

September 13, 2021

The Supervisors of Weisenberg Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania held their regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. in person and on ZOOM due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Supervisor Linda Gorgas opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. Anthony Werley, Richard Bleiler, Brian Carl, Jeff Strauss, Peter Lehr and Emma Yeh were also in attendance.

The meeting was advertised & conducted in accordance with Act 15. Roll call was conducted on all members and staff.

Minutes of the August 9, 2021 Board of Supervisors meeting were approved by motion of Anthony Werley seconded by Richard Bleiler. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report of August 31, 2021 as well as payment of current invoices presented was approved by motion of Richard Bleiler seconded by Anthony Werley. Motion carried.

**Weisenberg Township  
Treasurer Report  
August 31, 2021**

General Fund Expenses	8/01/21 – 8/09/21	151,462.37
General Fund Expenses	8/13/21 – 8/31/21	18,791.22
State Fund Expenses	8/09/21	30,742.04
Equipment Fund Expenses	8/09/21	54,792.00

	<b><u>Balance as 8/31/2021</u></b>
General Fund Checking	3,777,349.38
State Fund Checking	-
State Fund Money Market	55,162.92
Equipment Fund Money Market	74,954.67
Arcadia Industrial Park Signalization Fund	43,987.99
Hillwood Signalization	82,330.99
Recreation Fund	56,516.02
Fire Equipment Fund	253,964.06
Fire Tax Fund	537,332.37
Capital Projects Fund	251,641.83
Conservation District Fund	84,562.73
Open Space Money Market Fund	15,218.27
Yard Waste Money Market Fund	198,053.06
COVID Money	<u>276,209.95</u>

Total Assets	5,707,284.24
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VISA Account Reconciliation – Brian

Beginning Balance 1,867.28  
Payments (1,867.28)

Purchases	1&1	Internet Email	32.71
	PSATS	Lehigh Cty. Ad-reimbursed	190.00
	Lathem Time	Monthly Time Clock	39.00
	Zoom	Monthly Fee	14.99
	Amazon	First Aid Kits – Road Crew	186.73

463.43

Ending Balance

463.43

VISA Account Reconciliation – Tony

Beginning Balance 0.00  
Payments (0.00)

Purchases	<u>Lowes</u>	<u>Water Seal</u>	64.98
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64.98

Ending Balance

64.98

**SUBDIVISIONS & LAND DEVELOPMENT:**

Glasbern-Knol – Major (4) Lot Subdivision – Daniel Graybill Jr of Berks Surveying & Engineering was present to review the preliminary plan with the Board. They are requesting (2) waivers on the plan. SALDO§403.C.B.36 requiring delineated slope areas of 15% on the residual lot and over and SALDO§ 403.C.B.37 requirement to show contour lines at 2ft or 5ft intervals. Motion made by Anthony Werley, seconded by Richard Bleiler to grant the (2) waivers requested. Motion carried. Motion made by Richard Bleiler, seconded by Anthony Werley to conditionally approve the preliminary plan based on the engineers comment letter dated September 10, 2021. Motion carried.

Glasbern-Knol – Planning Module. Motion made by Anthony Werley, seconded by Richard Bleiler to conditionally approve the planning module for Glasbern-Knol based on Chris Noll’s (SEO) acceptance letter. Motion carried.

4101 New Smithville Road – Minor Subdivision – Prel./Final – Plan Dated 9/1/2021 Emma Yeh reviewed the preliminary/final plan of the minor (2) lot subdivision. They are requesting (2) waivers on the plan. SALDO §904.B requiring the depth-to-width ratio of a lot shall not be greater than 3 to 1 and SALDO §603.C.B.1 from the requirement that the plan scale be set at 1”=50’. Motion made by Anthony Werley, seconded by Richard Bleiler to grant the (2) waivers requested. Motion carried. Motion made by Richard Bleiler, seconded by Anthony Werley to conditionally approve the preliminary/final plan based on the engineers comment letter and the zoning officers comment letter both dated September 10, 2021. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

2001 F-550 Truck Bid Results – Motion made by Linda Gorgas, seconded by Richard Bleiler to sell the 2001 F-550 4x4 dump truck w/ 9’ plow and spreader advertised on MuniBid to Aaron Nyemscek for his highest bid of \$13,311.00. Motion carried.

1995 – International 4900 Dump Truck Results – Motion made by Richard Bleiler, seconded by Linda Gorgas to sell the 1995 International 4900 Dump Truck advertised on MuniBid to Ifesinachi Amulue for his highest bid of \$10,880.00. Motion carried.

Hailey Court – Legal action against Brad Collins for unpaid sewer bills. Peter Lear will be in touch with the mortgage company for Mr. Collins and advise the Board next month of his findings.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

2022 – Yearly Employee Pension MMO – Motion made by Richard Bleiler, seconded by Linda Gorgas to maintain the current employee pension percentage. Motion carried.

Northwestern Lehigh Veterans Memorial Benches – Motion made by Anthony Werley, seconded by Richard Bleiler to purchase a bench (\$6,000.00) at the Veteran’s Memorial in Ontelaunee Park. All 4 townships are being asked to support the purchase of a bench. The name “Weisenberg Township” will be engraved on the bench at the memorial. Motion carried.

The Budget Meetings will be advertised for October 4<sup>th</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup> at 5pm.

The intersection of Old 22 and 863 was discussed. Brian will reach out to Mr. Shaner regarding the additional right-of-way needed. Peter was authorized to prepare the necessary documents in order to file for taking if needed.

Pavilion/Garage grant application was discussed for the Bachelor Road Park.

**Resolution # 21-14** – Motion made by Anthony Werley, seconded by Richard Bleiler to approve up to \$50,000.00 for the pavilion/garage at the athletic fields and to apply for a grant through DCED Local Share Account (LSA) Northampton Lehigh County grant. Motion carried.

Verizon – 2588 New Smithville Road – Driveway Ordinance Waiver Request. Jim Boris was on the zoom call to discuss the waiver request with the Board. They are requesting to increase the parking lot on a non-conforming site. Motion was made to deny the request to expand the existing parking area. Motion carried. It was conveyed that they could apply for a permit to repave the existing parking area at the existing size.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Martin (Bud) and Cindy Kovich – 2354 Hailey Court, Daryl Rhode – 2339 Hailey Court  
Mike Peters – 2342 Hailey Court – The residents of Hailey Court informed the Board of a stray cat concern that has been happening in Hailey Court for a number of years. Discussion was held with the Board and it was decided that Brian Carl would send out a letter to Mr. Epler regarding the stray cat problem.

**WEISENBERG VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT’S COMMENTS:**

Matt Krapf, Fire Chief, informed the Board that they had 147 calls for the year so far. A hoagie fundraiser which was held in August brought in a profit of \$900.40. The August hoagie sale will run until September 28<sup>th</sup> with a delivery date of October 7<sup>th</sup>. He reviewed his comment letter dated 9/13/2021 regarding the activity of the fire department and their members. The pre chassis payment has been made to Rosenbauer for the new tanker pumper. This total came to \$347,444.00. Rosenbauer did inform them that they are looking at a possible 45-60 day delay on the delivery of the new truck. The Fire Department now started advertising on Facebook for new members. The first draft of the new bylaws was given to Peter to review and they are also

looking at revamping the recruitment and retention program. Matt informed the Board that the Northwestern Lehigh Regional Steering Committee is having discussions about what this group is going to look like in the future. Matt will update the Board as these discussions progress.

**EAC COMMENTS:**

Marty Rakaczewski informed the Board that the EAC posted pictures on their Facebook page of the construction of walking trails. After they are completed they will be looking to do some projects there to help out. They are also working with Waste Management to have another handout event to promote litter awareness and also to promote the rain barrel workshop on October 16<sup>th</sup>.

**ROADMASTER'S COMMENTS:**

Anthony Werley informed the Board that they have been working on the roads due to the heavy rain events this past month. They have been working on the walking trails and helping set up/tear down of Night in the Country.

Discussion was held regarding the purchase of a new truck since the lead times on purchases are months out. Motion was made by Linda Gorgas, seconded Richard Bleiler to order a new 2022 F-550 dump truck. Motion carried. We will use the existing stainless steel body from the 2006 truck.

**ENGINEER'S COMMENTS:**

The US Fish & Wildlife has cleared the Kuhn's Hill Road culvert replacement project provided all work in the stream channel is done between November 1<sup>st</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup>. The double chip seal was completed on Alyssa Court on September 10<sup>th</sup> and the wearing course is scheduled for this week. A pre-construction meeting was held the regarding traffic signal at Golden Key Road/Commerce Circle/West Hills Court. We are awaiting confirmation on an actual start date of construction.

**ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS:**

None

**TREASURER'S COMMENTS:**

Jeff Strauss informed that the Fire Equipment Fund will not show up on the next Treasurer's Report since it has been depleted and closed out. The TIFF payment portion of the fire tax millage will be reimbursed by the fire Tax Funds and not the General Fund. Jeff informed the Board regarding re-assessments of taxes on a couple of properties. A few school tax payments that came in after the due date of August 31 were returned to residents as instructed by the school district.

**SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:**

Richard Bleiler stated that the flagpole was installed at the Veterans Memorial. Linda Gorgas asked Brian if there was any activity with Mr. Silfies. Brian will drive by this week and check on it.

**SECRETARY / ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS:**

Brian Carl informed the Board that we received the \$2500.00 grant from GIANT Company and the Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful grant program. Brian will contact a nursery to purchase additional trees for the soccer fields to match out the ones that are out there. One of the pumps fried over at Hailey Court this past week. He contacted Christman Septic Systems to order a new one to be installed. Thanks was given to the road crew for all the construction on the walking trails.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

None

With no further business, Linda Gorgas adjourned the meeting at 9:09 pm for the payment of invoices presented and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian C. Carl, Secretary