WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2023

The Washington Township Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 9, 2023. Members present: Chairman, John Lougee, Vice-Chairman, Robert Hrin (by telephone), Supervisor Robert Hetrick, Supervisor, Steve McClelland, and Supervisor, Timothy Potts. Also present: Sarah Anderson, Secretary, Dan Whaling, Road Master, and Greg Kruk, Solicitor. Visitors: Robert Shaffer, DuBois Airport, Joe Antonuccio, Jesse Vivian, Wayne Clinger, Randy Clinger, and Tricia Clinger.

Chairman, John Lougee opened the meeting at 6 PM with a pledge allegiance to the Flag.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR

Joe Antonuccio introduced himself to all. He is running for the school board position. Randy & Tricia Clinger expressed their concern about the “no parking” on Hill Street proposed ordinance. The supervisors will meet with them at their residence to get more information before the next monthly meeting.

MINUTES

On a MOTION by Steve McClelland, a SECOND by Robert Hetrick, all the board voting in favor, the minutes of the April 11, 2023, regular monthly meeting were approved as presented.

VOUCHERS AND PAYROLL

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

TREASURER’S REPORT

On a MOTION by Timothy Potts, a SECOND by Steve McClelland, all the board voting in favor, the Treasurer’s report was received and filed for audit.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. April permits included zoning permits issued to K. Palmer for a home addition, Joe Moore for a home, and Crown Castle for antenna repair.
2. Jefferson Co. Commissioners will be hosting a meeting to discuss medical emergency ground transportation on May 18, 2023. Each municipality is requested to send a representative. Supervisor, Robert Hrin will attend.

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1. The cable television franchise with Zito Media will expire on April 10, 2026. Zito would like to review the renewal process with the board. Solicitor, Greg Kruk will call to make arrangements.
2. National Fuel Gas is applying for PA DEP General Permit 11 for the remediation of an exposure on an existing pipeline.
3. The COG sent pricing from Centre Communications for new radios, of which, the Township would like to purchase two of them. Barry Mayes of North Central might help out with reimbursements.
4. Wolfe Trail had two damaged signs recently from an auto accident. Paul Boboige called to request the Township’s help with getting new signs. The board suggested contacting the person’s auto insurance but will help to install the signs if needed.
5. Supervisor, Steve McClelland, met with the Jefferson Co. Twp Officers Association. They will be selling ads for the convention booklet and are asking for scholarship donations.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Solicitor, Greg Kruk, has a draft from PSATS on noise ordinances.

Comments were sent to EADS Group about the zoning ordinance draft and he is awaiting their reply.

Further discussion is needed between the board and residents of Hill Street, so discussion was tabled for the “no parking” signs.

NEW BUSINESS

On a MOTION by Timothy Potts, a SECOND by Steve McClelland, all the board voting in favor, the DuBois Jefferson County Regional Airport / Linda Holmes subdivision was approved as recommended by the Planning Board.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor, Robert Hetrick, spoke about the beaver problem with the landowner on Harvey Run Road. He is aware of the problem and cooperating with the Township.

The Rockdale Ranch building is down. The owner will be removing the debris soon.

On a MOTION by Robert Hrin, a SECOND by Timothy Potts, all the board voting in favor, the new mower invoice of $205,762.75, will be paid entirely from the American Rescue Funds and the remaining balance from the State Fund.

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Supervisor, Timothy Potts, attended the PSATS Convention. Some topics discussed were solar, sludge spreading on farmland, and EMS coverage problems. PSATS membership dues will be raised in the future. Sunshine Act & Right to Know Law Manual and PA’s Ethics Act booklet were purchased for the Township.

ROAD REPORT

Roadmaster, Dan Whaling, reported training on the new mower was today and it went well.

Two out of three culvert pipe replacements have been completed. The third pipe might be in Sandy Township. Dan will double check.

On a MOTION by Timothy Potts, a SECOND by Robert Hrin, all the board voting in favor, the agenda was amended to add a discussion about taking the new mower to the Equipment Show.

On a MOTION by Timothy Potts, a SECOND by Steve McClelland, all the board voting in favor, the new mower will be taken to the Equipment Show & Training Day hosted by the Moshannon Valley COG on May 24th.

ADJOURNMENT

On a MOTION by Steve McClelland, a SECOND by Timothy Potts, all the board voting in favor, the board adjourned at 7:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Anderson, Secretary/Treasurer