

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

112 Municipal Lane
Prosperity, PA 15329
May 8, 2018

MINUTES

Walter Stout, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

In attendance were Supervisors Walter Stout, Troy Smith, Charles Hickman; Secretary, Diane Headlee, Solicitor, Dennis Makel, and Casey Durdines of EQT. Also in attendance were several township residents.

I. Requests to Address the Board/Public Comment

Deb Harris asked what could be done to stop vehicles from hitting her mailbox on Byard Road. Mr. Stout suggested that she install a game camera in the area to determine who may be hitting the mailbox. Casey Durdines of EQT also stated that he would advise EQT traffic personnel of the problem, since the mailbox is in the vicinity of the access road to the Harris well pad.

II. Correspondence and Reports

1. Received Correspondence

- Mr. Stout reported that Sgt. Maher, Station Commander of the Waynesburg barracks of the PA State Police had visited the office to report on PSP activity in the township during 2017. A total of 742 incidents were investigated, including 1 criminal mischief, 8 thefts, 6 domestics and 10 DUI's. The majority of the calls involved traffic incidents and accidents on I-79, including 47 accidents (1 fatality) and 386 traffic stops.
- The 2017 Audit & Financial Report has been reviewed and approved by Harrisburg.
- The Township received an update on the upcoming PennDOT projects in the township. They are: bridge replacement on Rt. 221 (Morris Rd/221) to begin June 4, and the Rt. 221 milling/paving from Rt. 19 to Rt. 188 will begin in mid-May.

2. Planning Board

- Met on May 3 to discuss and approve the subdivision development received from James Cole and Consol PA Coal and a lot split request between John McNay and Joshua McNay.

3. Zoning Board – No meeting

4. Park Board

- The water has been turned on and the rest room building made ready for this year's scheduled activities at the park. Plans are being made to have the Community Service workers seal-coat the walking track once the weather warms sufficiently. The Girl's Softball Association season has started and the first park rental was May 5; the schedule is filling up quickly, although there are still a few Saturday and/or Sunday dates available. The renovation of the rest room building will not begin until this fall.

5. Roadmaster's Report

Mr. Hickman reported that the road crew worked on routine winter road maintenance checked the roads for downed trees and limbs after storms, marked out culverts for replacement and for One Call, cleaned some ditches and patched potholes on most of the roads. They also scraped and rolled the gravel roads, worked on the various slips and worked on maintenance clean-up at the park.

6. Solicitor's Remarks

Attorney Makel commented on the ongoing sewage issue involving township resident Shawn Tharp. Mr. Tharp has been given until June 30 to complete the septic system at his home on Garner Run Road. To-date he has not filed any application with Mr. Neal to complete the required work.

7. EQT Remarks

Casey Durdines presented the township Supervisors with a \$2,000 Community donation from EQT. In accepting the contribution, Mr. Stout thanked EQT for their continued monetary support of the township park, which in recent years has been used for equipment additions and upgrades.

Mr. Durdines also reported that there are 3 active drill rigs operating in the township. Drilling of horizontal holes on both the Henderson and Harris pad are scheduled through the last week in May. Also drilling will be ongoing on the Shipman pad.

III. Discussion & Action Items

A. Routine

1. A motion for approval of the Agenda without an Addendum was made by Troy Smith and seconded by Charles Hickman. Motion carried.
2. A motion to approve the Minutes of the April 10, 2018 meeting was made by Charles Hickman and seconded by Walt Stout. Motion carried.

B. Specific

1. Personnel

2. Business Operations

a. Approval of Treasurer's Report

- Bank Statements ending on April 30, 2018:

	<u>General</u>	<u>Liquid Fuels</u>	<u>Machinery</u>	<u>Impact Fee</u>	<u>DCNR</u>
Beginning Balance	\$189,479.11	\$162,549.39	\$ 18,697.23	\$1,176,103.36	\$ 0.00
Revenues	90,887.71	75.72	4,638.83	221.80	24,507.01
Expenditures	<u>53,305.13</u>	<u>6,278.85</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 227,061.69	\$156,346.26	\$ 23,236.06	\$1,166,325.16	\$24,507.01

The Chairman asked the Board to consider a motion to approve the Treasurer's report and direct that it be filed for audit. A motion was made by Troy Smith and a second was made by Charles Hickman. Motion carried.

b. Bills & Transfers for Approval for All Funds

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

General Fund	\$ 60,234.95
Liquid Fuels Fund	6,278.85
Machinery Fund	0.00
Impact Fund	10,000.00
DCNR Account	4,500.00
Fire Fund	<u>0.00</u>

Total Bills & Transfers for Approval \$ 81,013.80

The motion was made by Charles Hickman and a second made by Troy Smith. Motion carried.

3. Operations, Buildings, Grounds & Highways

a. Proposal from Mackin to Update Land Use and Zoning Ordinances

One of the main recommendations appearing throughout nearly each of the Goals and Objectives listed in the Comprehensive Plan is the need to update the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance as well as the Zoning Ordinance. These ordinances were last updated and adopted in 2004 and 2007 respectively.

We have requested and have received a proposal from Mackin Engineering to facilitate a process to update the two Ordinances, following the same type of scenario that was used with the Comprehensive Plan development and adoption, through the use of a Project Steering Committee and public participation.

The Chairman asked the Board to consider a motion to accept the proposal from Mackin Engineering to utilize public participation and a project steering committee to update and ultimately enact the township's Subdivision and Land Development and Zoning Ordinances, at a fee of \$48,480, payable from the Impact Fee fund. The motion was made by Charles Hickman and a second made by Walter Stout. Motion carried.

4. Township Supervisors

a. Ordinances, Resolutions, & Policies

1. Requirement to Connect to Public Water

With the installation of new water lines to service homes located in the Waynesburg Lakes area and planned installations in the Sycamore area,

the existing Ordinance (#1 of 2011) which requires property owners to connect to the public water system, has been re-visited by the Solicitor at the request of the Board of Supervisors.

The Chairman asked the Board to consider a motion to approve the preparation for consideration at the June 12, 2018 meeting of the Supervisors, an ordinance requiring abutting property owners, under certain circumstances, to connect with the public water system supplied by a community water system and stipulating corrective action in case of neglect or refusal of the owner to do so. The motion was made by Troy Smith and a second was made by Charles Hickman. Motion carried.

2. Approval of Subdivision - Consol Pennsylvania Coal Company, LLC

Acknowledging the approval at a meeting of the Washington Township Planning Board held on May 3, 2018, the Chairman asked the Board to consider a motion to grant preliminary and final approval for the Plat of Survey and Division for Consol Pennsylvania Coal Company, LLC to create a 17.1 acre lot (Lot A) and a 11.036 (Lot B) along with a 50-foot private right-of-way; - a part of Parcel 100 of Tax Map 24-02 (James H. Cole property) pursuant to the Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. The motion was made by Charles Hickman and the second was made by Walter Stout. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Lot Split – John McNay et.al. to Joshua C. McNay

Having met all of the conditions and requirements of the Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance, and having received approval from the Planning Board and SEO, the Chairman asked the Board to consider a motion to approve the lot split of 9.651 acres, being a part of the parcel of land identified as Tax ID #24-05-106A, conveyed to Joshua C. McNay from John C. and Kathy E. McNay and H. Terry Grimes and Carlyn S. Grimes. The motion was made by Charles Hickman and seconded by Troy Smith. Motion carried.

IV. New Business – there was none.

V. Information & Announcements

- Permits issued January 1 – April 30, 2018: Zoning - 6; Building – 3; Holding Tank - 1
- A successful Spring Clean-Up Day was held on Saturday, April 28, 2018. Two dumpsters were filled to capacity.
- Community Yard Sale at the Park, sponsored by the Park Board, June 2, 2018 – 7:00 am – 1:00 pm. Contact Tammy Smith for information (724) 833-0348.
- The following roads are tentatively scheduled to be tar and chipped this year. Actual date schedule will be announced when finalized.
 - Craynes Run Road
 - Martin Lane
 - Gray Run Road

- Locust Drive
- Byard Road from Harris well access to Franklin Twp. line
- Apple Lane
- Longmile Road from 221 to slip area
- Tower Road
- Morris Road
- Pettit Run Road (from WW Railroad to Pettit well access)
- East Dividing Ridge from Fisher Hollow to Amwell/W.Beth Twp. line

VI. Public Comment/Questions – there were no further comments or questions.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM on a motion by Charles Hickman, seconded by Troy Smith with all voting 'aye'.

_____ Chairman

_____ Secretary/Treasurer