WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2019

The Washington Township Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 14, 2019. Members present: Chairman, Steve McClelland, Vice-Chairman, Robert Hrin, Supervisor, Donna Cooper, Supervisor, Harold Wilson, and Supervisor, Robert Hetrick. Also present: Sarah Anderson, Secretary, Dan Whaling, Road Master, and Greg Kruk, Solicitor. Visitors: Warren Williamson, David Welsh, Tim Smith, and Matthew Cherubini.

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

OPEN TO THE FLOOR

 Residents, David Welsh and Warren Williamson asked if missing road signs were going to be replaced soon and if the rest of Old Grade Road would be paved sometime in the near future. Supervisors agreed that it is a project the township needs to consider. Roadmaster, Dan Whaling has been re-posting signs when he sees them go missing periodically.

MINUTES

On a MOTION by Robert Hrin, a SECOND by Robert Hetrick, all the board voting in favor, the minutes of the April 9, 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 Harold Wilson, a SECOND by Robert Hetrick, all the board voting in favor, the Treasurer’s report was approved as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Four zoning permits were issued in April 2019.
2. Terry Maher, chairman of the Brockway 4th of July Bicycle Race sent a thank you note to the board for letting him speak at April’s meeting.
3. Jefferson County Dept. of Development is collecting project applications for the 2019 CDBG funds until July 5, 2019.

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SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Solicitor, Greg Kruk, reported that Comcast has not responded to his franchise agreement questions yet. He will continue to follow up.

He talked with Mary Kay Steele, Falls Creek Water Board, pertaining to the rv owner along Rt 830. They would like to start the process to enforce the ordinance of the owner tapping in to the system.

A few residences in the township have large amounts of rubbish piled around the home and some of it is blowing to other properties.

On a MOTION by Robert Hrin, a SECOND by Harold Wilson, all the board voting in favor, Greg Kruk will send letters to property owners.

NEW BUSINESS

Fred & Jacalyn Crawford/Katchmarchi subdivision. 1.68 acres to be conveyed from Crawford to Katchmarchi.

On a MOTION by Harold Wilson, a SECOND by Robert Hetrick, all the board voting in favor, the Crawford/Katchmarchi subdivision was approved as recommended by the Planning Board.

James & Denise Katchmarchi / William & Karen Hepfner subdivision. 0.39 acres to be conveyed from Katchmarchi to LuAnn Haugh. 0.77 acres to be conveyed from Hepfner to LuAnn Haugh.

On a MOTION by Harold Wilson, a SECOND by Robert Hrin, all the board voting in favor, the Katchmarchi/Hepfner to Haugh subdivision was approved as recommended by the Planning Board.

Warren & Kathy Vivian subdivision. 30.16 acres to be conveyed.

On a MOTION by Harold Wilson, a SECOND by Donna Cooper, all the board voting in favor, the Vivian subdivision was approved as recommended by the Planning Board.

Matthew Cherubini subdivision. 14.97 acres to be conveyed to Matthew Cherubini.

On a MOTION by Harold Wilson, a SECOND by Robert Hrin, all the board voting in favor, the Cherubini subdivision was approved as recommended by the Planning Board.

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Supervisor, Harold Wilson, reported that a bargain type store has been operating along Route 830 near Stone Bridge Road. This area is not zoned for this type of business activity.

On a MOTION by Harold Wilson, a SECOND by Robert Hetrick, all the board voting in favor, Solicitor, Greg Kruk will send a letter to the store owner.

OLD BUSINESS

A Blighted Property Workshop was held on April 11, 2019. Supervisors, Donna Cooper and Harold Wilson attended. There are tools available to clean up blighted properties but no funding to aid with costs. The county might form a committee to further explore all options.

A COG meeting was held April 29, 2019. Supervisor, Harold Wilson reported that representatives from the Tax Claim Bureau, LERTA, County Treasurer, and County Planner attended with presentations. The COG Budget was presented.

On a MOTION by Robert Hrin, a SECOND by Donna Cooper, all the board voting in favor, the COG Budget was approved.

The PSATS Convention was held April 14-17, 2019. Supervisor, Robert Hetrick attended. Representative Cris Dush spoke with attendees about Bridge Bill #14. This bill pertains to bridges in need of major repair or replacement.

On a MOTION by Robert Hetrick, a SECOND by Robert Hrin, all the board voting in favor, Smith Timbering road bond on White Road was released.

On a MOTION by Robert Hetrick, a SECOND by Robert Hrin, all the board voting in favor, Paul Fremer Lumber road bond on Cooper Road was released.

ROAD REPORT

Roadmaster, Dan Whaling, reported that crew has been cleaning pipes and well rock was placed on Stuart Road.

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OPEN TO THE FLOOR

Bill Kulbacki of Pennsafe spoke with the property owner on Bushley Road. He explained the necessary permits needed to continue with construction.

Clean up day reminder. May 17 and 18.

ADJOURNMENT

On a MOTION by Harold Wilson, a SECOND by Robert Hrin, all the board voting in favor, the board adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Anderson, Secretary/Treasurer