

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

112 Municipal Lane
Prosperity, PA 15329

**MINUTES
August 14, 2018**

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; and Secretary, Diane Headlee. Also in attendance were residents, James Hughes, Deb Harris and Leonard Dulaney.

I. Requests to Address the Board/Public Comment – There were no requests to address the board.

II. Correspondence and Reports

1. Received Correspondence

- Mr. Stout reported the township has received confirmation of our request for funding from the 2018 Community Development Block Program (CDBG) to address the inadequate water availability in and around the Village of Sycamore, by extending water lines along WW Railroad Road and Garner Run Road from the new line currently being installed by SPWA along Route 18. Eligibility is currently being determined on both roads by the use of income surveys. We will learn this fall if the project(s) will be included in the funding.

2. Planning Board

- There was no Planning Board meeting in August, as there were no items ready for consideration.

3. Zoning Board

- No meeting held, as there were no items for consideration.

4. Park Board

- The bench swing, which was purchased using an anonymous gift, has been installed and provides a beautiful view of the overall park property.
- The walking track has had the cracks filled and has been sealed with an emulsion sealer. This project was funded utilizing a portion of the community donation received from EQT in May.

5. Roadmaster's Report

- Mr. Hickman reported the road crew prepped the walking trail at the park for sealing. The parking lot at the office has had the cracks filled, and has also been sealed and painted. The road crew worked on mowing along the road banks, removed downed trees and limbs on township roads. They patched soft spots on Edgar Hill Road and dragged and rolled Edgar Hill and Gray Run Road. Changed out 2 culverts on Craynes Run. Performed maintenance on the equipment and mowed and trimmed the park.
- Mr. Stout discussed the tar and chipping that was done this year and distributed a report detailing the costs of the hot patch, oil, stone, equipment rental and labor spent by the township. The costs for tar and chipping this year for approximately

9.85 miles of roadway was \$10,568.34 per mile, or \$\$104,09811. Suit-Kote did a very good job, as evidenced by no complaints coming from the residents.

6. Solicitor's Remarks

- Mr. Makel was not in attendance.

7. EQT

- Casey Durdines of EQT reported that EQT was in the process of splitting the company into two separate divisions. The companies will be EQT Production Co., and Equitrans Midstream Corporation. The new CEO for EQT Production will be Robert McNally and the CEO of Equitrans Midstream will be Thomas Coreman.
- Activities on the EQT well sites are: horizontal drilling on the Shipman Pad to take place through the end of August; fracing on the Rough Hollow Pad is scheduled through the end of August; and fracing on the Cogar Pad is scheduled through the first week of September.
- Mr. Stout added that he had asked Casey to set up a meeting with the appropriate personnel of EQT to discuss the possibility of installing permanent waterlines in the township. Installation of waterlines would cut back on the truck traffic on the roads in Washington Township and also provide water to the residents along those roads utilized by EQT. Mr. Durdines reported that he is attempting to do this and has been hampered due to the company division.

III. Discussion & Action Items

A. Routine

1. A motion for approval of the Agenda with an Addendum was made by Charles Hickman and seconded by Troy Smith. Motion carried.
2. A motion to approve the Minutes for the Jul 3, 2018 regular meeting with no corrections was made by Troy Smith, seconded by Charles Hickman. Motion carried.

B. Specific

2. Business Operations

a. Approval of Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Headlee reported on the Bank Statements ending on July 31, 2018:

	<u>General</u>	<u>Liquid Fuels</u>	<u>Machinery</u>	<u>Impact Fee</u>	<u>DCNR</u>
Beginning Balance	\$305,222.87	\$126,764.27	\$ 41,544.35	\$1,067,698.33	\$19,898.87
Revenues	13,513.64	58.68	711.65	532,391.22	9.60
Expenditures	<u>27,705.72</u>	<u>6,249.25</u>	<u>1,545.00</u>	<u>684.00</u>	<u>0</u>
Ending Balance	\$291,030.79	\$120,573.70	\$ 40,711.00	\$1,599,405.55	\$ 19,908.47

The Chairman asked the Board to consider a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as given and direct that it be

filed for audit. A motion was made by Charles Hickman and a second was made by Troy Smith. 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 (see Minute Book file), from the following accounts:

General Fund	\$ 15,191.90
Liquid Fuels Fund	6,249.25
Machinery Fund	1,445.00
Impact Fund	684.00
DCNR Account	65.00
Fire Fund	<u>0.00</u>
Total Bills & Transfers for Approval	<u>\$ 23,645.15</u>

The motion was made by Charles Hickman and a second made by Walter Stout. Motion carried.

c. Renewal of Workers' Compensation Insurance Policy

The Chairman asked the Board to consider a motion to renew and award the 2018-2019 Workers' Compensation Insurance Policy to UPMC Health Benefits through the Marthinsen and Salvitti Insurance Group at an annual premium of \$6,716, with an effective date of August 8, 2018. The new premium amount reflects a \$210 reduction from the 2017-18 policy amount. The motion was made by Charles Hickman and a second made by Troy Smith. Motion carried.

d. 2018-19 Impact Fund Budget

As announced at the July meeting, the township received \$531,200 from the PA Act 13 Impact Fee fund. The Chairman asked the Board to consider a motion to approve the 2018-19 Township Spending Plan of the 2017 Impact Fee funding in the amount of \$531,200 received in July, 2018, per the prepared budget (see Minute Book file). The motion was made by Troy Smith and a second made by Charles Hickman. Motion carried.

3. Operations, Buildings, Grounds & Highways

4. Township Supervisors

b. Ordinances, Resolutions, & Policies

1. Resolution to Accept and Sign the DCED Multimodal Grant Application

Through Greene County and its grant-writer, Delta Development, Washington Township has applied for a DCED Multimodal Fund grant in the amount of \$269,500 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used in support of the Long Mile Road landslide remediation project. (See Minute Book file for full Resolution). We have a donation of \$100,000.00 for this project from an anonymous entity which will be used as the required Local Match.

The Chairman asked the Board to consider a motion to approve Resolution No. 3 of 2018, (see minute book file) which states in part:

A Resolution of Washington Township, Greene County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing Washington Township to accept and sign the DCED Multimodal Fund Grant and authorizing the appropriate township officials to attest the same.

The motion was made by Charles Hickman and seconded by Walter Stout. Motion carried.

2. Greene County 2018 Hazard Mitigation Plan

The Greene County Department of Emergency Services has prepared the required county-wide Hazard Mitigation Plan which outlines recommendations for mitigation activities that will reduce losses to life and property affected by both natural and human-made hazards that face the County and its municipal governments. See attached Resolution.

The Chairman asked the Board to consider a motion to adopt Municipal Adoption Resolution (No. 4 of 2018), adopting the Greene County 2018 Hazard Mitigation Plan as prepared by the Greene County Department of Emergency Services as the official Hazard Mitigation Plan of Washington Township (see Minute Book file for a copy of the full Resolution). The motion was made by Charles Hickman and seconded by Troy Smith. Motion carried.

3. Deed of Easement – SPWA and Washington Township

The Chairman asked the Board to consider a motion to approve a Deed of Easement between Washington Township and the Southwestern Pennsylvania Water Authority for a right-of-way of approximately 131 feet (more or less), for the construction, installation, operation, inspection, repair, maintenance, replacement of water line(s) at the Washington Township Park, more fully identified as Parcel Number 24-05-108G. The motion was made by Charles Hickman and seconded by Troy Smith. Motion carried.

IV. New Business

Mr. Stout indicated that he would like to discuss the unprecedented amount of truck traffic occurring within the township this summer, undoubtedly associated with the natural gas industry. Last year the Supervisors adopted an ordinance in an attempt to control the use of brake retarders on those certain roadways approved by PennDOT, only to be told by the Station Commander that the Pennsylvania State Police would not enforce local ordinances leaving us

with no enforcement. Although the water trucks have been observing the restriction, we continue to have issues with the sand trucks as well as other gas well delivery trucks and the truck hauling equipment. We have asked the company dispatchers to instruct drivers to turn off the engine brakes where the restriction is marked, however, the drivers don't always comply.

Mr. Stout suggested that the Supervisors enter into initial conversations with the Greene County Regional Police force regarding the enforcement of our ordinances as they relate to increased traffic concerns in the township, along with the enforcement of our load limits on our township roads. Another complaint being heard more and more often is the idling by diesel trucks in violation of Federal and State law.

Mr. Stout said he doesn't think we are doing our due diligence if we don't at least have discussions with the regional police to determine if they would even be available and what the costs of their service is. It appears the regional police force is the only recourse we have to enforcing the ordinances, and if we don't have a way to enforce our ordinances they are not worth the paper they are written on. Mr. Stout stated that he is not interested in replacing the State Police as the primary source of police protection, but the regional police force may be a way to meet our needs regarding the increased traffic.

Mr. Hickman asked about the engine brakes being used on the township roads. We have several complaints on those roads as well as the state roads. Mr. Stout said that the law regarding the prohibition of the use of engine brake is very specific. The only roadways allowed to have engine brake control is on a state road and that is only if PennDOT has given approval to limit brake usage, through a required study by district engineers. Most township roads don't meet the criteria for the restricting of engine brakes.

The Chairman asked the Board to consider a motion to enter into discussions with Greene County Regional Police organization to discuss ways in which they may be able to help us in enforcing our township ordinances as well as federal, state and local laws as they relate to the increase in traffic along roadways in the township. Charles Hickman made the motion and a second was made by Walter Stout. Motion carried.

V. Information & Announcements

- The following roads were tar and chipped on July 11 and 12, 2018.
 - Craynes Run Road
 - Martin Lane
 - Gray Run Road
 - Shamrock, Park East, & Arrowhead Roads (Waynesburg Lakes)
 - Byard Road from Harris well access to Franklin Twp. line
 - Apple Lane
 - Longmile Road from 221 to slip area
 - Tower Road
 - Morris Road
 - East Dividing Ridge from Fisher Hollow to Amwell/W.Beth Twp. Line

Mr. Stout thanked Bill Main, Charles Hickman, Jason Rosa and the guys from Suit-Kote for the excellent roadway tar and chipping job that was done this year...

- It was announced that Fisher Hollow Road will be closed to through traffic starting Tuesday, August 14, for the duration of the road repair near the Duffy residence.

Residents living north of Duffy's will need to go to Dividing Ridge, while those living south can use Fisher Hollow to Craig's Run. EQT is assisting with this project.

- Two major slips have been repaired on Craig's Run Road utilizing drilling and retaining wall installation. EQT has paid for these repairs. Again we want to thank EQT for helping with the repair work.

VI. Public Comment/Questions

There were no further comments or questions from the public.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM on a motion by Charles Hickman, seconded by Troy Smith with all voting 'aye'.

_____ Chairman

_____ Secretary/Treasurer