

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

112 Municipal Lane
Prosperity, PA 15329
October 10, 2023

MEETING MINUTES

Walter Stout, Chairman, at 6:30 PM, first called to order, the meeting of September 12, 2023 which had been recessed rather than adjourned due to a possible impending legal situation. He announced that the matter had been resolved and no further action was required. He then asked for a motion to adjourn the September 12, 2023 regular Supervisor's meeting. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Charles Hickman, seconded by Troy Smith, with all voting 'aye'. The September 12, 2023 meeting was declared adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Walter Stout, Chairman, then called the October 10, 2023 meeting of the Washington Township Supervisors to order at 6:30 PM.

In attendance were Supervisors Walter Stout, Troy Smith, and Charles Hickman, Secretary Diane Headlee, PA State Representative Bud Cook, resident and Legislative Aide to Mr. Cook, Deborah Harris and other township residents Delmas Carpenter, Jim Hughes and Jason Rosa.

I. Requests to Address the Board/Public Comment

Mr. Stout introduced State Representative Bud Cook who had been invited to attend the meeting. Rep. Cook presented a Citation from the House of Representatives to the Township Supervisors in recognition of the 2023 Governor's Award for Local Government Excellence in the Building Community Partnerships that the Supervisors had previously received. The Supervisors explained the process we have been using for the construction of nearly ten miles of new water lines in the township over the last six years. Rep Cook discussed his background and assured the Supervisors that he was working in Harrisburg to get additional funding for us as needed and when requested.

II. Correspondence and Reports

1. Received Correspondence:

- The township has received the second payment of \$25,000 from the Greene County PIONEER Grant. This \$50,000 grant was awarded by the Commissioners last year for the waterline construction project on Waterdam Road.
- 2. The Planning Board met on October 5th, 2023 and recommended approval by the Supervisors of the requests by Consol PA Coal for lot splits on the Nina McCullough and the Leslie and Alice McCullough properties.
- 3. Zoning Hearing Board: No meeting scheduled.

4. Park Board: The Park Board met on Monday, October 9th to finalize plans for Trunk or Treat.
5. Roadmaster's Report: The road crew continued with the second mowing of the township road banks and the cleaning of ditches. Work has begun on the Waterdam Road waterline project and pursuant to our agreement with the water authority, our crew will be responsible for restoration of the ditch line. We continue to do maintenance on the township-owned equipment and lawn maintenance at the park and around the office and shop.
6. Solicitor's Remarks: Solicitor was not in attendance
7. CEO/Zoning Report: Harshman's report was distributed and reviewed by the supervisors.

III. Discussion & Action Items

A. Routine

1. The Chairman asked the Board for a motion to approve the agenda without an Addendum. The motion was made by Charles Hickman and seconded by Troy Smith. All aye - motion carried
2. The Chairman asked the Board for a motion to approve the September 12, 2023 regular meeting minutes as presented, noting that the meeting had been recessed and not adjourned, due to a possible legal matter. The motion was made by Troy Smith to approve the minutes with no additions or corrections, and seconded by Walter Stout. All aye - motion carried

B. Specific

1. Business Operations

a. Approval of Treasurer's Report for period ending September 30, 2023

	<u>General</u>	<u>Liquid Fuels</u>	<u>Machinery</u>	<u>ARPA</u>
Beginning Balance	\$ 308,253.61	\$ 157,152.06	\$ 36,105.33	\$ 58,883.98
Revenues	34,038.58	16.18	189.22	112.28
Expenditures	<u>-33,262.85</u>	<u>-125,831.16</u>	<u>-1,661.99</u>	<u>-0.00</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 309,029.34	\$ 31,337.08	\$ 34,632.56	\$ 58,996.26

	<u>Fire Fund</u>		<u>Impact Fee</u>
Beginning Balance	\$ 11,992.63	Beginning Balance	\$ 353,237.39
Revenues	95.19	Revenues - Interest	671.25
Expenditures	<u>-50.00</u>	Other	0.00
Ending Balance	\$ 12,037.82	Expenditures	<u>-4,070.64</u>
		Available Cash Balance	\$ 349,838.00
		Investments Held	<u>\$ 2,200,000.00</u>
		Total Account Balance	\$ 2,549,838.00

The Chairman asked the Board to consider a motion to approve the Treasurer's report for the period ending September 30, 2023 and direct that it be filed for audit. The motion was made by Charles Hickman and seconded by Walter Stout. All aye – motion carried.

b. Bills & Transfers for Approval for All Funds for September, 2023

The Chairman asked the Board to consider a motion to approve the payment of the September, 2023 bills, payroll and intra-fund transfers, as listed on the attached, from the following accounts:

General Fund	\$34,689.60
Machinery Fund	1,661.99
Fire Fund	50.00
Liquid Fuels Fund	0.00
Impact Fund	<u>4,070.64</u>
Total Bills, Payroll & Transfers	\$ 40,472.23

The motion was made by Charles Hickman and seconded by Troy Smith. All aye – motion carried.

c. Purchase of a Certificate of Deposit – Impact Fee Account

The \$1.2 million Certificate of Deposit purchased last October matured on October 6, 2023 paying interest in the amount of \$38,760. The Chairman asked the Board to consider a motion to re-invest \$1,000,000 of the current fund balance held in the Impact Fee Fund account in a 6-month Certificate of Deposit (CD) at First National Bank of Pennsylvania, at an annual rate of 5.149 %, with an approximate earned interest of \$25,674.74 at maturity. The motion was made by Troy Smith and seconded by Charles Hickman. All aye – motion carried.

4. Township Supervisors

a. Ordinances, Resolutions

1. Approval of Lot Split – Nina J. McCullough to Consol PA Coal Co.

Pursuant to the review and recommendation of the Washington Township Planning Board, having met the conditions and requirements of the Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance, and having received approval from the Township Engineer, Zoning Officer and the Sewage Enforcement Officer, the Chairman asked the Board to consider a motion to approve a lot split of 0.275 acres, leaving residual acreage of 84.838, being a part of the parcel of land identified as Tax ID #24-02-112-B conveyed by Lease Agreement between Nina J. McCullough and Consol Pa. Coal Company, LLC. The motion was made by Charles Hickman and seconded by Walter Stout. All aye – motion carried.

2. Approval of Lot Split – Leslie & Alice McCullough to Consol PA Coal Co.

Pursuant to the review and recommendation of the Washington Township Planning Board, having met the conditions and requirements of the Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance, and having received approval from the Township Engineer, Zoning Officer and the Sewage Enforcement Officer, the Chairman asked the Board to consider a motion to approve a lot split of 14.039 acres, leaving residual acreage of 88.217, being a part of the parcel of land identified as Tax ID #24-02-112, conveyed by Lease Agreement between Leslie L. and Alice J. McCullough and Consol Pa. Coal Company, LLC. The motion was made by Charles Hickman and seconded by Walter Stout. All aye – motion carried.

IV. New Business: There was no new business brought forth for discussion.

V. Information & Announcements

- Flex-base paving on Byard and Top Roads has been completed by Russell Standard.
- Waterline construction on Waterdam Road is expected to begin during the week of October 9th, depending on SPWA work scheduling.
- Fall Township Clean-up Day will be from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm, Saturday, October 21st, 2023.
- The Park Board will again sponsor Trunk or Treat for township children on Saturday, October 28 from 2:00 until 4:00 at the township park, (maintenance garage in case of inclement weather).

Minutes

➤ Upcoming Meetings

- Supervisor's Regular Meeting, Tuesday, November 14, at 6:30 p.m.
- Planning Board, Thursday, November 2, at 7:30 p.m., if needed.
- Zoning Hearing Board, meets as needed.
- Park Board, meets as needed.

VI. Public Comment/Questions

Delmas Carpenter asked if a waterline extension was planned to continue further out Garner Run. Mr. Stout explained that the water authority has told us there would not be sufficient water pressure to continue out Garner Run from its current terminus until such time that a pump station is installed along the route. He stated further that the township, in cooperation with SPWA, has applied for an \$1.5 million H2O PA grant through the Department of Community and Economic Development for this purpose. We are awaiting word from Harrisburg on whether we will receive the grant award.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m. on a motion by Charles Hickman, seconded by Troy Smith, with all voting 'aye'.

s/Walter S. Stout Chairman

s/P. Diane Headlee Secretary/Treasurer