

September 14, 2020

The Supervisors of Weisenberg Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania met at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2175 Seipstown Road, Fogelsville, Pennsylvania. The meeting was available via ZOOM 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, Dave Berger (Attorney) and Stan Wojciechowski. Jeff Strauss attended the meeting via ZOOM. due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Minutes of the August 10, 2020 Board of Supervisors meeting were approved by motion of Anthony Werley seconded by Richard Bleiler. Motion carried.

The treasurer's reports of August 31, 2020 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
August 31, 2020**

General Fund Expenses	8/01/20 – 8/10/20	90,080.04
General Fund Expenses	8/11/20 – 8/31/20	18,059.15
State Fund Expenses	8/10/20	24,812.92
Equipment Fund Expenses	8/10/20	-

	<u>Balance as 8/31/2020</u>
General Fund Checking	1,926,851.12
General Fund – CD	726,434.69
State Fund Checking	-
State Fund Money Market	197,166.24
Equipment Fund Money Market	122,557.95
Arcadia Industrial Park Signalization Fund	48,957.59
Recreation Fund	52,410.06
Fire Equipment Fund	49,574.68
Fire Equipment Fund – CD	200,187.74
Fire Tax Fund	254,500.42
General Fund – CD	750,000.00
General Fund – CD Traffic Signalization	80,736.44
Capital Projects Fund	176,076.24
Conservation District Fund	93,641.67
Open Space Money Market Fund	10,197.96
Yard Waste Money Market Fund	<u>132,612.80</u>
Total Assets	4,821,905.60

VISA Account Reconciliation – Brian
Beginning Balance

1,572.87

Payments (1,572.87)

Purchases

USPS	Postage	8.25
1&1	Internet email	27.71
Lathem Time	Monthly Time Clock	41.34
Zoom	Monthly Fee	67.83
<u>Demarcos Rest.</u>	<u>Road Crew meal-storm</u>	<u>34.17</u>

179.30

Ending Balance

179.30

VISA Account Reconciliation – Tony

Beginning Balance 0.00
Payments (0.00)

Purchases

<u>Casilio & Sons</u>	<u>Concrete</u>	<u>620.00</u>
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620.00

Ending Balance

620.00

SUBDIVISIONS & LAND DEVELOPMENT:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Valley Road Culvert Bid – Stan informed the Board that J. Phillips Excavating & Hauling LLC @ \$259,203.83 was the lowest bid price received on the Valley Road culvert replacement. Brian will contact L.C.C.D. to possibly increase the grant funds. Anthony Werley made a motion, seconded by Richard Bleiler to accept the bid from J. Phillips Excavating & Hauling LLC for the Valley Road culvert replacement. Motion carried.

Melinda Manuel (8996 Wertman Road) – Joe Konsko (Morgan Hills) Discussion was held regarding when the work on the driveway to 8996 Wertman Road will be completed. Joe Konsko agreed to stone the radius on the right side of the driveway, extension of the pipe and install new soil over it this year. The wearing course of the radius will be completed when the paving of the first driveway is completed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Curt Silfies (3286 Masters Hill Road) – Request for 2nd driveway on his property. Discussion was held and his request was denied by motion made by Anthony Werley, seconded by Richard Bleiler. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Anthony Werley, seconded by Richard Bleiler that Mr. Silfies has to stop using the second driveway and restore the area back to grass within 30 days from today's date of September 19th, 2020. Motion carried. The E&S plan must be submitted to the township for

review and that plan is to show all of the details of what will be are constructed and the limit of disturbance.

He is installing 4 sea containers with roofs over the middle of them to make 2 buildings. The containers are 18' x 18' x 40' long with a roof span of 35'. 1 building will be for the cows (open on both ends of the middle roofed part). The other building will be a private storage building where the ends will be enclosed with one end having a garage door and a man door. Mr. Silfies has rented an additional sea container that is holding storage for a basement remodel. Mr. Silfies stated that it will leave.

Anther complaint that was received was Mr. Silfies burning large piles of construction material on the property. Mr. Silfies was advised that all burning must comply with the burning ordinance.

Karl Mohr (3396 Masters Hill Road) addressed the Board with complaints regarding Mr. Silfies activities on the property. Mr. Mohr stated that Mr. Silfies is not getting the required permits for all the dirt he has brought into the property. The Township has requested LCCD to come in and take a look at the activity that is occurring on Mr. Silfies property and he is required by the Township to apply for an E&S plan.

Brian Carl shared the results of a joint salt bid that was advertised by Weisenberg Township. Eastern Salt Company was the lowest bidder at \$57.57/ton delivered. Motion made by Linda Gorgas, seconded by Richard Bleiler to accept the joint salt bid (Weisenberg Township's portion of 400 ton) at the cost of \$57.57/ton delivered from Eastern Salt Company. Motion carried.

Thomas Williams – (3867 Rhoads Road) addressed the Board with questions/confirmation regarding the Rec Fee that is due on his 1 lot subdivision. Dave Berger (Attorney) gave clarification of the Rec Fee that is due on his subdivision. Anthony Werley made a motion to deny the waiver of the Rec Fee for Williams/Steele subdivision, seconded by Richard Bleiler. Motion carried. Mr. Williams stated that he strongly suggests the Township update their Rec Fee Ordinance to make it clearer.

Morgan Hills – A security escrow release (#5) was received from Morgan Hills (Seipstown Village) and the township engineer has verified the request for release. Richard Bleiler made a motion to release escrow #5 in the amount of \$68,967.58 with a remaining balance of \$787,621.52 for Seipstown Village LLC, seconded by Anthony Werley. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

WEISENBERG VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS:

Matt Krapf, Fire Chief, informed the Board that they responded to 150 calls for the year and also reviewed the status of equipment that is currently receiving service. The new 5121 Tanker committee has narrowed the bids down to 3 manufactures. They will meet with all 3 to determine the final selection and price. Matt and Brian Carl met with New Tripoli Bank to discuss financing options. The station is still receiving needed maintenance and repairs. The 2021 budget is currently being developed and will be forwarded to the Board for review. An Eagle Scout project will be working on a shipping container which will be used for fire fighter training.

EAC COMMENTS:

EAC Chairman, Marty Rakaczewski informed the Board that he met with Brian and they looked at the flower beds down by the baseball fields. The businesses have been doing a good job cleaning up the area along 863 which allows the EAC to concentrate on other areas. The “No Trash Dumping” signs have been received and will be installed in the near future.

ROADMASTER’S COMMENTS:

Anthony Werley informed the Board that everything is back in shape from all the storm damage. Weis Road was improved. A speed study will be done for next meeting. They did some paving up at Lynn Township this past week.

Tony received bids to sealcoat the driveway at the fire station. The low bidder was R.H. Driveway Sealing @ \$5,509.00. Motion was made by Linda Gorgas, seconded by Richard Bleiler to award the bid to R.H. Driveway Sealing to seal coat the driveway at the fire company. Motion carried.

Tony requested to purchase a 330 gallon tote of DEF w/pump. Linda Gorgas made a motion, seconded by Richard Bleiler to purchase a 330 gallon tote. Motion carried.

Richard Bleiler made a motion, seconded by Linda Gorgas to purchase a Dump Truck from Upper Macungie Township (2004 Mack with plow and spreader) for \$40,000.00. Motion carried.

ENGINEER’S COMMENTS:

Stan Wojciechowski informed the Board that UGI has started their project to extend the gas to Arcadia.

PennDot has announced that they have opened their Multi-model Grant till November 6th for the bike/pedestrian trail. Motion made by Richard Bleiler, seconded by Anthony Werley to proceed with the grant application (matching 30%). Motion carried.

Hillwood has submitted their application to the Planning Commission for Building H.

ATTORNEY’S COMMENTS:

None

TREASURER’S COMMENTS:

Jeff Strauss updated the Board that he sent out (2) delinquent notices for the same people on Hailey Court. The fire tax is subject to the TIF on the West Hills site. \$21,336.00 will be paid out of the fire tax account. Jeff sent a bill to Dunkin Donuts for an outstanding invoice and to bring their escrow account into good standing. The MMO for the employee Pension for 2020 will be signed by Linda Gorgas.

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:

Richard Bleiler updated the Board regarding the Veterans Memorial. Brian will reach out to Donald Christ and clarify their funding commitment request prior to our budget meetings.

SECRETARY / ADMINISTRATOR’S COMMENTS:

Brian Carl informed the Board that JHA is doing a subdivision in Maxatawny which includes a small portion of land in Weisenberg Township. They are requesting a deferral of the Mertz (Grim Road) subdivision to Maxatawny Township. Motion made by Anthony Werley, seconded by Richard Bleiler to defer the subdivision to Maxatawny since it does not involve any building on the portion of Weisenberg Township for a single residential lot. Motion carried.

Matt Walter (Barry Isett – Building Code Official) is requesting that we appoint an alternate inspection firm in the event they run into a conflict of interest. Motion made by Richard Bleiler to appoint Kraft Code (Reading, PA) as our alternate code inspection firm, seconded by Anthony Werley. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding Trick-or-Treat. Trick-or-Treat will be held on 10/31 from 6-8pm.

Electronic Recycling Event will be held on October 10th from 9am – 12 noon or until the truck is full.

Budget meetings workshops will be set for October 19th 2020 @ 5pm and November 2nd 2020 @ 5pm. These dates will be advertised in the Northwestern Press.

Switzer Creek – Watershed Coalition of the Lehigh Valley and DEP will be heading up a project to clean up the creek that has too much sediment in it. More information to follow.

Linda Gorgas addressed the Board regarding the suggestion of a “Solar Panel Field Ordinance”. Other neighboring Townships are looking into restricting these to certain areas. Brian will reach out to see if he can get any sample ordinances from the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission.

Richard Bleiler discussed the lack of internet in some parts of the Township which is especially an issue now that many people were attending school and working from home.

Brian and Jeff will get COVID expenses to the County for possible grant reimbursement. Brian has been in communication with the County EMA & FEMA about possible storm funding.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

With no further business, Linda Gorgas adjourned the meeting at 8:55 pm for the payment of invoices presented and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian C. Carl
Secretary