WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

Regular Monthly Meeting

July 14, 2015

The Washington Township Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 14, 2015. Supervisors present:

Supervisors present: Chairman Harold Wilson, Vice-Chairman Robert Hrin, Mike McClintick and Steve McClelland. Absent: Robert Hetrick. Also present: Solicitor Greg Kruk, Daniel Whaling, Roadmaster and Colleen Pifer, Secretary/Treasurer.

Visitors: Cathy Moore, News reporter for Courier Express, Kenneth Gross, father in law, and Paul Kongguard, EQT.

Chairman Harold Wilson called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR

Paul Kongguard, representative from EQT, who recently replaced Josie Schultz, introduced himself. He said that they were in the last two weeks of the fracing stage and after this is completed; activity will be minimal. The price of gas is down; therefore operations will be pretty much dormant until prices go back up.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a MOTION by Steve McClelland, a SECOND by Robert Hrin, all the board voting in favor, the minutes of the June 09, 2015 meeting were approved.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS & PAYROLL

On a MOTION by Steve McClelland, 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 Steve McClelland, all the board voting in favor, the monthly Treasurer report was accepted as presented. The Treasurer noted that $135,233 was received from the Act 13 monies from the Marcellus tax fund.

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CORRESPONDENCE

1. A copy of a letter the Solicitor sent to ARH Properties, LLC, Mt. Pleasant, PA concerning property located at 39 Beechton Road that is in a dilapidated condition.
2. A copy of a letter the Solicitor sent to the James Stansfield, Bucks, SLE 5HG UK concerning property located at 39 Beechton Road that is in dilapidated conditions.
3. A letter from Jefferson County Solid Waste Authority, thanking the Supervisors for their contribution and information on the news paper collection from the recycling site. Also included was a Newspaper Recycling Licensing Agreement.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Greg Kruk, Solicitor stated that the board asked him to send a letter to the owner of property located at 39 Beechton Road. The first letter was sent to ARH Properties in Mt. Pleasant, PA. Hence was sold the property to James Stansfield in the UK.

Mr. Kruk said he did drive out past the property and it is in bad condition.

Bridge at Reitz Crossing…

Greg Kruk said he was still researching the bridge determination. The records to research this are stored at the offsite record location.

Penndot Resolution for Cherry Drive…

Greg Kruk said he spoke to Allen Williams from Penndot and they want the Supervisors to adopt the Resolution first showing their intent to enter into this agreement before the work on the maintenance agreement.

NEW BUSINESS

On a MOTION by Robert Hrin, a SECOND by Mike McClintick, all the board voting in favor, the Sewer Planning Module for James Patton Subdivision for Kenneth Gross was approved.

On a MOTION by Steve McClelland, a SECOND by Robert Hrin, all the board voting in favor, the Sewer Planning Module for Tom Welsh Subdivision for Greg Mahoney was approved.

Both Sewer Planning Modules have been approved by the Jefferson County Sewage SEO and will be forwarded to DEP for their approval.

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OLD BUSINESS

The Personnel Policy was tabled again.

Penndot Agreement…

The Supervisors discussed the pros and cons of the Penndot agreement to take Cherry Drive over. Harold Wilson and Robert Hrin had concerns. Steve McClelland and Mike McClintick seemed favorable to it. Mike McClintick suggested tabling it until next month because the vote would probably be 2-2.

On a MOTION by Steve McClelland, a SECOND by Robert Hrin, all the board voting in favor, action on the Penndot Agreement was tabled until next month.

ROAD REPORT

Dan Whaling reported that the first round of oiling was completed. Traffic counts were done on Wilson Road and Cherry Drive by North Central Planning.

Road Bond Release…

On a MOTION by Steve McClelland, a SECOND by Robert Hrin, all the board voting in favor, the road bond for Paul Fremer for Lundberg Road was approved as recommended by the Roadmaster.

Dan Whaling reported that the F-550 is out of commission. It’s been to Murray’s Ford twice. Dan called the Ford Company. They told him to take it back to Murray’s before they could help him. The road department can’t patch potholes without this truck. Dan urged the board to purchase another truck.

Mike McClintick said he they have the same problem at the oil and gas companies. The newer diesel trucks have emissions put on them and when the truck is idling is causes havoc on the engines. The Township’s F-550 is a 2012 and only has 49,000 miles on it.

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Steve McClelland said he attended the County Executive meeting. The next county convention is scheduled for October 8, 2015 at Beechwoods Golf Course. Steve asked the board if they wanted to place an ad in the County Convention book.

On a MOTION by Mike McClintick, a SECOND by Robert Hrin, all the board voting in favor, the board approved placing a quarter page add in the County Convention book.

Rep. Chris Duash attended the meeting. He said the Act 13 monies will be dwindling each year. Also the new governor would like to tax anything that comes out of the ground.

ADJOURNMENT

On a MOTION by Mike McClintick, a SECOND by Robert Hrin, all the board voting in favor, as there was no further business or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Pifer,

Secretary/Treasurer