

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

112 Municipal Lane  
Prosperity, PA 15329  
December 10, 2019

**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, Charles Hickman, Troy Smith; and Secretary Diane Headlee. Also in attendance were Jason Rosa, Leonard Dulaney and Jim Hughes.

I. Requests to Address the Board/Public Comment - None

II. Correspondence and Reports

1. Received Correspondence:

- Received the 2020 Certified Summary Tax Assessment roll from the County Assessment Office showing a total taxable assessment of \$53,196,725 in the township. This is a slight increase of \$285,000 in tax assessment from 2019, mainly due to changes in assessment status of coal owned by Consol, PA. The change equates to an increase in tax revenue of approximately \$1,050.
- Received notification from PennDOT that a recent review found the township's Liquid Fuels Tax Fund in compliance with established rules and regulations and that no areas of concern were noted during the recently conducted monitoring review.

2. Planning Board:

- There were no items for discussion or needing action so the December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting was cancelled.

3. Zoning Board:

- No meeting.

4. Park Board:

- No meeting

5. Roadmaster's Report

- Mr. Hickman reported the road crew has removed trees and limbs from the township roads, dug and rolled Pisgah Ridge, Gray Run and Edgar Hill roads. They worked on repairing culverts on Craynes Run and Wilman Hill roads. Moved and parked equipment, signs and cones in the new storage building. Installed new LED lights in the shop. Installed vents and vent guards in the park restrooms. Had a meeting with EQT regarding the slip repairs on Fisher Hollow

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and Craig's Run roads. Fisher Hollow was closed on December 11, 2019 for repair work.

- 6. Solicitor's Remarks – Not in attendance.
- 7. EQT Report – there is no activity in the township at this time.

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 November 12, 2019 regular meeting. The motion was made by Troy Smith and seconded by Charles Hickman. Motion carried.

B. Specific

1. Business Operations

a. Approval of Treasurer's Report

- Bank Statements ending on November 30, 2019:

	<u>General</u>	<u>Liquid Fuels</u>	<u>Machinery</u>	<u>DCNR</u>
Beginning Balance	\$ 406,860.45	\$ 32,869.19	\$ 18,110.55	\$ 44,793.40
Revenues	37,847.19	15.41	58.05	18.95
Expenditures	<u>42,264.52</u>	<u>1,586.90</u>	<u>1,588.71</u>	<u>16,236.00</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 402,443.12	\$ 31,297.70	\$ 16,579.89	\$ 28,576.35

Impact Fee

Beginning Balance	\$ 1, 793,349.41
Revenues	970.19
Expenditures	<u>32,432.60</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 1,761,887.00
Certificate of Deposit	<u>-1,200,000.00</u>
Cash Available	\$ 561,887.00

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 Troy Smith and seconded by Walter Stout. Motion carried.

b. Bills for Approval for All Funds

The Chairman asked the Board to consider a motion to approve the payment of the monthly bills as listed (see Minute book file), from the following accounts:

General Fund	\$ 27,468.13
Liquid Fuels Fund	1,586.90
Machinery Fund	1,588.71
Impact Fund	31,166.62
Other Funds (DCNR)	<u>16,236.00</u>
Total Bills for Approval	\$ 78,046.36

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

c. Application For Payment – Swede Construction Corp. (GC) – App. #3

The Chairman asked the Board to consider a motion to approve Application for Payment #3, received from Swede Construction Corp, the General Contractor on the Park Rehabilitation project, in the amount of \$30,874.50. The application reflects an approximate contract completion of 100%; however, pursuant to the contract documents 10% (\$7,097.00) is being retained until the project architect, Ken Kulak has determined the General Contractor to be substantially complete. The payment will be funded as follows:

a. General Fund (Greene County/EQT contribution)	\$ 26,913.50
b. Impact fee Fund	3,961.00

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

d. Application For Payment – K. Turner Electrician Services (EC) – App. #1

The Chairman asked the Board to consider a motion to approve Application for Payment #1-Final, received from Ken Turner the Electrical Contractor on the Park Rehabilitation project, in the amount of \$6,840.00. The application reflects a contract completion of 100%, and the project architect, Ken Kulak has determined the Electrical Contractor is substantially complete. The payment will be funded as follows:

a. General Fund (EQT contribution)	\$ 5,313.00
b. DCNR Grant Fund	1,527.00

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

e. Application For Payment – Cast & Baker Corp. – App. #1

The Chairman asked the Board to consider a motion to approve Application for Payment #1, received from Cast and Baker Corp, the contractor on the Long Mile Road Landslide Repair Project, in the amount of \$188,027.50. The application reflects an approximate contract completion of 100%; however, pursuant to the contract documents 5% (\$9,225.00) is being retained until the project engineer, Mike Schumaker of CEC has determined the contractor to be substantially complete. This amount includes \$29,050 for the per ton specifications allowance for Lime usage, (\$415/ton), this was approximately 70 tons of lime. The payment will be 70% funded from the Multi-Modal Grant received from the Commonwealth Financing Authority with the remaining 30% match from the Impact Fee Fund.

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

f. Acceptance of United Concordia Dental Insurance Renewal Rates – 2020

The Chairman asked the Board to consider a motion to renew the 2020 employee dental insurance plan rates with United Concordia for the estimated monthly premium of \$338.75. This reflects a 2% increase in premium over 2019; however the rates had remained unchanged since 2017.

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

2. Operations, Buildings, Grounds & Highways

a. Approval of Change Order – Long Mile Road Landslide Repair Project

The Chairman asked the Board to consider a motion to approve a Change Order for the Long Mile Road Landslide Repair Project as submitted by the contractor, Cast and Baker Corporation, as follows:

C/O 01: Lump sum increase of \$3,500.00 to the contract to “Provide labor and equipment to remove and haul offsite, unforeseen garbage buried in the slip repair excavation area.”

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

3. Township Supervisors

a. Adoption of Resolution #3 of 2019 - Transfer of Funds

The Chairman asked the Board to consider motion to approve the following Resolution #3 of 2019);

BE IT RESOLVED that \$25,000 be transferred to the General Fund from the Impact Fee Fund pursuant to the 2019 General Fund Budget as adopted on December 11, 2018.

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

b. Addition of Vision Insurance for Employees

Pursuant to a request from the township's employees, the Chairman asked the Board to consider a motion to provide, at no cost to the employee, Vision Care insurance for the Employee Only, through the UPMC Vision Care program beginning on January 1, 2020. The total annual cost to the township is \$373.80 which equates to \$6.23 per month, per each of the five employees. Employees have the option to include dependents in their coverage, however, at their own expense through a monthly payroll deduction.

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

c. Approval of 2020 Final Budgets

The Chairman asked the Board to consider a motion to approve the 2020 Final Budgets, (see Minute book file), for the various township accounts, with minor changes to the proposed budgets which were approved at the budget workshop meeting on November 7, 2019.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
General Fund	\$ 791,150	\$ 456,275
Machinery Fund	38,600	38,500
Fire Fund	12,800	12,700
Liquid Fuels Fund	173,725	148,500
DCNR Grant Fund	40,756	40,756

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

d. Adoption of Resolution #4 of 2019 – Tax Levies for 2020

The Chairman asked the Board to consider a motion to adopt Resolution #4 of 2019 which establishes the tax rates for the General, Machinery and Fire Funds for the year of 2020. The tax rates for 2020 will remain the same as they were for 2019. In accordance with Sections 3205 and 3208 of the Second Class Township Code, the millage on each \$1,000 of assessed value, and the cents on each \$100 of assessed value are as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Millage/\$1000</u>	<u>Cents/\$100</u>
General	2.91	29.10
Machinery	0.50	5.00
Fire	<u>0.26</u>	<u>2.60</u>
Total	3.67 mills	36.70 cents

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

IV. New Business

- Mr. Stout and Mr. Hickman introduced comments regarding the need to replace the 2001 Ford F-250 pickup truck. The estimated cost of the repairs to have it pass inspection in February is approximately \$2,500. Following a lengthy discussion, it was proposed that we obtain bids or quotes from various sources for a pre-owned one-ton pickup. The Chairman asked the Board for a motion to do so. The motion was made by Troy Smith and seconded by Charles Hickman. Motion carried.

V. Information & Announcements

- EQT contractors (Robbie Hayden) will begin working on slip repairs on Fisher Hollow and Craig's Run Roads in the near future. Periodic total road closures may be necessary and will be announced at least 48 hours prior to the closing.
- Next meeting dates:
  - Supervisors Reorganization, Monday, January 6, 2020 at 7:00 pm
  - Township Auditors' Reorganization, Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 7:00 pm
  - Supervisor's Regular Meeting, Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
  - Planning Board, Thursday, January 2, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. (if needed)
  - Zoning Hearing Board, as needed.
  - Park Board meets as needed.

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VI. Public Comment/Questions

- The Township was asked by Southwestern Pennsylvania Water Authority to apply for single applicant grant from the PA Commonwealth Financing Authority for the WW Railroad Road from the new line in Sycamore to Pettit Road. We have done so with the assistance of Bankson Engineers.

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