

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

112 Municipal Lane
Prosperity, PA 15329
October 13, 2020

MINUTES

Walter Stout, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

In attendance were Supervisors Walter Stout, Charles Hickman and Troy Smith, Secretary Diane Headlee and township resident Jason Rosa.

I. Requests to Address the Board/Public Comment

No requests or public comments.

II. Correspondence and Reports

1. Received Correspondence:

- We have been advised by the Commonwealth Financing Authority that our grant request for the water line construction on WW Railroad Road between Rt. 18 and Pettit Road was not funded under the H2O PA Program this year. We had applied for the grant in conjunction with Southwestern PA Water Authority. We will re-apply when the grant program is re-opened. This project also continues to be on the 2021 list for CBDG funding through the county.

2. Planning Board: The Board did not meet in October due to the lack of any items needing attention or action.

3. Attorney Kirk King, who was appointed by the Zoning Hearing Board members to hear the case wherein a variance request was received from Douglas Robinson for an exception to the 5-foot side yard set-back requirement, has issued his Decision in favor of Mr. Robinson.

4. Park Board: The Park Board is making final plans for the "Trunk or Treat" party for township children. It will be held at the park from 2:00 until 4:00 on Saturday, October 31, 2020. In case of rain it will be moved to the maintenance garage.

5. Roadmaster's Report

- Construction of the Garner Road water line began on Monday, October 4, 2020.
- The Craynes Run Flex-Base paving project started today, Tuesday, October 13, 2020 and should last approximately 2 days.
- The road crew has been assisting on the installation of the new waterline on Garner Run Road. They also completed equipment maintenance, mowed and trimmed grass at the park and office, continued to mow township road banks and removed trees and limbs from the township roads after the recent wind storms.

6. Solicitor's Remarks – the Solicitor was not in attendance.

III. Discussion & Action Items

A. Routine

1. The Chairman asked the Board to for a motion to approve the Agenda without an Addendum. The motion was made by Charles Hickman and seconded by Troy Smith. Motion carried.
2. The Chairman asked the Board for a motion to approve the Minutes of the September 8, 2020 regular meeting. No additions or corrections were offered. The motion was made by Charles Hickman and seconded by Walter Stout to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

B. Specific

1. Business Operations

a. Approval of Treasurer's Report for period ending September 30, 2020

	<u>General</u>	<u>Liquid Fuels</u>	<u>Machinery</u>	<u>DCNR</u>
Beginning Balance	\$ 386,714.41	\$ 126,294.16	\$ 1,343.50	\$ 59.80
Revenues	42,523.60	6.48	469.24	13,706.76
Expenditures	<u>47,833.54</u>	<u>93,662.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 381,404.47	\$ 32,638.64	\$ 1,812.74	\$13,766.56

<u>Fire Fund</u>		<u>Impact Fee</u>	
Beginning Balance	\$ 12,529.91	Beginning Balance	\$ 1,931,451.01
Revenues	245.92	Revenues	20,154.34
Expenditures	<u>50.00</u>	Expenditures	<u>2,202.00</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 12,725.83	Ending Balance	1,949,403.35
		Certificate of Deposit	<u>-1,200,000.00</u>
		Cash Available	\$ 749,403.35

It was noted that the final payments were received from the state for the park grant and the Longmile slip project as shown in the report. The Chairman asked the Board to consider a motion to approve the Treasurer's report for the period ending September 30, 2020 and direct that it be filed for audit. The motion was made by Troy Smith and seconded by Walter Stout. Motion carried.

b. Bills, Wages & Transfers for Approval for All Funds – September, 2020

The Chairman asked the Board to consider a motion to approve the payment of the monthly bills, wages and intra-fund transfers, (see Minute Book file for listing), from the following accounts:

General Fund	\$ 44,614.42
Liquid Fuels Fund	1,527.10
Machinery Fund	0.00
Impact Fund	3,864.98
DCNR Account	0.00
Fire Fund	<u>50.00</u>
Total Bills, Wages & Transfers	\$ 50,056.50

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

c. Acceptance of UPMC Group Health Plan Renewal Rates – 2021

The Chairman asked the Board to consider a motion to approve the 2021 employee medical insurance plan (Platinum EPO) and rates received from UPMC Group Quote Health Plan for the estimated monthly premium of \$3,802.43, which reflects a 16% increase over 2020. Several adjustments have been made to the coverage; otherwise the monthly premium cost to keep the existing plan would have increased by 23%. The only change in this plan is the employees would need to go to in-network physicians. The motion was made by Troy Smith and seconded by Walter Stout. Charles Hickman abstained as he is covered under the insurance plan. Motion carried.

2. Township Supervisors

a. Ordinances, Resolutions & Policies

1. Bond Release for Heavy Hauling Agreement – EQM Gathering Opco

The Chairman asked the Board to consider a motion to approve the requested release of the Maintenance Performance Bond obtained by EQM Gathering Opco, LLC (now Equitrans Midstream) and the subsequent cancellation of the Heavy Hauling Agreement dated September 25, 2019 for Pettit Road (409). Mr. Hickman noted that Equitrans presently uses Pettit Road to service a drip facility near the roadway and questioned why they should be released from their bond and HHA. Following further discussion, a motion was made by Charles Hickman to table the request until Walter Stout follows up with Equitrans. The motion was seconded by Troy Smith. Motion carried.

IV. New Business

A brief discussion was held regarding the culvert replacement project on Green Valley Road. It has been determined that the job is too big for township owned equipment and we will need to have a contractor assist with the job. It was decided to pursue the project under the concept of a contractor assisted project.

V. Information & Announcements

- Supervisor's Regular Meeting, Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
- Planning Board, Thursday, November 5, 2020 at 7:30 p.m., if needed.
- Zoning Hearing Board meets as needed.
- Fall Clean-up Day – Saturday, October 24, 2020, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
- “Trunk or Treat” party for township children - Saturday, October 31, 2:00 until 4:00 pm. In case of rain it will be held inside the maintenance garage.

VI. Public Comment/Questions - None

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 PM on a motion by Charles Hickman, seconded by Troy Smith, with all voting 'aye'.

_____ Chairman

_____ Secretary/Treasurer