

October 8, 2018

The Supervisors of Weisenberg Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania met at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2175 Seipstown Road, Fogelsville, Pennsylvania where Chairperson Linda Gorgas opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. Present were Anthony Werley, Richard Bleiler, Brian Carl, Stan Wojciechowski and Peter Lehr.

Minutes of the September 10, 2018 meetings were approved by motion of Anthony Werley seconded by Richard Bleiler. Motion carried.

The treasurer's reports of September 30, 2018, as well as payment of current invoices presented, were approved by motion of Richard Bleiler, seconded by Anthony Werley. Motion carried.

**Weisenberg Township
Treasurer Report
September 30, 2018**

General Fund Expenses	9/01/18 – 9/10/18	74,774.12
General Fund Expenses	9/11/18 – 9/30/18	17,165.21
State Fund Expenses	9/10/18	23,907.01
Equipment Fund Expenses	9/10/18	0.00

Balance as 9/30/18

General Fund Checking	1,250,242.34
General Fund CD	700,000.00
State Fund Checking	-
State Fund Money Market	105,361.29
Equipment Fund Money Market	204,783.26
Arcadia Industrial Park Signalization Fund	49,828.13
Recreation Fund	10,016.51
Fire Equipment Fund	51,462.41
Fire Equipment Fund - CD	192,902.99
Miscellaneous Escrow Fund	5,630.12
Road Swap Money Market	481,744.77
General Fund – CD Traffic Signalization	<u>77,772.08</u>

Total Assets 3,129,743.90

VISA Account Reconciliation – Brian

Beginning Balance	202.42
Payments	(202.42)

Purchases

PSU Extension – Weed Spray Class	100.00
Edge of the Woods – Plants for Park	283.25
Metro Fuel – Truck Repair	1,455.30
LVPC Gala Awards	<u>60.12</u>

1,898.67

Ending Balance

1,898.67

VISA Account Reconciliation – Tony

Beginning Balance	279.29
Payments	(279.29)

Purchases

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Ending Balance	<u>0.00</u>
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SUBDIVISIONS & LAND DEVELOPMENT:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Linda Gorgas, seconded by Richard Bleiler, to re-advertise the bid for “Tree Trimming” on New Smithville Road since no bids were received on the first advertisement. Motion carried.

Brian will be in contact with the 4 road masters of each municipality to discuss their participation and assistance in the construction of the walking trail project at the Northwestern Lehigh Rec Fields. Brian will draft a resolution in the next couple of months for the participation of all 4 townships (Heidelberg, Lynn, Lowhill, and Weisenberg) so that it can spell out what each township will provide to the project.

NEW BUSINESS:

Anthony Werley moved and seconded by Richard Bleiler, to advertise for an appointment of a CPA to perform the annual audit for the fiscal year of 2018. Motion carried.

Request for a reduction in credit (Hunt Meadows) was received on October 5, 2018. Site reviews and inspections were completed by Barry Isett and Associates and the Road Master and were found to be in compliance with the requirements for a reduction of credit. A motion was made by Anthony Werley, seconded by Richard Bleiler to grant the reduction in credit to Hunt Meadows in the amount of \$43,994.40 with a remaining balance of \$162,080.60 as per Barry Isett and Associates letter dated 10-8-2018. Motion carried.

A request was received on October 5, 2018 from Hunt Meadows for relief from buffer plantings in the basin located on 2949 Musket Road. The lot owner will be notified and a letter will be required from them notifying the Township of their wish not to have these buffer plantings installed since they will be maintaining them. Linda Gorgas agreed that the open grass field is more appealing than something that has the potential to be overgrown and unsightly. This request for relief was tabled by motion made by Linda Gorgas, seconded by Anthony Werley until the November meeting. Motion carried.

Peter Everett (Gateway Ridge) addressed the board with a request of a temporary construction entrance off of Danner Road when needed on Lot #2 (3524 Alyssa Court). Upon the completed construction of a house on Lot #2 the driveway would come out onto Alyssa Court. The developer wishes to install the final top coat to Alyssa Court due to the fact that 7 out of 9 lots have been sold and built upon. The existing approved plan shows the driveway coming off of Alyssa Court. Anthony Werley does not want to see possible damage being done to Danner Road with a temporary construction entrance. Richard Bleiler stated that he would agree with Anthony’s statement. The request was denied.

Peter Lehr supplied a “draft” ordinance to bring the existing fireworks ordinance up in line with the new state regulations that were recently adopted. This will be reviewed by the supervisors and discussion will be held next month. Brian questioned the parameters of times fireworks can be displayed on the proposed ordinance and would like that to be looked at carefully.

Motion made by Richard Bleiler, seconded by Anthony Werley for Brian Carl to perform a safe speed study on Packhouse Road. Currently this is a non-posted road. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Walt Snider of 8802 Edelweiss Road stated that his neighbor (John Schnellman-8788 Edelweiss Road) has a dozen turkeys running around on his property and they are coming onto his property as well. Brian informed him of the ordinance that requires all resident to contain their pets to their own yards. He will look into it and send a letter to Mr. Schnellman if he is in violation.

WEISENBERG VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT’S COMMENTS:

Brian Carl, Fire Chief, informed the board that they are at 180 calls for the year so far. They will be holding a Flea Market at the fire station on October 27th from 8am to 2pm. The fire company passed their budget for 2019 and that has been sent to the supervisors for review. They are once again hosting a Christmas Party on December 3rd and he would like to invite the Supervisors and their spouses to attend. Scott Freeman is heading up a committee for future funding and planning of the fire company and would be contacting the supervisors shortly to setup a meeting.

ROADMASTER’S REPORT:

Anthony Werley informed the board that they have finished doing drainage work on Kecks. They were cutting shoulders on New Smithville Road and filling in spots for the installation of guide rail. They are continuing to shoulder mow and cleaning/fixing pipes and swales for the upcoming winter.

ENGINEER’S COMMENTS:

Stan Wojciechowski explained that construction has started at Morgan Hills. Brian and Stan informed the Board that they have not received an improvements agreement or security for public improvements. There will be inspections performed on the basins and that cost will be covered under the \$5000 escrow for engineering & legal fees. They are aware that they still need to do HOA agreements and Rec fees need to be paid. Stan stated that Lehigh Engineering is working on a cost estimate and will be forwarding them when completed for review.

Stan advised the board by letter on September 25th that an Ordinance is needed in order to install a (4) way stop at Mohr Lane and Apple Road. Also an Ordinance would be needed to reduce the speed to 25mph from Wertman Road to the township line of Upper Macungie Township on Apple Road. On Mohr Lane at the township line to about 600 feet west of Hailey Court would be 25mph and then it would continue to be 35mph to Wertman Road. Peter will work up draft Ordinances for both the speed reduction and 4 way stop.

Stan advised the board that he will need a formal resolution next month in order to authorize the trail grant request.

ATTORNEY’S COMMENTS:

None

TREASURER’S COMMENTS:

Jeff stated that he will be working with Brian on the upcoming budget for 2019. He also received today a rough draft of the new employee manual from PayChex. He will review and forward to the supervisors for their comments shortly.

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:

Motion was made by Anthony Werley, seconded by Richard Bleiler, to hire temporary help for winter maintenance Chris Kistler, Steve Schaeffer, Bryan Peters and Joe Plaska. Motion carried.

Richard Bleiler informed the board that he attended the Veterans Memorial meeting this past month with nothing new to report, they are still in the early stages.

Linda Gorgas reported that the Rec Commission finished up “Night in the Country” with the Kathy Hermany doing another great job. She will be starting again in Jan/Feb 2019 for the planning once again for the fall event. The Rec Commission another donation from Nestle Water for the walking trail and they are moving forward with the help of the surrounding municipalities.

SECRETARY / ADMINISTRATOR’S COMMENTS:

Trick or Treat is set for October 27th from 6-8pm with no rain date. Tony and Brian will once again attend the LVPC Gala & Awards event on October 10th as Weisenberg Township is once again nominated for the “Community of Distinction” award. Brian presented to the LVPC the outstanding features of our municipality in preparation of the possible award. The electronic recycling event was a huge success that was held on September 29th. Lehigh Valley Economic Investment Corp. sent a letter dated September 26th regarding a proposed grant application to extend approximately 19,000 feet of 8” high density polyethylene pipe to serve the warehouse developments off of Golden Key Road from Upper Macungie. Brian will reach out to LVEIC as they are looking for comments regarding the project and notify them that the Township has safety & development concerns with the proposal. A thank you letter was received by Cetronia Ambulance for the donation they received. Cetronia Ambulance would like to speak with the supervisors about the rising cost of the ambulance service prior to our budget meeting.

Brian received a complaint from a resident on Bachelor Road requesting that all electric fences be posted as such in order for people/pets not to be harmed. Discussion was held whether the electrified fences were on private property. Brian stated that it was a farm that was fencing in cows. No action was taken.

Walt Snider of 8802 Edelweiss Road further spoke about his neighbor’s turkey issue. He asked if he was allowed to catch/kill the neighbor’s turkeys if they come onto his property again. Brian Carl responded that he would not advise that and such action would be a civil issue between the neighbors and would not involve the Township.

With no further business, Linda Gorgas adjourned the meeting at 8:02 pm for the payment of invoices presented and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian C. Carl
Secretary