WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2016

The Washington Township Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 12, 2016. Members present: Chairman Steve McClelland, Vice-Chairman Robert Hrin, Supervisors Donna Cooper, Supervisor Robert Hetrick, and Supervisor Harold Wilson. Also present: Daniel Whaling, Roadmaster and Colleen Pifer, Secretary. Visitors: Tom Sedlock, Homer Roush, Zack Rouse, Mary Kay Steel, Mary Ann McClelland, David & Susan Moore, Kim Gelnette, John Paton, Michael Holt, Dave Koehler, Calob Freemer, and Mike Groel.

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

OPEN TO THE FLOOR

Kim Gelnette, resident of Tin Can Road, said EQT trucks were running the road again. Kim said Tin Can Road was muddy and now it dried up and is dusty. She expressed her disgust with the whole issue. Dan Whaling will contact EQT. Steve McClelland suggested applying the tree sap and Bob Hrin suggested gravel.

Homer Roush, resident who lives near the Hummingbird Speedway, requested the Township put speed bumps on Gospel Center Road. Mr. Roush gave the board a CD to watch with people flying up and down the road. Mr. Roush said the road was really dust. The dust issue is in Winslow Township. Steve McClelland said he would talk to the owners at Hummingbird Speedway.

Snyder Township Supervisors asked the Washington Township Supervisors if they had any issue with their code enforcement agency, Pennsafe. The board said that after they got the Sewage enforcement taken care of things have been running smoothly. Snyder Township does not have zoning.

Greg Kruk asked Snyder Township Supervisors who their Code Enforcement person was for rubbish. Emerson Turnbull from Brookville. Greg Kruk said the Township has no ordinance is place to enforcement rubbish clean up. He said under PA law it is tough to make people get rid of their vehicles just because they are setting around. Mr. Kruk said the vehicle has to be a health hazard of sort. If the Township were to use the IPMC (International Property Maintenance Code) the Township would have to have a Code Enforcement Officer in place. Mr. Kruk gave the Supervisors three ordinances to review. The Secretary will contact Emerson Turnbull.

Township Auditors Mary Ann McClelland and Mary Kay Steele presented the 2015 Audit report. The Auditors said everything was complete except for the interest from the Pension. The Auditors encouraged the Supervisors to adopt the Employee Handbook.

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AUDIT

On a MOTION by Robert Hrin, a SECOND Robert Hetrick, all the board voting in favor, the Auditor’s report for 2015 was accepted.

MINUTES

On a MOTION by Harold Wilson, a SECOND Robert Hrin, all the board voting in favor, the minutes of the March 08, 2016 meeting were approved as presented.

VOUCHERS AND PAYROLL

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

CORRESPONDENCE

1. EXCO is applying for E&S permit for Gustafson Pad.
2. JCCD investigated a complaint for earth disturbance at the Storage Facility on SR 219.
3. JCAAA asked if the Township had any ordinances for in house living conditions.

SOLICITORS REPORT

Greg Kruk sent another letter to James Stansfield, owner of the property located on Beechton Road in Westville. The house is dilapidated and needs torn down. The State Police did receive a call about people trespassing on it at night.

Mr. Kruk also reviewed the Township Code concerning the road flooding issue on Harvey’s Run the Township is having from beavers. The beavers are flooding the road by plugging the inside of the culvert pipe and damming up. The land owner will not allow the Township to access his property or to trap the beavers.

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SOLICITOR’S REPORT Continued…

Greg Kruk read from the Township Code: Section 67320 – power to open drains and ditches – (a) the board of supervisors or its agents may enter any lands or enclosures and cut, open, maintain and repair drains or ditches through the property when necessary to carry the water from the roads.

(b) any person who damages or diverts any drain or ditch without the authority of the board of supervisors commits a summer offense and is liable for the cost of restoring the drain or ditch. All fines and moneys so recovered shall be paid to the Township Treasurer.

Greg Kruk will send a letter to the property owner and contact the Game Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

On a MOTION by Robert Hrin, a SECOND Robert Hetrick, all the board voting in favor, the Township will renew their contract with UPMC for the health insurance. The health benefits will remain the same as last year for the full time employees.

ROAD REPORT

Dan Whaling presented a quote from Suit-Kote for Grinding (pulverize 6” deep and compact with Sheeps foot roller) in the amount of $17,500.00. Dan Whaling said he also contacted Midland Asphalt and Hawbaker’s. Hawbaker’s sold their grinding equipment.

On a MOTION by Harold Wilson, a SECOND Robert Hetrick, all the board voting in favor, the quote from Suit-Kote for $17,500 for road grinding (3.84 mile) was accepted. They will be grinding McVitty, White, Sterrett, Cooper, Cemetery, Mottern, Bushley, and Woodbury Roads.

On a MOTION by Harold Wilson, a SECOND Robert Hrin, all the board voting in favor, the Township will advertise for road materials (stone & emulsion) to be opened at the May meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Harold Wilson said he thought having a cleanup day for Washington Township would be a good idea and he will check into costs of dumpsters. Many of the surrounding Townships have a dumpster all year round for the residents to use to dispose of their junk not garbage.

Harold Wilson and Bob Hrin will meet with Greg Kruk and the secretary on April 26th @ 8 AM to continue reviewing rubbish ordinances.

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Bob Hrin introduced the Boy Scouts from Troop 35. They are working toward their citizen badges.

ADJOURNMENT

On a MOTION by Harold Wilson, a SECOND Robert Hrin, all the board voting in favor, as there was no further business or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Pifer,

Secretary/Treasurer