

WEISENBERG TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

January 13, 2025

2175 Seipstown Rd, Fogelsville, PA 18051

The Supervisors of Weisenberg Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania held their regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 pm. Chair-person Linda Gorgas, Vice-Chair Anthony Werley, Supervisor Richard Bleiler, Manager Brian Carl, Solicitor Peter Lehr and Treasurer Jeff Strauss were present.

Pledge of Allegiance – Chairperson Linda Gorgas opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with the pledge to the Flag.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of the December 9th 2024 Board of Supervisors meeting, the Budget Workshops on October 14th and November 11th 2024, the Close-out Meeting on December 23rd 2024 and the Reorganizational Meeting on January 6th 2025 were approved by motion made by Anthony Werley, seconded by Richard Bleiler. Motion carried. 3-0

Treasurer's Report – The treasurer's report of December 31, 2024 as well as payment of current invoices presented were approved by motion made by Richard Bleiler, seconded by Anthony Werley. Motion carried. 3-0

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Treasurer Report

December 31, 2024

General Fund Expenses – 12/01/24 – 12/09/24	82,273.32
General Fund Expenses – 12/10/24 – 12/31/24	161,004.91
State Fund Expenses – December 2024	0.00
Fire Fund Expenses – 12/09/24	27,206.32
Equipment Fund – November 2024	0.00

Balance as 12/31/2024

General Fund Checking	481,671.52	
General Fund CD	1,557,235.03	Matures on 02/13/2025
General Fund CD	1,843,102.47	Matures on 10/13/2025
General Fund CD	1,000,000.00	Matures on 05/14/2025
State Fund Checking	-0-	
State Fund Money Market	129.49	
Equipment Fund Money Market	104,827.71	
Equipment Fund Money Market CD	139,000.00	Matures on 05/14/2025
Equipment Fund Money Market CD	78,729.72	Matures on 02/03/2025
Equipment Fund Money Market-CD	60,000.00	Matures on 10/13/2025
Arcadia Industrial Park Signalization Repair Fund	16,226.05	
Arcadia Industrial Park Signalization Repair Fund CD	130,000.00	Matures on 10/13/2025
Recreational Fund	5,304.74	
Fire Tax Fund	172,407.36	
Fire Tax – CD	451,598.16	Matures on 02/13/2025
Fire Tax – CD	340,000.00	Matures on 05/14/2025
Capital Projects Fund	172,407.36	
Misc Escrow Accounts	47,031.77	
Conservation District Fund	1,023.65	
Open Space Money Market Fund	5,700.66	
Yard Waste Money Market Fund	4,830.93	
Yard Waste Money Market Fund CD	278,413.80	Matures on 02/03/2025
Hailey Ct Homeowners Fund	14,501.85	
Hailey Ct Homeowners Fund CD	30,000.00	Matures on 10/13/2025
Community Center Fund	225,908.67	
Community Center Fund – CD	<u>961,596.10</u>	

TOTAL ASSETS 8,125,214.03

VISA Account Reconciliation – Brian

Beginning Balance			3,847.71
Payments			(3,847.71)
Purchases			
	Lathem Time	Monthly Fee	54.00
	Zoom	Monthly Fee	15.99
	1&1	Internet Email	57.26
	Allentown Parking	Wickett Trial	3.00
	Amazon	Parts for Tony	28.59
	Square	Credit Card Machine	316.94
	Check Depot	General Fund Checks	178.40
	Edible.Com	Condolence Frank Bartholomew	75.98
	Staples	Office Supplies	118.65
			<u>848.81</u>
Ending Balance			<u><u>848.81</u></u>

VISA Account Reconciliation – Tony

Beginning Balance		570.66
Payments		(570.66)
Purchases		
		<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance		<u><u>0.00</u></u>

Subdivisions & Land Development

None

Old Business**Community Center Bid Update**

Brian Carl stated that no bids were received for the Community Center therefore he will contact individual contractors to get quotes for construction.

Ordinance #2025 -1 - Carpet Road – No parking near Weathered Vineyards

A motion was made by Anthony Werley, seconded by Richard Bleiler to adopt an ordinance prohibiting the parking of vehicles along a portion of Carpet Road. Motion carried. 3-0

Resolution # 2025-2 – Fee for Tax Certifications, Duplicate Bills, Return or Cancelled Checks for Local Real Estate Taxes

A motion was made by Richard Bleiler, seconded by Anthony Werley establishing fees for issuing of tax certifications, duplicate bills and cancelled or returned checks. Motion carried. 3-0

Resolution # 2025-3 – AG Security – Elaine L. Bogert (10309 Old 22, Kutztown PA) 19.75 acres

Motion was made by Anthony Werley, seconded Richard Bleiler accepting the addition of 19.75 acres into the Township's existing Agricultural Security Area for Elaine L. Bogert. Motion carried. 3-0

Resolution # 2025-4 – AG Security – Charles E. Mertz Jr. & Cynthia A. Bower (10348 Old 22, Kutztown PA) 22.456 Acres

Motion was made by Richard Bleiler, seconded by Anthony Werley accepting the addition of 22.456 acres into the Township's existing Agricultural Security Area for Charles E. Mertz Jr. & Cynthia A. Bower. Motion carried. 3-0

Ordinance #2025 - - Act 94 – Supervisors Compensation Ordinance

A motion was made by Anthony Werley, seconded by Richard Bleiler to approve the ordinance advertisement for the increase in supervisors' compensation for future supervisor terms. (Act 94). Motion carried. 3-0

New Business

None

Public Comment

None

Weisenberg Volunteer Fire Department Comments

Justin Oswald, Fire Chief, informed the Board that they ran 269 calls in the year 2024. The year-end report presented types of calls, apparatus responses, mutual aid responses, responses by personnel, etc. He also reviewed his comment letter dated 1/13/2025 regarding the activity of the fire department for the month of December and upcoming events, grants and membership.

EAC Comments

Brian stated that he and Marty are working with Waste Management and Palram to clean up litter along 863 which is being blown from their sites.

Roadmaster's Comments

Anthony Werley stated they were boom mowing and plowing snow. They are performing winter maintenance on equipment. The loader is getting the new broom installed.

Engineer's Comments

None

Attorney's Comments

2103 Independent Road – Enforcement Update

Peter Lehr updated the Board on 2103 Independent Road. Brian Carl stated that there is no visible change to the property. Peter stated he will convert to a judgement since no improvement was made.

Treasurer's Comments

Jeff Strauss stated the amount of delinquent real estate taxes to be turned over to Portnoff for collections. Two CDs are up for renewal. Motion was made by Linda Gorgas, seconded by Anthony Werley to renew the Yard waste Fund CD for another 3 months. Motion carried. 3-0 The Equipment Fund will not be renewed in order to purchase a Dump Truck from Upper Macungie. Jeff is getting the 2024 records together for the new auditors and also preparing W-2s.

Supervisor's Comments

None

Township Manager's Comments

PSATS Conference Registration

Brian Carl stated that registration is tomorrow so he will be sending out confirmations as soon as that occurs.

Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Update

Brian Carl stated that a draft amendment was prepared because vacation resort was mistakenly removed from our ZO and the definition of agriculture was also expanded to further explain that even small lots can perform AG operations. This amendment will be reviewed by the Planning Commission on 1/30/2025.

I-78 West Bound/863 – Traffic signal battery backup.

A motion was made by Anthony Werley, seconded by Richard Bleiler to approve the installation of a battery backup system on the traffic signal at I-78 West Bound/863 and replace the preemption device on the WB I-78 ramp for a cost not to exceed \$9,950 to CM High Inc. Motion carried 3-0

Traffic signal maintenance agreement.

A motion was made by Richard Bleiler, seconded by Anthony Werley to approve the maintenance agreement with Telco for the traffic signal for \$900. Motion carried. 3-0

Tercha Land Preservation

Discussion was held with the Board and Peter Lehr regarding the land preservation of Kate Tercha. Kate is no longer interested in participating in the State/County program however she is willing to preserve the 196 +/- acres exclusively with the Township for the Township's original pledge of \$200.00 per acre. Brian and Peter will work with Kat to develop a preservation easement modeled off of the Wildlands Conservancy and previous Township Easements.

Executive Session

None

Chairperson, Linda Gorgas adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian C. Carl, Township Manager