WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2019

The Washington Township Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 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, Dan Whaling, Road Master, Mary Ann McClelland, Auditor, and Greg Kruk, Solicitor. Visitors: Jerry Stormer, Don & Darita Bishop, Michael Pirow, and Colton Ross.

Chairman, Steve McClelland opened the meeting at 7 PM with a pledge allegiance to the Flag.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR

Michael Pirow and Colton Ross from Troop 35 introduced themselves and stated they were working on “Essay on Communication” for scouts. Chairman, Steve McClelland welcomed them.

Don and Darita Bishop inquired about finishing their driveway and asked when the township would be installing pipe along their property to improve a drainage problem. Road Master, Dan Whaling stated that a cross pipe would be used and the Bishop’s could finish their driveway anytime without hindering the township’s plans.

Auditor, Mary Ann McClelland submitted the 2018 Auditor’s Financial Year End Report. All Township funds were found to be in sound order.

MINUTES

On a MOTION by Robert Hetrick, a SECOND by Robert Hrin, all the board voting in favor, the minutes of the February 12, 2019, regular monthly meeting were approved as presented.

VOUCHERS AND PAYROLL

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

TREASURER’S REPORT

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

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CORRESPONDENCE

1. Three zoning permits and one building permit were issued in February.
2. PennDot – Liquid Fuel funds were deposited on 3/1/19 in the amount of $233,651 and $29,240.
3. ProChemTech – Varischetti & Sons is applying to DEP for renewal of their existing NPDES permit at their 219 Park property.
4. COG will open stone bids on March 13th at 6:30 pm. Supervisor, Donna Cooper plans to attend.
5. Jefferson County Commissioners will be hosting a meeting on how to address blighted properties on April 11th at 1 pm. Supervisors Donna Cooper and Harold Wilson plan on attending.
6. Keller Engineers have submitted the GP-11 permit application to DEP for approval.
7. General Code has completed the legislation review. The Editorial & Legal Analysis workbook and manuscript are ready for the township to review. A trainer will schedule a webinar with us soon.
8. Jefferson County Township Officers Association have announced that this year two (2) $500 scholarships will be given out.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Solicitor, Greg Kruk, looked into the request to temporarily close Crawford Road and reported that township roads can be closed when they are unfit or unsafe for travel as long as it is properly marked.

On a MOTION by Robert Hrin, a SECOND by Donna Cooper, all the board voting in favor, Crawford Road is permitted to be closed during the golfing season.

Comcast has sent a reminder letter of the renewal coming up next year with a draft. Solicitor, Greg Kruk will respond with a letter next week.

Steve Gertz called Mr. Kruk with concerns about a property along Tannary Road. Even though the township doesn’t have an ordinance in place to address the problem, Mr. Kruk advised the supervisors to attend the blighted property information night and include something in the code book.

NEW BUSINESS

On a MOTION by Robert Hrin, a SECOND by Robert Hetrick, all the board voting in favor, road material and fuel bids will be advertised and opened at April’s meeting.

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OLD BUSINESS

On a MOTION by Robert Hetrick, a SECOND by Donna Cooper, all the board voting in favor, the 2018 Auditor’s Report was accepted.

On a MOTION by Robert Hrin, a SECOND by Donna Cooper, all the board voting in favor, the Keller Engineers invoice will be paid from the General Fund.

ROAD REPORT

Roadmaster, Dan Whaling, reported most roads are soft at this time. Equipment is all in service. He will begin to get building plans and costs for an addition.

ADJOURNMENT

On a MOTION by Robert Hrin, a SECOND by Robert Hetrick, all the board voting in favor, the board adjourned at 7:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Anderson, Secretary/Treasurer