WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

February 09, 2016

The Washington Township Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 09, 2016. Members present: Vice-Chairman Robert Hrin, Supervisor Robert Hetrick, and Supervisors Donna Cooper. Chairman Steve McClelland and Supervisor Harold Wilson were absent. Also present: Daniel Whaling, Roadmaster and Colleen Pifer, Secretary. Visitors: Weston Hrin, Bryce Zimmerman, Bryce F. Zimmerman, Cathy Moore, Courier Express, Ken Laukitis, Brian Palumbo, Terry Maher, Brockway 4th of July Bike Race Director.

Vice-Chairman Robert Hrin opened the meeting at 7 PM with a pledge allegiance to the Flag. The March meeting will be at 5 PM with a worksession at 4 PM.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR

ATV’s…

Ken Laukitis inquired again about the Township allowing ATV’s to run on Township Roads.

The Solicitor, Greg Kruk, researched the 2nd class Township Code. The code states under Section **7722 -** **Designation of snowmobile and ATV roads** – (a) **General rule** – The Department of Transportation on State designated highways and local authorities on any highway, road or street within its jurisdiction may designate any highway, road or street within its jurisdiction as a snowmobile road, an ATV road, or both, and may, in its discretion determine whether such road shall be closed to vehicular traffic or whether snowmobiles and ATV’s may share this designated road with vehicular traffic; (b**) Posting notices** – Adequate notices of such designation and determination shall be sufficiently and prominently displayed. (c) **Liability** – There shall be no liability imposed on the Department of Transportation or any other State agency or any political subdivision of this Commonwealth as a result of designating any highway, road or street as a snowmobile road or an ATV road as provided in subsection (a).

Greg Kruk said the code does allow the Township to designate Township roads for ATV’s. Roads must be designated and posted. There is no liability to the Township per say, but the condition of the Township’s road could be a liability. He said Winslow Township and Reynoldsville Borough adopted ordinances. Winslow Township requires an inspection certificate and they put a sticker on the ATV.

Ken Laukitis said the ATV’s have to be inspected and insured like regular vehicles; and licensed through DCNR. Two gentlemen from the Honda Dealership in Brockway said they would be willing to provide that service for the Township if they decided to designate Township roads for ATV’s.

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Donna Cooper asked if all the Township roads have to be designated and who pays for the cost of posting signs. The secretary said if the Township charged a registration fee, those funds could be used for the signs.

Robert Hetrick said he was totally against allowing ATV’s on Township roads due to the liability that could occur.

Ken Laukitis said it is hard to find anywhere to ride due to everyone posting their property.

Since there was not a full board, Harold Wilson and Steve McClelland were absent; no action was taken.

Brockway 4th July Bike Race…

Terry Maher, Director for the Brockway 4th of July Bike Race, made his annual visit to the Township to request permission to allow the Race to access a portion of the Township. Bikers will follow Westville Road to the intersection of Beechton Road and cross over into Snyder Township.

On a MOTION by Donna Cooper, a SECOND by Robert Hetrick, all the board voting in favor, permission was granted for the Brockway 4th of July race to cross over into Washington Township.

Scout Troop 35…

Weston Hrin and Bryce Zimmerman, two members of Beechwoods Troop 35, attended the Supervisor’s meeting to “observe” so they could receive a badge. The two boys are working toward becoming Eagle Scout.

MINUTES

On a MOTION by Robert Hetrick, a SECOND by Donna Cooper, all the board voting in favor, the minutes of the January 4th, 2016 Reorganization meeting and January regular meeting were approved as presented.

VOUCHERS AND PAYROLL

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

TREASURER’S REPORT

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

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CORRESPONDENCE

1. Keller Engineers – Notification of Falls Creek/DuBois waterline interconnection.
2. Eads Group – Penndot’s intent to apply for a permit from DEP for reconstruction work in the westbound lanes of I-80 and slightly east of SR 830 interchange.
3. Penndot – Bridge Inspection Notification and standards.
4. EQT – Notification of their intent to modify their natural gas drill permit for the Christoff Well Pad site (Daugherty Road).

NEW BUSINESS

COG Meeting…

Donna Cooper reported that she attended the COG meeting. They are working on stone bids and scheduling various seminars.

Generator…

Robert Hetrick suggested that the Township look into purchasing a generator for emergencies. Dan Whaling will get some cost estimates for the board to review.

ROAD SUPERVISORS REPORT

Dan Whaling said he’s working on a two (2) year road work plan for replacing pipes and grinding. He said he also met with the Railroad representatives about the Old Grade RR crossing. The Township did need a sign and it was ordered and erected.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR

A gentlemen from Welsh Road inquired about the increase in gas well truck traffic. Dan Whaling said they still need to haul water out even when production is down.

ADJOURNMENT

On a MOTION by Robert Hetrick, a SECOND Donna Cooper, all the board voting in favor, as there was no further business or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Pifer,

Secretary/Treasurer