

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

112 Municipal Lane  
Prosperity, PA 15329  
October 9, 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; and Solicitor, Dennis Makel. Also in attendance were several interested township residents.

- I. Requests to Address the Board/Public Comment – There were no requests to address the board.
  
- II. Correspondence and Reports
  1. Received Correspondence
    - Washington Township, along with other affected municipalities, has been advised that the PA Department of Environmental Protection has issued a Revised Coal Mining Activity Permit to Consol PA for the addition of 3,744 acres to the Enlow Fork Mine underground permit area. This was done pursuant to the Consol’s proposal submitted for review in December, 2016.
    - The township has been advised of its estimated Liquid Fuels allocation for 2019 in the amount of \$144,679. The 2018 estimate was \$142,770; however, the actual amount received was \$145,517.
  2. Planning Board
    - There were no items ready for consideration in October.
  3. Zoning Board
    - No meeting necessary.
  4. Park Board
    - The Park Board is preparing for the upcoming “Trunk-or-Treat” party for children living in Washington Township in lieu of door to door trick or treating. The event is planned for Wednesday, October 31 at the Washington Township Park, from 5:00 pm until 6:30 pm. An informational flier will be sent to all township homes with the details and will also be posted on various Facebook pages.
  5. Roadmaster's Report

- Mr. Hickman reported the road crew removed downed trees and limbs from the township roads. They also did clean-up after the flood and cleaned out culverts. They worked repairing slips on Craynes Run. The road crew also did mowing at the township park and the office. They performed necessary equipment maintenance.
6. Solicitor's Remarks
- Mr. Makel commented on sending the township supervisors information on the pension plan reimbursement. He also reviewed the proposed agreement between the township and Mackin Engineering for the Zoning and Land Use ordinance update process.
7. EQT
- Mr. Durdines sent an update report on the EQT well activity for the township:  
Fracking is scheduled on the Shipman pad through the third week of November. Fracking on the Cogar pad (Amwell Township) accessed via Washington Township roads, will begin the fourth week of October through the end of November. Fracking on the Henderson pad (Morris Township) on SR 221 is scheduled for the last week of October through the second week of November. Topset drilling will take place on the Rough Hollow pad beginning the fourth week of October.

### III. Discussion & Action Items

#### A. Routine

1. A motion for approval of the Agenda with an Addendum #1 was made by Charles Hickman and seconded by Troy Smith. Motion carried.
2. A motion to approve the Minutes of the September 11, 2018 regular meeting with no additions or corrections was made by Troy Smith, seconded by Walter Stout. Motion carried.

#### B. Specific

##### 1. Personnel

##### 2. Business Operations

###### a. Redemption & Purchase of a Certificate of Deposit – Impact Fee Account

Pursuant the Impact fee budget, the township has a retained (unreserved) balance of approximately \$1.1 million which includes the currently held \$700,000 Certificate of Deposit which is currently earning 1.3% The Chairman asked the Board to consider a motion to redeem the \$700,000 Certificate of Deposit and together with \$500,000 of the unreserved fund balance held in the Impact Fee account, purchase a 13-

month Certificate of Deposit (CD) at First National Bank of Pennsylvania, at a rate of 2.25% per year. The motion was made by Charles Hickman and seconded by Walter Stout. Motion carried.

b. Approval of Treasurer's Report

- Bank Statements ending on September 30, 2018:

	<u>General</u>	<u>Liquid Fuels</u>	<u>Machinery</u>	<u>DCNR</u>
Beginning Balance	\$269,608.15	\$ 43,535.01	\$ 40,801.48	\$16,321.78
Revenues	34,579.71	18.14	48.98	6.77
Expenditures	<u>27,882.59</u>	<u>1,881.90</u>	<u>16,510.00</u>	<u>649.97</u>
Ending Balance	\$276,305.27	\$ 41,671.25	\$ 24,340.46	\$ 15,678.58

Impact Fee

Beginning Balance	\$1,599,972.65
Less Cert. of Deposit	<u>-700,000.00</u>
Available Cash Balance	899,972.65
Redemption of CD& Interest	709,853.93
Revenues	1,297.94
Expenditures	<u>-9,534.86</u>
Available Cash Balance	1,601,589.66
Purchase of Cert. of Deposit	<u>-1,200,000.00</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 401,589.66

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

c. 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	\$ 20,718.49
Liquid Fuels Fund	1,881.90
Machinery Fund	16,410.00
Impact Fund	9,534.86
DCNR Account	649.97
Fire Fund	<u>0.00</u>

Total Bills & Transfers for Approval \$ 49,195.22

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

d. Acceptance of UPMC Health Plan Renewal Rates – 2019

The Chairman asked the Board to consider a motion to approve the 2019 employee medical insurance plan rates received from UPMC Health Plan for the estimated monthly premium of \$4,568.15. This follows an in-depth review of other plans offered in the marketplace. This plan continues to offer PPO coverage for township employees along with their eligible dependents pursuant to the Affordable Care Act. A motion to accept the UPMC Health Plan renewal rates was made by Troy Smith and seconded by Walter Stout. Charles Hickman abstained from voting because he is a participant in the employee health insurance plan offered by the township. Motion carried.

4. Township Supervisors

a. Agreements & Permits

1. EQT Settlement Agreement – Long Mile Road

The Chairman asked the Board to consider a motion to accept and approve the Settlement Agreement and Release (see Minute Book file) by and between EQT Production Co. and Washington Township. In doing so the parties agree to resolve any and all claims there were or may have been, regarding the condition of Long Mile Road (T-405) prior to the date of said Agreement. The Agreement has been reviewed, amended and its contents agreed to by Solicitor Dennis Makel. The motion was made by Charles Hickman and seconded by Troy Smith. Motion carried.

2. Agreement with Mackin to Update Land Use and Zoning Ordinances

Pursuant to the proposal received from Mackin Engineering and approved by the Board on May 8, 2018, the Chairman asked the Board to consider a motion to accept the agreement with Mackin to update and ultimately enact the township's Subdivision and Land Development and Zoning Ordinances. The Agreement has been reviewed by the Solicitor. The motion was made by Troy Smith and a second was made by Walter Stout. Motion carried.

IV. New Business - There was no new business for discussion.

V. Information & Announcements

- Fall Clean-up Day – Saturday, October 27th. Includes TV’s, and computer equipment. Dumpsters will be located at the Township Building, 8 am – 4 pm.
- “Trunk or Treat” party for township children - Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at the Washington Twp. Park, from 5:00 pm until 6:30 pm. Weather permitting.
- A “Community Blood Drive” will be sponsored by Washington Township on Saturday, November 10 from 9 am to 1:00 pm. The blood drive is being orchestrated by local resident Samantha Morris, who is serving as the Coordinator for the event. The Pittsburgh branch of the Central Blood Bank will bring a mobile coach bus which will be located in the parking lot of the township building. Mr. Stout thanked Samantha for her hard work and assistance for this excellent community service project.
- We are planning a public meeting for mid-November to discuss updating the Township Zoning and Land Use ordinances. Notices for the meeting will be mailed out to residents.

VI. Public Comment/Questions

Discussions continued with those residents present and the Supervisors regarding the hiring of the Greene County Regional Police Department to supplement the Pennsylvania State Police in the township. Mr. Stout indicated that no further discussions had been held between the Regional Police Department or the Greene County Police Commission, but that those meetings will take place in the future, at which time further action may be pursued.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM on a motion by Charles Hickman, seconded by Troy Smith, with all voting ‘aye’.

\_\_\_\_\_ Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_ Secretary/Treasurer