

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

IN PERSON MEETING

20JULY23 7:00PM

- I. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call – Called to order by Supervisor Whaley at 7:01pm.
Present: Trustee Whitford, Trustee Rogers, Clerk Hoffer, Treasurer Whaley & Supervisor Whaley.
- II. Approval of minutes from last board meeting- Motion by K.Whaley/2nd by E.Whitford to accept minutes from 6/15/23 meeting, 5 yeas. Motion by K.Whaley/2nd by N.Rogers to accept minutes from Special Meeting on 6/27/23, 5 yeas. Both motions carried.
- III. Approval/Adjustments of Agenda – Motion to approve agenda with additions presented by E.Whitford/2nd by Nancy, 5 yeas. Motion carried.
- IV. Adjustment/Approval of budget/financial report/bills – Motion to approve as presented by H.Whaley/2nd by E.Whitford. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
- V. Open Issues/Visitors
 - a) Planning Commission resignation and new member – Supervisor Whaley received a resignation call from Planning Commissioner Charles Misenhelder. Dave Rattay has shown an interest in accepting the position. Motion to appoint Dave Rattay as Planning Commissioner upon receipt of written Notice of Resignation by Charles Misenhelder by E.Whitford/2nd by K.Whaley. 4 yeas, N.Rogers abstained due to lack of knowledge (she doesn't know Dave.)
 - b) Hall Foundation update – foundation is done & paid. 1. add more backfill from settling before getting rid of the remainder of dirt 2.gas tank to be relocated & fence around it 3.furnace to be reconnected 4.deck/ramp must be re-installed before we can get final inspection.
 - c) Used Equipment lot, next steps – letter from legal representation was sent, says he wants to have zoned commercial but hasn't filed paperwork, now being billed \$100/day until in compliance.
 - d) BS&A update – Extraction for Assessor/Treasurer Friday at 1pm, Conversion dates for going live January 10-16 (no entries during that time.)
 - e) Bathroom Suggestions – Motion by Eric/2nd by Howard to set a budget of \$200 for Nancy to purchase vanity if a deal is found. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
 - f) Fire proof cabinets – locks still not working, cabinets to be moved to hall asap and continue with locks from there.
 - g) Window screens, update – not repaired yet, still working on them.
 - h) Playground Equipment/Old equipment – nothing new to report.

- i) Election forms and new law – bills regarding proposal 2022-2 were signed by the governor this week. Changes being implemented.
- j) Parking lot / Driveway extension – tentative date to remove sod & add more gravel east and south of bldg on 8/19/2023. Howard to contact Troy Luznak for gravel.
- k) Blueprints – Nancy reported that she contacted the county and they require us to have engineer stamped blueprints/drawings. Sam Smith, County Commissioner gave her contact information of someone he knows that can do it.
- l) Building Fund – Motion to add line item to budget for Building Fund under the Township Hall by H.Whaley/2nd by K.Whaley, 5 years. Motion carried
- m) Ballot Initiative / Replace Special Assessment with Road Millage – proposed resolution prepared by FSBR. Motion by Nancy/2nd by Barb to request FSBR change wording from “may impose and levy” to “replace 1.5 Special Assessment with 1.5 Road Millage” and for 10 years instead of 5. A vote of 5 years, Motion carried.
- n) Cemetery / signage – discussed costs of signs. Sam Smith suggested other ways we could inform the public of cemetery ordinance / rules.
- o) Accessory Use / Special use Permits – Eric continuing to work with FSBR on changes to wording needed for Ordinance.

VI. Public Comment for old business/open issues – No new reports from Addison, POC/Heartland Farms.

VII. New Business

- a) Hall Rental Agreement – Motion by B.Hoffer/2nd by E.Whitford to replace/amend Resolution to charge Washington Township Residents and Non-Profit Organizations \$50/day Rental Fee & \$50/event Deposit, Non-Residents \$75/day Rental Fee & \$75/event Deposit. Roll call vote: Yes by Whitford, Rogers, Hoffer & K.Whaley No by H.Whaley. Motion carried.
- b) Board member for district library – Kevin Whaley volunteered to be our township representative.
- c) Sealed Bid Resolution – Motion to accept R-2023-DRAFT of Sealed Bid Resolution by N.Rogers/2nd by H.Whaley, all in favor, motion carried.
- d) Lawn Care 1099 – Motion to accept R-2023-DRAFT of 2023 Lawn Care Resolution by H.Whaley/2nd by K.Whaley, all in favor, motion carried.
- e) Medical Pot Resolution – Motion to accept R-2023-DRAFT of Medical Marijuana Facilities Resolution with spelling error corrected by H.Whaley/2nd by E.Whitford, all in favor, motion carried.
- f) BOR update – met on 7/18/2023 for correction of clerical errors.
- g) Consumers ~~resolution~~ Ordinance – Motion to approve proposed ordinance renewal sent by Consumers Energy by K.Whaley/2nd by E.Whitford, 5 years. Motion to vacate previous motion by

K.Whaley/2nd by N.Rogers after realizing we do not currently have a Consumers Energy Gas Franchise on record, 5 yeas. Clerk to get clarification from Consumers Energy.

- h) Renewable energy moratorium – Motion by E.Whitford/2nd by N.Rogers to place a 12 month moratorium on Special Use Permit Applications for renewable energy pending construction of the initial wind and solar recently approved. E.Whitford, N.Rogers, H.Whaley, B.Hoffer yes, K.Whaley no.
- i) Budget worksheet – Discussed foundation work to be put under Repairs & Maintenance, Kitchen & Playground Equipment to be put under Twp. Equipment. Board members to review line items & be prepared to discuss/approve changes at next meeting.

VIII. Letters/Correspondence: DTE Road Use Agreement established with GCRC, Howard looking into possible Community Center Grant application due 8/30/2023.

IX. Additional Public Comment – Gayla Phillips suggested we make sure visitors are introduced and given and opportunity to address their issues early in the meeting (Open issues/visitors).

X. Adjournment – motion to adjourn by N.Rogers/2nd by K.Whaley, all in favor. Time: 9:40pm

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Hoffer

~~Hoffer~~ SUPERVISOR
Approved 8/17/2023
Barbara Hoffer, Clerk