# WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS April 9, 2025, at 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Vice Chair Tolino and Supervisor Huratiak were in attendance. Also present were Secretary/Treasurer Sharon Cifuentes, Solicitor Ricky Santee, Interim Zoning Officer Howard Beers, Daren Martocci of Keystone Consulting Engineers, Police Chief James Krome and Road Foreman Hester. There were forty-three (43) people in the audience.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recited

### APPROVAL OF BILLS:

 General Fund
 Check #'s 20920-20960
 \$78,149.57

 Garbage Fund
 Check # 1258
 \$81,808.90

 Recreation Fund
 Check #1855-1877
 \$194.56

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

Chairman Smith moved to approve the General Fund bills in the amount of \$78,149.57. Supervisor Huratiak seconded the motion. Vice Chair Tolino abstained.

Public Comment: None Vote 2-0-1

Chair Smith moved to approve the Garbage Fund bills in the amount of \$81,808.90 and Recreation Fund bills in the amount of \$194.56. Vice Chair Tolino seconded the motion.

**Public Comment: None** Vote 3-0-0

**APPROVAL OF TAX CHANGES:** Interim Real Estate and Additions, Garbage Additions There were zero (0) tax changes

## TREASURER'S REPORT: Sharon Cifuentes

1) Account Balance Review

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Robert Smith

1) Approval of the Board of Supervisor Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2025, and March 26, 2025

Chairman Smith moved to approve the meeting minutes of March 12, 2025. Supervisor Huratiak seconded the motion.

Public Comment: None Vote 3-0-0

Chairman Smith moved to approve the meeting minutes of March 26, 2025. Supervisor Huratiak seconded the motion.

Public Comment: None Vote 3-0-0

### **COMMUNITY RECOGNITION:**

1) Recognition of Dane Kulak and Ellie DeCheser – Dane Kulak and Ellie DeCheser were recognized and honored by the Washington Township Volunteer Fire Company, the Washington Township Board of Supervisors, and DCNR Forestry for their bravery. Their quick action responding to Mr. Capozzolo during a fire resulted in the saving of life and property.

**PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE** 

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

### **RECREATION:** Justin Huratiak

1) Dog Park Fence -

Supervisor Huratiak moved to award Anchor Fence the contract for the dog park fence in the amount of \$42,935.00. Chairman Smith seconded the motion.

Vote 3-0-0

- 2) **Removal of Dead Ash Trees** Supervisor Huratiak spoke about the need to remove dead trees.
- **3) Demolition of Barn -** Supervisor Huratiak spoke about the need to demolish the barn.
- **4)** Extension of Walking Trail and Disc Golf Supervisor Huratiak spoke of extension of the trail golf. The NPDES permit is currently being worked on for renewal.

### POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief James Krome

- 1) **Incident Report** There were 304 incidents, 17 citations and 3 arrests.
- 2) Police Vehicle Mileage March police mileage was 5464.

### **ZONING REPORT: Howard Beers**

1) Activity Report – Nine zoning permits were issued. Supervisor Huratiak asked about the status of 455 American Bangor Rd. The appeal is in May.

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT: Daren Martocci**

1) Engineer's Report –

Township Engineer Martocci spoke about the response to the complaint for Meadowbrook Mobile Park, 601 Richmond Rd.

2024 MS4 report was filed 2/28/2025 with DEP. The current PRP will expire on 8/31/2025. Township Engineer Martocci spoke about BMP options and recommended BMP option number 2, Vegetated Open Channel.

Quarry Ridge Water Main – All work within the roadway will comply with Ordinance 255.

Township Engineer Martocci spoke about the new punch list for Country Mews. Solicitor Santee added that now is the time to ask for a security agreement amendment. The improvements must be completed before it can be a recorded development.

### **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: Robert Smith**

1) RFP for Propane and Fuel Oil.

Chairman Smith motioned to approve sending requests for proposal to provide propane for one (1) 420-pound tank. Vice Chairman Tolino seconded.

Vote 3-0-0

- 2) Insurance Quotes tabled until meeting on April 23, 2025
- 3) Ruggiero Subdivision

Supervisor Huratiak motion to approve the Ruggiero 486 Molasses Rd Min Sub 2025 conditioned upon the comments found in the Townships Engineer's review letter dated March 18, 2025. Chairman Smith seconded the motion.

Vote 3-0-0

4) Anilo – Land Development

Chairman Smith motioned to approve the Anilo Cedar Rd land Dev 2025 conditioned upon an approved PennDOT Highway Occupancy permit. Vice Chairman Tolino seconded.

Vote 3-0-0

5) **Township Sign Base Construction** – The Board reviewed the quoted for the township sign base construction

Chairman Smith motioned to award J&R Construction Enterprises, Inc. the contract to construct the township sign base in the amount of \$7600.00. Supervisor Huratiak seconded the motion.

Vote 3-0-0

- 6) **Country Mews** The Board discussed the previously made motion not to issue anymore building permits. A letter will be sent to the developer.
- 7) **Public Works Building** Discussion was had about the new public works building. There is a need to file with the zoning hearing board for impervious coverage.

Supervisor Huratiak motioned to authorize the Public Works Department to file an appeal with the Zoning Hearing Board for relief. Vice Chair Tolino seconded the motion.

Vote 3-0-0

### **ROADMASTER'S REPORT: Robert Smith**

- 1.) Crack Seal discussed
- 2.) **Advertise for Full Time Road Employee** Discussed resignation of Road Employee Christopher Sippel.

Chairman Smith motioned to accept the resignation of Christopher Sippel effective April 15, 2025. Vice Chairman Tolino seconded.

Chairman Smith motioned to advertise for a Full Time Road Department employee. Supervisor Huratiak seconded.

3-0-0

3.) **Majestic Way Meeting** – Chairman Smith and Road Foreman Hester held a meeting on April 7, 2025, with Rick Mutchler of Biospectra about the road project on Majestic Way.

#### **SOLICITORS REPORT: Richard Santee**

1) **Update On Potential Action** - Plainfield Township / Waste Management — Discussed the impact of the landfill and landfill expansion zoning changes have on Washington Township. Solicitor Santee suggested the board approve allowing him to attend a Plainfield Township meeting and ask to be granted party status.

Supervisor Huratiak motioned to allow Solicitor Santee to request standing at the Plainfield Township Board of Supervisors meeting concerning the landfill expansion and zoning changes. Vice Chairman Tolino seconded the motion.

Vote 3-0-0

2) **Upper Mt Bethel Inter-Municipal Agreement** – discussion was had concerning an agreement between Washington Township and Upper Mt Bethel concerning Peter Jacob and Shepherds Hill (not ordained) . Solicitor Santee will prepare a proposal to present to Upper Mt Bethel.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Smith motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm. Vice Chairman Tolino seconded .

Vote 3-0-0