

Washington Township Municipal Building
185 Manors Road
Elizabethville PA 17023
February 3, 2009

The regular meeting of the Washington Township Board of Supervisors was held at the above place and date.

Chairman, Doris Kauffman called the meeting to order at 7:23 PM.

Board Members Present:

James Watson David Barder
Stacey Rudisill Doris Kauffman

Board Members Absent:

James Wilbert, Sr.

Administrators and Others Present:

Donna Sitlinger- Board Secretary
Reliance Hose Company No. 1 – Mike Wertz, Tom Welker, Dennis Henninger
Citizens - 10

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Reliance Hose Company No. 1:

Mike Wertz, Tom Welker and Dennis Henninger, representing Reliance Hose Company No. 1, were in attendance to recap the activities of the fire company during 2008. Tom Welker presented the Board with a written report recapping the number of calls and a breakdown of the type of incidents the fire company responded to during 2008. Also included, was a fire loss/damage report. Mr. Welker publically thanked the Board for their participation, and the nice plaque and proclamation received at his retirement dinner. Mr. Welker expressed his appreciation to the citizens for their support over the years. Dennis Henninger, Chairman of the budget committee, thanked the Board for the recent renewal of the fire tax agreement between Reliance Hose Company, Washington Township, and Elizabethville Borough. Mr. Henninger informed during the discussion of the renewal of the contract, the fire company asked for consideration of an increase in the tax rate from .47 to .50 mills mainly due to increases in fuel prices. After the request of consideration, it was brought to their attention that the fire company requested a substantial increase in the fire tax rate. Mr. Henninger provided the Board with a report depicting the yearly increase that would have incurred if a .50 tax mill amount would have been approved. Mr. Henninger commented the fire company felt the increase was not substantial. Mike Wertz, Fire Chief, reviewed the 2008 annual audit and presented the Board with the 2009 budget. Mr. Wertz informed the expenses for the first time in the last sixteen years appear they will surpass income. In response to a question why the fire company no longer has fund raisers, Mr. Wertz informed the number of volunteers has diminished because many people are competing for the same resources. Mr. Wertz advised of the projects the fire company will be working on during 2009. Mr. Wertz informed due to mandates to fire apparatus, the cost of fire equipment is increasing. A brief question period was held.

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 20, 2009 CONDITIONAL USE HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING:

The minutes of the Board of Supervisors, January 20, 2009 Conditional Use Hearing were approved as presented by motion of Supr. Watson, second by Supr. Barder. Motion carried.

The minutes of the Board of Supervisors, January 20, 2009 regular meeting were approved as presented by motion of Supr. Watson, second by Supr. Rudisill. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF INVOICES:

General Fund: \$5684.09

Highway Fund: 3237.44

A motion was made by Supr. Barder to approve the payment of the invoices, second by Supr. Watson. Roll Call Vote: Barder (yes) Watson (yes) Rudisill (yes) Kauffman (yes) Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:**Addition/Renovations Township Building:**

It was noted that it has not been determined if the heat pump is large enough to heat the one room on the District Judge side. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Supr. Watson to contact KD3 to require they contact their own engineer to determine if the heat pump is large enough to supply heat to that room and/or check to make sure the wiring that was installed during construction is to specs, second by Supr. Barder. Motion carried. A motion was made by Supr. Watson, second by Supr. Barder, to accept the \$500 credit for the roof sealant, and a \$1200 credit for the difference between the heat pump units. Motion carried. Supr. Watson advised the County agreed to accept the cabinets as is, as long as they address the door issues, which Supr. Watson informed were addressed. Supr. Watson reported the outside front door entrance to the District Judge office, needs re-aligned, but that is a warranty issue.

Complaint – Shirley Kenno:

It was noted there is nothing new to report.

NEW BUSINESS:**Decision (February 3, 2009 Public Hearing):**

A motion was made by Supr. Watson to adopt the amendments to Chapter 22, Subdivision and Land Development, Part 5, §22-510, Recreational Areas or Facilities, second by Supr. Barder. Motion carried.
Ordinance 2009-21

Update Authorized Check Signers:

A motion was made by Supr. Watson, second by Supr. Rudisill, to update the authorized check signers to the current Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer for the PLGIT and Mid Penn Bank accounts. Motion carried.

Tax Claim Bureau-30 day interest-free grace period:

It was noted the 30 day interest-free grace period offered by the Tax Claim Bureau last year was a success. A motion was made by Supr. Watson, second by Supr. Rudisill, to approve the Tax Claim Bureau's offer to extend a 30-day interest-free grace period, again this year, to delinquent tax claims within Washington Township. Motion carried.

Water Cooler:

The Board reviewed the cost to rent or purchase a water cooler. After discussion, Supr. Barder will check the cost for the purchase of a wall mount water fountain and what would be involved with the installation.

2008 FINANCIAL REPORT:

Secretary Sitlinger summarized the 2008 financial report of the General, Fire Hydrant, Street Light, and Liquid Fuel Funds. It was the consensus of the Board for the Secretary to continue to refund OPT refunds without obtaining Board approval, as long as sufficient proof is provided that the OPT was paid twice by the applicant in the same year.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS:

DORIS KAUFFMAN:

No report.

DAVE BARDER:

No report.

JAMES WILBERT, SR.:

Absent

STACEY RUDISILL:

No report.

JAMES WATSON:

COG:

Supr. Watson informed COG will be meeting at the Township building on Thursday, February 19th beginning 7 PM, light social beginning 6:30 PM.

Parks & Recreation:

Paul Wertz, Chairman of the Recreation Board informed of the improvements that need to be completed at the Loyaton Park and the events the Recreation Board is considering during 2009.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chairman, Doris Kauffman called for public comments with no response.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Washington Township Authority: Tuesday, February 10, 2009

Washington Township Supervisors: Tuesday, February 17, 2009

Recreation Board: Wednesday, February 18, 2009

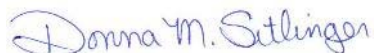
Planning Commission: Monday, March 2, 2009

All meetings, unless otherwise indicated, are held at the Washington Township Municipal Building and begin at 7 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Supr. Rudisill made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Supr. Kauffman. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna M. Sitlinger
Secretary-Treasurer