WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Regular Meeting January 8, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Washington Township Board of Supervisors was held on January 8, 2025, at 7:00 pm. The meeting format and agenda were posted on the Township website and the Administrative Building door.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. Vice Chair Tolino and Supervisor Huratiak were also in attendance. Also present were Secretary/Treasurer Sharon Cifuentes, Police Chief Krome, Alternate Solicitor Richard Santee, Engineer Daren Martocci, and Road Foreman Craig Hester. There were 3 people in the audience.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recited

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

 General Fund
 Check # 20765-20803
 \$54,646.98

 Garbage Fund
 Check # 1255
 \$81,767.79

 Recreation Fund
 Check # 1850
 \$140.00

 Sinking Fund
 Check # 3041
 \$27,744.29

All bills are on file in the Administration Building and can be viewed during regular business hours.

Chairman Smith made a motion to approve the General Fund bills in the amount of \$54,646.98. Vice Chair Tolino seconded the motion.

Public Comment: None Vote 3-0

Chairman Smith made a motion to approve the Garbage Bills in the amount of \$81,767.79, the Recreation Fund bills in the amount of \$140.00 and the Sinking Fund bills in the amount of \$27,744.29. Supervisor Huratiak seconded the motion.

Public Comment: None Vote 3-0

APPROVAL OF TAX CHANGES: Real Estate Tax Changes, Garbage Changes

There were five (5) 2024 Real Estate Changes, one (1) 2023 Real Estate Change, and one (1) Garbage Change.

Chairman Smith made a motion to approve the tax changes. Vice Chairman Tolino seconded the motion.

Public Comment: None Vote 3-0

TREASURERS REPORT: Sharon Cifuentes

Account Balance Review – Secretary/Treasurer Cifuentes reviewed the township account balances as of December 31, 2024.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Robert Smith

1.) December 11, 2024

Chairman Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of December 11, 2024, Board of Supervisor meeting minutes. Supervisor Huratiak seconded the motion.

Public Comment: None Vote 3-0

CORRESPONDENCE:

1.) Slate Belt Committee - \$75K Zoning Update Grant – Supervisor Huratiak discussed the grant.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Saul Rosenblum expressed interest in purchasing Meadowbrook Mobile Park. There was discussion about the septic systems having to be capped, pumped and replaced, judgement/fines, escrow requirements, DEP, Fish and Game, and full land development required for additional units.

RECREATION: Justin Huratiak – Nothing to report

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief James Krome

- 1) **Incident Report** There were 4 arrests, 298 incidents and 26 citations during the month of December 2024
- **2) Police Vehicle Mileage** Total police mileage for the month of December 2024 was 5.017 miles.

ZONING REPORT: Howard Beers

- 1) Activity Report Interim Zoning Officer Howard Beers discussed the zoning activity report.
- **2) Zoning Ordinance Undefined Uses** discussion was had about language that could be added to the zoning ordinance to address undefined uses.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Daren Martocci

1) Introduction of Keystone Consulting Engineers., Inc – The Board of Supervisors welcomed Daren Martocci as the new Township Engineer.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: Robert Smith

1) Township Sign –

Chairman Smith made a motion to select Stewart Signs for the new township sign.

Supervisor Huratiak seconded the motion.

Public Comment: None Vote 3-0

Chairman Smith made a motion to select Swanson Electric to run electric to the new township sign. Supervisor Huratiak seconded the motion.

Public Comment: None Vote 3-0

1) Building Code Appeals Board

Chairman Smith made a motion to amend the December 26, 2025, motion to read "establish a Building Code Appeals Board and appoint Robert G Hoffman and Bill Pysher to the Building code Appeals Board." Vice Chair Tolino seconded the motion.

Public Comment: None Vote 3-0

- 2) **Township Land Lease** Expiring March 31, 2025. Interim Solicitor Santee will investigate whether it needs to be advertised.
- 3) HVAC Maintenance

Chairman Smith moved and Vice Chairman Tolino seconded to have Super Heat continue to service the Township HVAC system in 2025.

Public Comment: None Vote 3-0

4) Solicitor's Position

Supervisor Huratiak made a motion to appoint Richard E. Santee of Shay, Santee, Kelhart & Deschler LLC as Township Solicitor. Vice Chairman Tolino seconded the motion.

Public Comment: None Vote 3-0

Supervisor Huratiak made a motion to appoint KingSpry as Alternate Solicitor, if they accept. Vice Chairman Tolino seconded the motion.

Public Comment: None Vote 3-0

5) Auditor- Elected Positions – Solicitor Santee provided clarification about the elected auditor positions and suggested Secretary/ Treasurer reach out to the County for further information.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: N/A

ROAD DEPARTMENT:

1) Approve to Advertise Road Project Bid in February – The 2025 road project was discussed.

Chairman Smith made a motion to advertise the 2025 road project in February. Vice Chairman Tolino seconded the motion.

Public Comment: None

Vote 3-0

- 2) 4 Flicksville Rd. Lease Discussed the expired lease.
- 3) Part Time Road Candidate 1— Candidate is 17 years old. Solicitor Santee stated we will need working papers and parental consent forms. Secretary/ Treasurer Cifuentes will check with the insurance company to determine if candidate is able to drive township vehicles.
- 4) Part Time Candidate 2 Update We are just waiting on FMCSA report.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Smith made a motion to adjourn at 8:13 PM. Vice Chairman Tolino seconded the motion.

Public Comment: none Vote 3-0

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Cifuentes Secretary/Treasurer Washington Township Board of Supervisors