

WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP
Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors
Held, pursuant to due notice, in the Municipal Building
3345 Rosstown Road, Wellsville, PA 17365
Wednesday, August 5, 2020, 7:00 PM

Presiding: Supervisor John Dockery, Chairman
Supervisor George DeFrain
Supervisor Zachary Fickes - absent
Supervisor Thomas Hawkins
Supervisor Jason Weaver

Staff Present: Attorney Donald Hoyt, Township Solicitor
Rebecca Knaub-Bradshaw, Township Manager and Secretary-Treasurer

The meeting was opened with the Pledge to the Flag.

Minutes. Motion was made by Supervisor Hawkins and seconded by Supervisor DeFrain to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2020 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORTS

Wellsville Fire Company. The Fire Company reported responding to 12 calls in Warrington Township during the month of July 2020. Four calls were medical to assist the EMS crew. Other notable incidents were a watercraft rescue and a swimming rescue. The Chief said he has new box alarm sheets for Warrington Township.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Gene Chabak, Larson Design Group. Larson Design Group submitted a cost proposal to analyze the intersection of Rt 74 and Rt 177 to determine what can be done to improve traffic flow. The fee proposal is \$14,900.00 and the study will take approximately six months. Motion was made by Supervisor DeFrain and seconded by Supervisor Hawkins to approve the fee proposal and proceed with the study. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Chabak will begin by meeting with PennDOT to discuss the current Township permit for the signal light and intersection and request permit changes. He will also submit a grant application for help funding the project.

Shannon Hostetter – request for reduced speed on Rt 177. Ms. Hostetter requested that the Supervisors begin procedure to reduce speed on Rt. 177. The current speed limit is posted at 45 MPH. The Board said an engineering firm would need to prepare a speed study to determine whether the speed limit is set at appropriately for that highway. It was mentioned that a speed study was probably done when the signs were originally posted. The Board was not interested in pursuing a study at their expense. No action was taken.

SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT PLANS/PLANNING MODULES

Resolution 2020-06 Perry and Carolyn Witmer, 320 Fickes Road. The plan proposes to subdivide existing Parcel 64 into two residential lots and a third lot to be added to a neighboring property. Lot 1 (12.998 acres) is proposed to be subdivided to create Lot 3 (7.488 acres) and

Lot 4 (5.291 acres) and Lot 4A (0.219 acres) to be added to the land owned by Eldon and Bonnie Witmer. The lots are currently zoned Rural Agricultural (RA) and the proposed use of the lots is residential. Lot 4 currently has a single family residence and driveway access to Fickes Road (SR 4039) and Lot 3 proposes a new single family residence and intends to have driveway access to Fickes Road also. A Sewage Facilities Planning Module Component 2 was submitted to the Township for completion and submission to the PA DEP. Motion was made by Supervisor DeFrain and seconded by Supervisor Hawkins to adopt Resolution 2020-06 proposing that the Board of Supervisors submit the module to DEP for its approval as a revision to the “Official Sewage Facilities Plan” of Warrington Township the Perry and Carolyn Witmer Planning Module. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2020-07 Michael and Nancy Gotwalt, Church Road. The property has an existing malfunctioning drain field. Two soil scientists surveyed the lot but could not meet requirements for on-lot system. The recommendation is for the property owner to install a small flow treatment facility system. The system will serve one dwelling and will discharge into Beaver Creek. A Sewage Facilities Planning Module Component 3s was submitted to the Township for completion and submission to the PA DEP. Motion was made by Supervisor Hawkins and seconded by Supervisor DeFrain to adopt Resolution 2020-07 proposing that the Board of Supervisors submit the module to DEP for its approval as a revision to the “Official Sewage Facilities Plan” of Warrington Township the Michael and Nancy Gotwalt Planning Module. Motion carried unanimously.

Steven Heisse, Rosstown Road. Mr. Heisse has a property with a malfunctioning system at 2777 Rosstown Road. The Sewage Officer visited the site with a Soil Scientist but was unable to find a suitable percolation site. The Sewage Officer suggested that the property owner, who is in the process of selling the property, prepare a “fill-site” using DEP guidelines to prepare a place for a perc test. The fill site needs to compact for four years prior to a subsequent perc test. He said that because the property has an existing dwelling, a temporary holding tank can be installed with holding tank requirements that are in place for Warrington Township. A rough draft hand drawing was brought into the meeting. The Supervisors did not accept this drawing or the hand written contract from R. S. Ferry regarding pumping the tank. Supervisor Weaver said to notify the property owner to submit an appropriate septic design and contract to the Board for approval. Mr. Heisse’s request was tabled.

BUSINESS AND STAFF REPORTS

Penn State Health – Geisinger ownership change. Recently the Geisinger Health system and Penn State Health have entered into a membership substitution agreement in which Penn State Health will acquire the Holy Spirit Health System from Geisinger Health System. Penn State Health intends to begin operations in municipalities in southcentral Pennsylvania as a licensed EMS agency after obtaining required licenses. A provider agreement was sent for review by the Board of Supervisors. The Solicitor said the agreement is sufficient but suggested that the Board wait for a more formal agreement from Penn State Health.

Ordinance 2020-01 - Pa. Municipal Retirement System. This Ordinance is to amend the Warrington Township non-uniformed pension plan administered by the Pa Municipal Retirement System pursuant to Article IV of the Pa Municipal retirement law. The Township agrees that

PMRS shall administer and provide the benefits set forth in the amended Non-Uniformed Pension Plan Document and that Warrington Township acknowledges that by passage and adoption of this Ordinance the Township accepts the Contract and the financial obligations resulting from the administration of the Contract. The Ordinance and Contract shall become effective as of August 5, 2020. Motion was made by Supervisor Hawkins and seconded by Supervisor Weaver to adopt Ordinance 2020-01. Motion carried unanimously.

Tax Collector software request. Marcy Renshaw, Tax Collector requested that the Board purchase support for her computer system for collecting taxes. She asked for 6 hours of support at \$360.00 followed by \$60.00 per hour after 6 hours. Motion was made by Supervisor DeFrain and seconded by Supervisor Hawkins to approve \$360.00 for computer support for the Tax Collector. Motion carried unanimously.

York Adams Tax Bureau. Supervisor Dockery said during a virtual meeting of the YATB, the Director of the Tax Bureau said total collections are down about 3%. He wanted to make the Board aware of a potential decrease in funds but that the percentage may differ for each municipality.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion was made by Supervisor Hawkins and seconded by Supervisor DeFrain to approve General Fund accounts payable in the amount of \$32,724.40 and State Liquid Fuels accounts payable in the amount of \$342.47. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Supervisor Weaver and seconded by Supervisor Hawkins to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Township Secretary