

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

27JUN23 7:00PM

- I. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call – called to order at 7:07pm by Supervisor Whaley, Present: Eric Whitford, Nancy Rogers, Howard Whaley, Barbara Hoffer & Kevin Whaley

- II. Approval/Adjustments of Agenda – Motion to approve as presented by Barbara Hoffer, 2nd by Kevin Whaley, 5 yeas, motion carried

- III. New Business
 - a) Cemetery Ordinance recommendations – MTA Cemetery Workshop on 6/21/23 was attended by both Clerk Hoffer & Cemeterian Rogers
 - Cemetery Ordinance does not have to go before the planning commission
 - Pet burials in cemetery? Discussion only
 - Definitions to be added to Ordinance as defined in Cemetery Handbook
 - More than 1 lot (1 lot = 5 plots) purchased by the person/family may require prior Twp Board approval
 - Benches (with/without Cremains) as a headstone need a foundation
 - Cremains Scatter Garden? Discussion only
 - Green Burials – Sealed Concrete Vaults ONLY
 - All fees to be paid to the Township (not Cemeterian or cemetery workers). Resident / Non-Resident Fees to be defined in Resolution
 - Updated forms
 - Deeds to both Hufford & Collier Cemeteries on file
 - Must issue Certificate of Burial Rights not Deeds
 - Copy of Ordinance to be handed out with purchase of Burial Rights


b) Road Millage wording, recommendations – Discussed a possible election to convert our 1.5 Mil Special Assessment to a 1.5 Road Millage & how it would benefit the Township without additional taxes to the residents

- Special Assessment is on REAL Property only (Land)
- Millage is on Personal & Real Property (ie: cell towers, phone lines, turbines, solar, etc....)
- Discussed a mailer to residents & possible meeting to explain the proposed change
- By August 1st a Notice of Election would need to be posted for November Election
- By August 15th the Wording of Ballot would have to be submitted for November Election
- Would need wording for Board to approve at the July 20 meeting
- Motion by Eric Whitford for Supervisor Whaley to contact our legal representative at FSBR to generate verbiage for ballot to convert from 1.5 Mil Special Assessment to 1.5 Road Millage, 2nd by Kevin Whaley, Roll call vote: All yea's, motion carried

IV. Additional Public Comment - none

v. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn by Eric Whitford, 2nd by Kevin Whaley, all in favor. Time: 8:33pm

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Hoffer


Approved 7/20/2023
Clerk, Barbara Hoffer