney Eric Fry for Hutt’s Glass. Mr. Price stated after discussion with Dwight Powell, it was suggested that a meeting occur and also have a decision when a land development should be submitted. Mr. Price feels a (two) 2-year window of submission of a Land Development Plan is allowed.

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A motion was made by Tonya Bauer and seconded by Brian Mohr authorizing the Secretary/Manager to begin working on bid specifications for the seasonal requirements, gasoline, fuel oil and line painting for 2009 as budgeted. **No public comment received**

ALL AYES

A Motion was made by Tonya Bauer and seconded by Brian Mohr to adopt Resolution NO. 2009 – 12 accepting the Agility Agreement with Penn DOT. **No public comment received.**

ALL AYES

A letter from Richard Minford was acknowledged concerning Act 537. It was noted he was in cycle (two) 2.

A letter from Jim Roma was acknowledged concerning Act 537. It was stated he was in violation and he will receive a letter.

A motion was made by Tonya Bauer and seconded by Brian Mohr to hire Robert L. Hauck as Emergency snow personnel at a rate of \$11.00 an hour. **No public comment received.**

ALL AYES

A discussion was held about joining the Berks County, County Wide Board of Appeals for the UCC. Supervisor Bauer stated since we only had one this entire time, that means we would be spending \$200.00 a year for nothing. Our UCC Board of Appeals is in compliance with the UCC.

A motion was made by Tonya Bauer and seconded by Brian Mohr to add the alternative in Lieu of to the UCC Board of Appeals section. **No public comment received.**

ALL AYES

A motion was made by Tonya Bauer and seconded by Brian Mohr appointing Jennifer Cunningham to the Washington Township Planning Commission with a term to expire on December 31, 2012. **No public comment received.**

ALL AYES

A motion was made by Brian Mohr and seconded by Tonya Bauer appointing Bill Anderson to the Washington Township Municipal Authority with a term to expire on December 31, 2013. **No public comment received.**

ALL AYES

A motion was made by Michael Krestynick and seconded by Brian Mohr to appoint Richard Watson as an alternate member to the UCC Board of Appeals with a term to expire on December 31, 2011. **No public comment received.**

ALL AYES

Supervisor Mohr then brought up the fact that because Charlie Good was his friend, that is why he was appointed as the EMC. We received a letter that Mr. Reeves did not attend as a Deputy and they do not recognize Deputies. Fire Chief Bakes feels comfortable with Bruce Hoffman's ability to do the job. Supervisor Bauer stated he is the chairman of the BWB. Supervisor Krestynick wanted some more information about attending the classes. He also stated that the decision was made and it is tough to go back on what was done and it is only a yearly appointment. This item was tabled until the February meeting with more information received.

A motion was made by Tonya Bauer and seconded by Brian Mohr to acknowledge the following items no to be forgotten:

- a. Postel Subdivision (off of Kulps Road) 1990. Any future development of Lot #2 on the adjoining property owned by Kathryn Wheeler, which would result in the use of the existing driveway easement by more than two (2) single family residences shall require the construction of an access road complying with the then existing Township public road standards.
- b. Penn Dutch Subdivision – Agreement dated 10/11/90 whereas existing building(s) situated on Lot #3 are located within the ultimate right-of-way of the northwest side of Wissinger Road. In the event that any or all of the building(s) are destroyed or demolished, it is agreed that all building(s) will be rebuilt in such a manner so that they are situated wholly outside of the ultimate right-of-way of Wissinger Road.
- c. Time Capsule buried at the Township War Memorial Site to be opened in the year 2040.
- d. Agreement to permit a shared driveway – 2006 – between the Township and Scott and Jacqueline Bungert. In the event that the property should be approved for subdivision; and should the parties desire to share the existing driveway; the Township will approve said application for shared driveway use. No more than two (2) lots may share said driveway.
- e. Joel Hoffman – 2006 – Stone was placed on Mr. Hoffman’s property adjacent to Back Country Road/Vincent Kehs property at One Back County Road. If the property is ever developed, Mr. Hoffman will be required to secure a Driveway Permit from the Township, as the stone placed in this area is not considered a pre-existing driveway.

A motion was made by Tonya Bauer and seconded by Brian Mohr approving the Temporary Driveway Permit for logging located near 173 Heydt’s Schoolhouse Road.
No public comment received.

ALL AYES

SUBDIVISIONS

None

SUBDIVISION EXTENSIONS

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

Stinley	02/05/09 to 05/06/09
Kelsch	02/05/09 to 05/06/09

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter was received from the Berks County Planning Commission concerning grants for water and sewer. Supervisor Krestynick commented that this is for projects that are

reading to begin. Our sewer expansion is not ready to go. We do not have our plans drawn up yet, but we will apply for grants when we are in position to.

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

A copy of the draft minutes from the November 20, 2008 Reading Area Transportation Study

Resident Dave Moyer questioned the occupancy of the Lazy-K Campground. It was explained that the owner had permits and receipts from the previous Township Engineer for all the work that was performed.

Rudy Kadlecik questioned how many applications for the Planning Commission was there. Supervisor Krestynick stated there were quite a few of them. The Township does keep the applications on file for (two) 2 years.

Nancy Staffa question the business located next to her residence and was told the use would be investigated.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Brian Mohr and seconded by Tonya Bauer to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. **No public comment received.**

All ayes

Respectfully submitted,

Jason S. Ganster
Secretary/Manager