

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

112 Municipal Lane
Prosperity, PA 15329
March 17, 2020

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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 several interested township residents.

I. Requests to Address the Board/Public Comment

Resident George Bissett asked whether a zoning permit had been approved and issued to his neighbor, Douglas Robinson, who is constructing a waterfall type porch to the front of his house. The porch has been built inside the five (5') foot side-yard boundary limit with Bissett's adjoining property. Mr. Stout said the township is aware of the violation, and has sent the Building Codes Enforcement officer to assess the situation. Mr. Stout said it appears that Mr. Robinson has three choices regarding the issue, to move the porch to get it outside the required minimum side yard dimensions, to purchase some property from Mr. Bissett to move the property line, or to request a hearing before the Zoning Hearing Board for a Variance to the Ordinance requirements. Mr. Bissett was informed that should a variance hearing be requested by Mr. Robinson, he would be informed as to day, date and time so that he could attend and testify and comment on the matter.

II. Correspondence and Reports

1. Received Correspondence:

- In accordance with the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, being a contiguous municipality, we have been provided with a copy of Franklin Township's proposed Comprehensive Plan for review. For the next 45 days, any Washington Township resident may stop in the township office to review the proposed plan.
- Received notification from Casey Durdines, EQT regarding a spill at the Habe pad. DEP was notified and it is contained.
- We have closed the office to the public due to the COVID-10 virus. We continue to work behind locked doors and request that people call before coming to the office.

2. Planning Board:

- The Board met to re-organize on March 5th and also to review and comment on a request for a Special Exception prior to action by the Township Zoning Hearing Board.

3. Zoning Board:

- A meeting of the Board will be held on Thursday, March 26th to conduct a hearing on the request by Kristy and Nathan Borovichka for a Special Exception in an A-1 (Agriculture use) district, for a Contractor's Yard.

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4. Park Board:
 - The Park Board met in February to discuss the upcoming park activities. The Board decided not to sponsor the Township Yard Sale due to scheduling conflicts and low participation in previous years.
5. Roadmaster's Report
 - Mr. Hickman reported the road crew did some electrical upgrades in the shop area, equipment maintenance, plowed and cindered township roads, cleaned ditches on various roads, and removed trees and limbs from various roads. The road crew worked on stream bank stabilization on Greene Valley Road, dug and rolled Gray Run and Edgar Hill Roads. Craig's Run has re-opened after being closed for 2 ½ months for slip repairs. Nine slip areas were completed by Hayden Excavating under an EQT contract.
6. Solicitor's Remarks - None

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 February 11, 2020 regular meeting. The motion was made by Charles Hickman and seconded by Troy Smith. Motion carried.

B. Specific

1. Business Operations

a. Approval of Treasurer's Report for period ending February 29, 2020

	<u>General</u>	<u>Liquid Fuels</u>	<u>Machinery</u>	<u>DCNR</u>
Beginning Balance	\$366,316.87	\$ 29,749.36	\$ 1,420.30	\$27,077.70
Revenues	23,858.24	13.69	6,426.51	12.02
Expenditures	<u>59,352.38</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>27,030.00</u>
Ending Balance	\$330,822.73	\$ 29,763.05	\$ 7,746.81	\$ 59.72

<u>Fire Fund</u>		<u>Impact Fee</u>	
Beginning Balance	\$ 358.44	Beginning Balance	\$ 1,704,072.15
Revenues	.15	Revenues	572.23
Expenditures	<u>50.00</u>	Expenditures	<u>176,543.50</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 308.59	Ending Balance	\$ 1,528,100.88
		Certificate of Deposit	<u>-1,200,000.00</u>
		Cash Available	\$ 328,100.98

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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 seconded 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 follows, from the following accounts:

General Fund	\$ 58,862.28
Liquid Fuels Fund	0.00
Machinery Fund	100.00
Impact Fund	176,543.50
DCNR Account	27,030.00
Fire Fund	<u>50.00</u>

Total Bills & Transfers for Approval \$ 262,585.78

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

c. Stone Bid Award

Pursuant to the bids opened on February 11, 2020 the Chairman asked the Board to consider a motion to award the stone bids to the low bidders, as follows:

<u>Product</u>	<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Awarded Bid</u>
AASHTO 1-B (#8) stone	Greer Limestone	\$26.25/ton
AASHTO #67 stone	Greer Limestone	\$22.00/ton
2-A modified (C & R)	Laurel Aggregates	\$18.50/ton
AASHTO #1 stone	Laurel Aggregates	\$20.00/ton
Rip-Rap #R-3	Laurel Aggregates	\$22.25/ton
Rip-Rap #R-4	Laurel Aggregates	\$22.75/ton
Rip-Rap #R-5	Laurel Aggregates	\$23.25/ton
Rip-Rap #R-6	Laurel Aggregates	\$25.00/ton

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

d. Tar & Chipping and Oil Project Bid Opening

Pursuant to the specifications, bids were received and opened at 11:30 am, Tuesday March 10, 2020 for the labor, oil, and equipment rental necessary to complete 80,000 square yards of Bituminous Seal coating (2020 tar & chip program) using stone provided by the township.

The Chairman asked the Board to consider a motion to refer the following bids received for the labor, oil, and equipment rental for the 2020 roadway tar and chip program to the Supervisors and the Solicitor for review, with further action anticipated at the April 14, 2020 meeting. All bids were

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accompanied by the required ten-percent Bid Bond. The motion was made by Charles Hickman and seconded by Walter Stout. Motion carried.

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Total Bid Amount</u>
Russell- Standard	\$97,840.00
Suit-Kote	88,000.00
Midland Asphalt	122,400.00
Youngblood Paving	108,320.00

d. Opening/Awarding of Bid – Boom-Arm Mower

Pursuant to action by the Supervisors at the February 11, 2020 meeting, specifications were prepared and a request for sealed bids was advertised for a new boom arm-mower to replace the Alamo Machete mower which had reached the end of its useful life. The new mower will be installed on the township's Case tractor. Subsequently, one bid was received from Mo-Trim Inc., in the amount of \$41,382.80, (see Bid file). The mower, as bid, meets all of the specifications, as advertised. Therefore, the Chairman asked the Board to consider a motion to award the received bid of \$41,382.80 for a new 21' Mid-Mount Boom Arm Mower to be installed on the township's Case tractor to Mo-Trim, Inc. Payment will be from a combination of Impact Fee funds as well as the Machinery Fund. The motion was made by Troy Smith and seconded by Charles Hickman. Motion carried.

IV. New Business

- We have been advised that the Waynesburg Girls Softball Association will not be using the ball fields at the park this spring.
- Park clean up is scheduled for April 20, 2020. EQT is having a community day on that date and will help with the cleanup if it is not completed prior to that date.

V. Information & Announcements

- Supervisor's Regular Meeting, Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
- Planning Board, Thursday, April 2, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. (if needed).
- Zoning Hearing Board, as needed.
- Park Board meets as needed.

VI. Public Comment/Questions - None

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM on a motion by Charles Hickman, seconded by Troy Smith, with all voting 'aye'.

_____ Chairman

_____ Secretary/Treasurer