WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2019

The Washington Township Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 12, 2019. Members present: Chairman, Steve McClelland, Vice-Chairman, Robert Hrin, Supervisor, Donna Cooper, and Supervisor, Robert Hetrick. Absent was Supervisor Harold Wilson. Also present: Sarah Anderson, Secretary and Greg Kruk, Solicitor. Visitors included, Jerry Stormer, David and Susan Moore, Benny Kuhns, Brad Smith, Enos Byler, John Lougee, David Byler, Steve Byler, Dale Hindman, Dwaine Roush, Pam Roush, and Ben Haugh.

Chairman, Steve McClelland opened the meeting at 5 PM with a pledge allegiance to the Flag.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR

Ben Haugh is working on a project for United Electric and can’t find the deed for when Cherry Road was purchased in fee and switched from a state road to a township road. He has already gotten permission from nearby landowners to install two new poles.

On a MOTION by Robert Hrin, a SECOND by Robert Hetrick, all the board voting in favor, permission was given for installation of the new electric poles.

Resident, Enos Byler asked the board to explain the zoning in the A/R district. He has built a slaughterhouse on his property in Allens Mills and was told the zoning ordinance doesn’t allow for a business of this nature. Supervisors explained the ordinance definition of “Agriculture” needs updated. Solicitor, Greg Kruk asked Mr. Byler to re-submit a zoning permit form for the slaughterhouse since his original form was for a machine shed.

MINUTES

On a MOTION by Robert Hrin, a SECOND by Donna Cooper, all the board voting in favor, the minutes of the October 8, 2019, regular monthly meeting were approved as presented.

VOUCHERS AND PAYROLL

On a MOTION by Robert Hetrick, a SECOND by Robert Hrin, all the board voting in favor, the vouchers due for payment and the payroll were approved.

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TREASURER’S REPORT

On a MOTION by Robert Hrin, a SECOND by Robert Hetrick, all the board voting in favor, the Treasurer’s report was approved as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. One zoning and one building permit were issued for October 2019. (Byler, A.)
2. Davy Black has applied to DEP for re-issuance of a NPDES permit for sewage.
3. Unless the township has tangible evidence that improper waste disposal is occurring, DEP is unable to investigate the slaughterhouse in Allens Mills.
4. PMRS is changing all retirement plans to new IRS approved plan documents. A conference call is scheduled for November 19, 2019, to discuss a draft of the new plan.
5. HRI, Inc., invoice for the paving of Rockdale Road was received.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Solicitor, Greg Kruk, reported that he will construct a new definition for “Agriculture” for the zoning ordinance and outline the procedure in which to adopt it for next month’s meeting.

On a MOTION by Robert Hrin, a SECOND by Donna Cooper, all the board voting in favor, the Comcast contract was accepted.

NEW BUSINESS

On a MOTION by Robert Hetrick, a SECOND by Robert Hrin, all the board voting in favor, the 2020 proposed Budget will be advertised for public inspection.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussions tabled for office security and the October COG meeting due to the absence of Supervisor, Harold Wilson.

ROAD REPORT

Paving projects on Rockdale Road and Old Grade Road are complete. It is hoped that Kyle Run Road will be completed before winter arrives.

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Resident, Brad Smith asked if a pipe could be installed at the intersection of Gracey Road and Beechtree Road. Supervisor, Robert Hetrick will speak with Dan Whaling on this matter.

ADJOURNMENT

On a MOTION by Robert Hrin, a SECOND by Donna Cooper, all the board voting in favor, the board adjourned at 6:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Anderson, Secretary/Treasurer