WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2021

The Washington Township Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 12, 2021. Members present: Chairman, Robert Hrin, Vice-Chairman, John Lougee, Supervisor, Steve McClelland, Supervisor, Donna Cooper, and Supervisor, Robert Hetrick. Also present: Sarah Anderson, Secretary, Dan Whaling, Road Master, and Greg Kruk, Solicitor. Visitors included Eli Byler and Gary Walborn.

Chairman, Robert Hrin opened the meeting at 6 PM with a pledge allegiance to the Flag.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR

Gary Walborn voiced concern on SEO, Dave Tinker, not returning phone calls and unable to leave a message due to mailbox being full.

MINUTES

On a MOTION by John Lougee, a SECOND by Steve McClelland, all the board voting in favor, the minutes of the September 14, 2021, regular monthly meeting were approved as presented.

VOUCHERS AND PAYROLL

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

TREASURER’S REPORT

On a MOTION by Steve McClelland, a SECOND by John Lougee, all the board voting in favor, the Treasurer’s report was approved as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. In September, one zoning permit was issued to Tim Potts for a garage.
2. Liquid Fuels 2022 estimate is $207,818.40.
3. A COG meeting will be held on October 25, 2021.
4. The EADS Group, Inc., submitted a formal agreement of $3,500 to inspect the bridge on Sensor Road for a load rating analysis. The Board of Supervisors declined the agreement.
5. A budget worksheet was given to the Board for 2022. Supervisors, Donna Cooper and Robert Hrin, will meet later this month to discuss it.

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SOLICITOR’S REPORT

John Lougee made a MOTION to approve the conditional use application of Eli and Mary Byler. Conditions imposed upon this approval are, comply with all PA, DEP and soil conservation requirements including distance of the sawmill operation to the nearby creek and proper disposal of all waste products, hours of operation shall be limited to 7 am to 7 pm, and will operate as a band saw sawmill, not necessarily a one-man operation. A SECOND was made by Robert Hetrick. Roll call vote was as follows, John Lougee, Donna Cooper, Steve McClelland, Robert Hetrick, and Robert Hrin all in favor. Motion approved by 5-0 vote.

On a MOTION by John Lougee, a SECOND by Robert Hetrick, all the board voting in favor, the solicitor was directed to put the conditional use decision in writing.

Walden Renewables proposed to submit their conditional use application for the solar energy facility along with the application for land development approval. They want to waive the time period for holding the first hearing on the conditional use application until the land development plans are reviewed.

An update to the fee resolution was discussed. It was suggested to look at resolutions from other townships of our size for ideas.

NEW BUSINESS

On a MOTION by Steve McClelland, a SECOND by John Lougee, all the board voting in favor, the Charles Jamison / Steven Greene subdivision was approved as recommended by the Planning Board.

On a MOTION by Steve McClelland, a SECOND by John Lougee, all the board voting in favor,

the agenda was amended to add a discussion about changing the meeting time for December.

On a MOTION by Robert Hetrick, a SECOND by John Lougee, all the board voting in favor, December’s supervisor meeting will begin at 5 pm and advertised as such.

On a MOTION by John Lougee, a SECOND by Steve McClelland, all the board voting in favor,

the agenda was amended to add a discussion about personnel.

On a MOTION by John Lougee, a SECOND by Steve McClelland, all the board voting in favor, employee, Scott Palmer, pay rate will be $16.50 per hour effective October 18, 2021.

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OLD BUSINESS

TCC meeting was held on September 28. Supervisor, Robert Hetrick, attended and reported nothing new was discussed.

ROAD REPORT

Road Master, Dan Whaling, reported that he has snow plow quotes for the 2020 Ford Dump.

On a MOTION by Donna Cooper, a SECOND by John Lougee, all the board voting in favor,

the agenda was amended to add a discussion about purchasing a snow plow.

On a MOTION by Donna Cooper, a SECOND by John Lougee, all the board voting in favor, a snow plow, not to exceed, $7000, will be purchased for the 2020 Ford Dump.

On a MOTION by John Lougee, a SECOND by Robert Hetrick, all the board voting in favor,

the agenda was amended to add a discussion about purchasing extra pipe for 2022, since the price keeps rising.

On a MOTION by John Lougee, a SECOND by Robert Hetrick, all the board voting in favor, extra pipe will be purchased for 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

On a MOTION by Steve McClelland, a SECOND by John Lougee, all the board voting in favor, the board adjourned at 7:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Anderson, Secretary/Treasurer