

January 13, 2020

The Supervisors of Weisenberg Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania met at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2175 Seipstown Road, Fogelsville, Pennsylvania where Supervisor 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, Peter Lehr and Jeff Strauss.

Minutes of the Reorganizational meeting held January 6th, 2020 were approved by motion of Anthony Werley seconded by Richard Bleiler. Motion carried.

The treasurer's reports of December 31, 2019, 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

December 31, 2019

General Fund Expenses	12/01/19 – 12/09/19	62,498.53
General Fund Expenses	12/10/19 – 12/31/19	244,592.11
State Fund Expenses	12/09/19 & 12/27/19	8,628.61
Recreation Fund Expenses	December 2019	-
Equipment Fund Expenses	December 2019	-

Balance as 12/31/19

General Fund Checking	717,548.51
General Fund – CD	1,929,016.75
State Fund Checking	89,497.76
State Fund Money Market	212,227.26
Equipment Fund Money Market	49,315.45
Arcadia Industrial Park Signalization Fund	12,581.87
Recreation Fund	48,531.53
Fire Equipment Fund	197,738.93
Fire Equipment Fund – CD	-
Miscellaneous Escrow Fund	69.23
Road Swap Money Market	79,749.05
General Fund – CD Traffic Signalization	175,722.14
Capital Projects Fund	13,764.31
Conservation District Fund	5,000.62
Open Space Money Market Fund	5,125.35
Open Space Fund – CD	65,008.00
Yard Waste Money Market Fund	<u>66,629.50</u>
Yard Waste Recycling Fund – CD	
Total Assets	3,667,526.26

VISA Account Reconciliation – Brian

Beginning Balance	114.68
Payments	(114.68)

Purchases		
	Carbonite Backup	71.99
	Postage	15.95
	<u>1&1 – Internet email</u>	<u>8.71</u>
		<u>96.65</u>
Ending Balance		<u>96.65</u>
<u>VISA Account Reconciliation – Tony</u>		
	Beginning Balance	0.00
	Payments	(0.00)
Purchases		
	PSATS – Flagger Training	250.00
	Hunter Truck-Vehicle 23	174.74
	Lowe’s – Water heater	432.68
	Amazon – Shop Lights	158.97
	Amazon – Pump	51.93
	Amazon – Shop Vac	201.00
	<u>Amazon – Time Clock Cables</u>	<u>49.73</u>
		<u>1,319.05</u>
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Ending Balance

SUBDIVISIONS & LAND DEVELOPMENT:

Thomas A. Hails – Prel./Final – Minor Subdivision 3 lots (1 existing – 2 proposed)

Plan Dated 11/17/2019 (1778 Kecks Road) Tim Schadler was present to review the plan with the Board. Stan Wojciechowski reviewed his comments regarding the plan. Tim Schadler agreed to purchase the speed signs and pay for the installation but asked the Township if they would install them. Anthony Werley agreed that they would install them. Anthony Werley made a motion, seconded by Richard Bleiler to grant a waiver of our SALDO requiring this subdivision be changed from a Major to a Minor Subdivision. Motion carried. Richard Bleiler made a motion, seconded by Anthony Werley to conditionally approve the minor subdivision based upon our Engineer’s letter dated December 17th, 2019 and Administrator/Zoning Officer letter dated December 19th, 2019. Motion carried.

Albert L. Granger – Prel./Final – Minor Subdivision (Lot Line Adjustment)

Plan Dated 12/4/2019 (2141 Packhouse Road) George White (JHA Companies) presented the lot line adjustment to the Board. Stan Wojciechowski reviewed his comments regarding the plan. Brian Carl stated that an interpretation on a single family home being built on the property was before the Zoning Hearing Board last Wednesday. The Zoning Board felt that no interpretation was needed and that it was a permitted use in addition to the vacation resort. This single family home will not be expanding the vacation resort/inn. George White stated that this will be used for Mr. Granger’s personal residence. Discussion was held regarding the driveway and access to the rear of the property where the dwelling will be located. This is a challenge for emergency services. If there are any additions to the Inn it would have to go before the Zoning Hearing Board and Planning Commission and then the Township could require improvements to the driveway under the land development plan. Anthony Werley made a motion, seconded by

Richard Bleiler waiving the strict compliance with SALDO 911 to allow them to put only concrete monuments at the intersections of the existing property lines and the proposed property line on Packhouse Road. Motion carried. Richard Bleiler made a motion, seconded by Anthony Werley to conditionally approve the lot line adjustment based upon our Engineer's letter dated December 16th, 2019 and Administrator/Zoning Officer letter dated December 19th, 2019. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Resolution #2020-2 accepting the addition of 1.228 acres into the existing Township's Agricultural Security Area for Kurt J. & Alyssa J. Gerhard was adopted by motion made by Anthony Werley and seconded by Richard Bleiler. Motion carried.

Resolution #2020-3 accepting the addition of 17.9 acres into the existing Township's Agricultural Security Area for Gladys Gruber was adopted by motion made by Richard Bleiler and seconded by Anthony Werley. Motion carried.

Ordinance # 2020-1 – Speed Reduction (25 mph) – Sechler Court was approved by motion made by Anthony Werley, seconded by Richard Bleiler. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion made by Richard Bleiler, seconded by Anthony Werley to grant the renewal of a license to operate a junkyard for the period of (1) year. (Peters Automotive Services Corp @ 3080 Golden Key Road, New Tripoli) Motion carried.

Motion made by Anthony Werley, seconded by Richard Blieler to grant the renewal of a license to operate a junkyard for the period of (1) year. (C. Lick Jr. Salvage, Inc. @ 9575 Old 22, Fogelsville PA) Motion carried.

Motion made by Richard Bleiler, seconded by Anthony Werley to grant the renewal of a license to operate a junkyard for the period of (1) year. (Walbert Contracting @ 10176 Schoolhouse Road, Breinigsville PA) Motion carried.

Resolution # 20-4 to pay reoccurring 2020 bills to vendors was adopted by motion made by Anthony Werley, seconded by Richard Bleiler. Motion carried.

We will be having our electronic recycling event on March 28th from 9 am to 12 noon or until the two trucks are full at the Weisenberg Fire Station. The event will be advertised on our website, in the office and in a flyer in the Northwestern Press. The second event is scheduled for October 10th 2020 from 9 am to 12 noon or until one truck is full. Motion to approve these events was made by Richard Bleiler, seconded by Anthony Werley. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Phil Armstrong (Lehigh County Executive) stopped by to spread the word on the upcoming 2020 Census. The last Census that was conducted really didn't do a telling job of residents in rural and inner city areas. We lose \$2000. annually on every person not counted. It can be done by phone, email or mail. April 1st will be the date the mailings will go out.

Bob Elbich (County Commissioner At-Large) was present to introduce himself as a newly elected County Commissioner and he re-iterated the importance of the Census.

Northwestern Swim & Fitness Inc. – Jan Sutermeister (7795 Hawk View Road) stated that they filed for tax exempt status at the end of December 2019.

Martin Rakaczewski (2912 Musket Road) addressed the Board with thanks to Brian regarding him working with Waste Management and the other businesses. Palram did get back to Brian today and they will be doing daily checks of the yard for trash. They also have an open top dumpster which they will relocate. Marty has a contact with the State Police so he will ask them to stop by the transfer station in regards to people not covering the trash and just talk to them about this problem. He is also monitoring the area of Bleiler Hill and Seipstown for litter. He contacted Ken Gehringer as to when he will be planting next. He stated in the next few months. Marty suggested having a second earth day type of event in order to pick up that trash so that he doesn't go and plant that in the ground. The Board is supportive of having a community clean-up event for Earth Day. More information to come as details are worked out.

WEISENBERG VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS:

Matt Krapf, Fire Chief, informed the board that they had 201 calls for the year 2019. Their December hoagie sale brought in \$657.45 in profits. They are currently having a meat pie sale until January 23rd. They are still looking for the leak on 5121. 5192 is in the process of being updated as a new response vehicle for the chief instead of installing radios and lights on his personal vehicle. They are pulling data from the Card Access System in preparation of installing a new card access system. Fire Department Officers were announced with Matt Krapf as chief for 2020. They have completed the purchase and upgrade of the cordless hydraulic rescue tools and will try to sell the old hydraulic ones. They will rebuild the rescue compartment on 5111 for these new tools. A hazmat ops refresher class will be held on January 20th and the 27th at New Tripoli Fire Company.

Marty Rakaczewski (2912 Musket Road) offered his contacts in order to provide the fire company with additional quotes on the card access system.

Phil Armstrong (Lehigh County Executive) asked if the safety concerns of directing traffic on Rt.78 has improved since he was last here. Matt stated that the State Police and PennDOT have been more responsive to this issue. They now hold quarterly meetings with PennDOT to discuss concerns.

EAC COMMENTS:

None

ROADMASTER'S COMMENTS:

Anthony Werley informed the Board that they have installed the new speed signs and curve warning signs on George Road. They are continuing with the brush trimming, maintenance of equipment and a winter maintenance during storms.

ENGINEER'S COMMENTS:

Stan Wojciechowski informed the Board that he did receive a HOP application for Sheetz. They are going to go with the same driveway configuration as the Golden Key Road Travel Center. It looks like they will just be transferring the HOP permit to Sheetz. Their office did receive the HOP submission for West Hills and that was sent out last week. Morgan Hills is doing small work out in the field. The survey department was out on Valley Road for base mapping to be used for the wetlands and stream encroachment permits.

ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS:

Peter Lehr informed the Board that he worked with Brian Carl regarding (2) enforcement issues. Both with favorable judgments. Bear is appealing the decision through Lehigh County so we will wait for that appeal to be scheduled.

TREASURER’S COMMENTS:

Jeff stated that he gave the Board a list of the delinquent taxes for the year 2019 in order for him to submit to Portnoff for collections. The amount of people delinquent on their taxes has gone up this year as well as the school district. We have (2) CD’s that are coming up for maturity this month. Motion made by Anthony Werley, seconded by Richard Bleiler to renew both CD’s for a period of 13 months at the rate of 1.75%. Jeff will inform the Board of any changes regarding the Circle of Seasons suing the School District for Tax Exempt Status that wasn’t filled within the allotted time. The Board was in agreement to close out the Road Swap Account after the meeting on January 21st with PennDOT representative Jeff Roback, Jeff, Brian and Tony.

He is preparing for the 2019 township audit, W-2’s, 1099’s and insurance forms.

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:

Richard Bleiler asked about the Auditor’s meeting that he was unable to attend. Brian Carl stated that everything went well and the 2019 audit will be conducted by France Anderson.

Marty Rakaczewski (2912 Musket Road) informed the Board that there is a downed arrow sign on Golden Key Road. We will inform PennDOT since this is a state road.

SECRETARY / ADMINISTRATOR’S COMMENTS:

Brian Carl informed the Board that New Enterprise contacted the office and Kate Tersha regarding New Enterprise using the Tersha property as a staging area for the work that is being done on 78. The Board was in agreement with New Enterprise using the property as long as New Enterprise (in writing) agrees to repair any damage to the road when the project is completed. Brian informed the Board that he is having trouble with the insurance company who covers the person who hit the guide railing on West Hills Court. He has contacted our insurance company (Selective) for assistance. The Board agreed that the guide railing should be fixed while this is being worked out since it is a safety issue. The Board was in agreement that Brian Carl should proceed with con-eds needed for his SEO certification. Brian will be working with Peter Lehr regarding a civil complaint that will be filed on Bartholomew Court.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

With no further business, Linda Gorgas adjourned the meeting at 8:01 pm for the payment of invoices presented and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian C. Carl
Secretary