WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

July 12, 2016

The Washington Township Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 12, 2016. Members present: Chairman Steve McClelland, Vice-Chairman Robert Hrin, Supervisor Robert Hetrick, Supervisor Harold Wilson, and Supervisor Donna Cooper. Also present: Daniel Whaling, Road master, Sarah Anderson, Secretary, Greg Kruk, Solicitor, and Colleen Pifer. Visitors: Cathy Moore, Jerry Stormer, and David and Susan Moore.

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

OPEN TO THE FLOOR

Washington Township residents, David and Susan Moore asked if any progress has been made with a “junk car” ordinance within the township. Chairman, Steve McClelland responded by asking them to wait for the Solicitor’s report. The ordinance would be addressed at that time.

MINUTES

On a MOTION by Robert Hetrick, a SECOND by Robert Hrin, all the board voting in favor, the minutes of the June 14, 2016 meeting were approved as presented.

VOUCHERS AND PAYROLL

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

CORRESPONDENCE

1. JCCD – letter stating JCCD is aware of the erosion and sediment control issue with the storage facilities along Rt. 219.
2. HRG – letter stating the city of DuBois has revised their Act 537 plan to include Washington Township.

SOLICITORS REPORT

Greg Kruk prepared an example notification letter to send to those residents violating any rubbish/junk car ordinance. This letter was given to all supervisors for review. Greg advised the supervisors to send the letter and then have the solicitor follow up with each violator.

It was explained to David and Susan Moore that the board is working on trying to find a code enforcement officer to patrol the township and also research if the township has any ordinances already in place for rubbish, junk cars, or dilapidated buildings. David and Susan Moore thanked the board for their hard work with addressing the “junk car” complaints and left the meeting.

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Greg Kruk recommended emailing Emerson Turnbull, Matt Hasselback, and Reynoldsville Borough to ask about their fees and cost of fines involved in code enforcement. He also said the ordinance book needs reviewed and updated because there is probably some sort of ordinance on file that deals with rubbish.

Greg Kruk called U.K. property owner again about his Westville property. His mother answered again and said he was on his way to the U.S. on July 21, 2016.

Greg Kruk also brought to the board’s attention that cable provider, Zito has a 3 year contract with the township. The Supervisors will have to decide whether or not to renew this contract.

On a MOTION by Robert Hrin, a SECOND by Harold Wilson all the board voting in favor, a letter will be sent out to Buchanan Road resident, Woodbury Road resident, and Apple Orchard Road resident in reference to their junk cars. Letters will be mailed out only after Supervisor, Robert Hetrick verifies that these cars still exist.

NEW BUSINESS

On a MOTION by Robert Hrin, a SECOND by Robert Hetrick, with all the board voting in favor, it was approved that permission be granted to Sarah Anderson, Township Secretary to attend this year’s PAMA Conference in Pittsburgh, August 10-13th.

On a MOTION by Robert Hetrick, a SECOND by Donna Cooper, with all the board voting in favor, Sarah Anderson was appointed Zoning Officer.

On a MOTION by Robert Hetrick, a SECOND by Donna Cooper, with all the board voting in favor, Sarah Anderson was appointed Pension Plan Administrator.

On a MOTION by Harold Wilson, a SECOND by Donna Cooper, with all the board voting in favor, Sarah Anderson was appointed Planning Committee Secretary.

At this time, Chairman, Steve McClelland thanked former Township Secretary, Colleen Pifer for all her hard work and dedication. Everyone wished her good luck with her retirement.

ROAD REPORT

1. PENNDOT Letters – two different letters were received declaring cross-pipe replacement on SR 1003 and cross-pipe replacement on SR 1008.
2. Stone Bridge work is complete.
3. Some oil/chipping has been complete. Things have been slow due to weather. In the meantime, crew has been hauling stone from the well pads.

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 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Anderson,

Secretary/Treasurer