

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

112 Municipal Lane
Prosperity, PA 15329

October 8, 2024

MEETING MINUTES

Walter Stout, Chairman called the October 8, 2024, meeting of the Washington Township Supervisors to order at 6:32 P.M. in attendance were Supervisors Walt Stout, Charles Hickman and Troy Smith, Secretary Mary Pratt, Township Employee Jason Rosa, and township residents Doyle Harris, Autumn Jackson and Bryant Harris.

I. Requests to Address the Board/Public Comment:

Township residents Doyle Harris, Autumn Jackson and Bryant Harris addressed the board with concerns of numerous accidents on WW Railroad at the intersection with Dille Road. The speed limit in the area is posted at 40 mph. Resident Harris has had property damage from the accidents. Residents Harris and Jackson are concerned about children getting on and off the bus with individuals speeding on the roadway. Chairman Walter Stout acknowledged the residents' concerns and stated that unfortunately, the road is a state maintained road so the township has no authority to post it in any way. Mr. Stout did say that he will make a follow-up call to PennDOT and notify them of the mishaps, and he would also notify the PA State Police and ask for additional patrols, especially at bus pick-up and discharge times. He also advised Ms. Jackson to call the school district with her concerns so that they can make the bus driver aware of the potential dangers.

II. Correspondence and Reports

1. The township recently received the following payments from the Commonwealth for: Fire Relief (Foreign Fire) of \$7,283.47 and Municipal Pension System State Aid for \$17,666.04.

We also received a payment of \$18,490.11 from the Greene County Conservation District from the Dirt, Gravel and Low Volume Maintenance Grant for work that was completed on Pisgah Ridge Road.

The township was notified of its estimated Liquid Fuels allocation for 2025 in the amount of \$127,140.29. This is a decrease from the actual 2024 payment in Liquid Fuels funding which was \$129,695.54. Fortunately, but not guaranteed, the estimate is usually several thousand dollars less than the amount we will actually receive in March, 2025.

2. The Planning Board met on October 3rd to consider a request for a Lot Split between Consol PA Coal and Autumn and Buck Jackson. It was recommended for approval by the Board and forwarded to the Supervisors for final approval.
3. The Zoning Hearing Board did not meet.
4. The Park Board will meet in October to make final arrangements for the annual "Trunk or Treat" Halloween activity for township children.

5. Roadmaster's Report:

Our crew assisted Russell Standard with traffic control during the recent Flex-base paving project on Boyd and Breakneck Roads. The work has been completed and approved. After an inspection of all of the road name signs, those signs which needed replacement were ordered and have been installed. The second round of township road bank mowing has been completed. The men will continue to remove tree limbs from township roads as needed. We will continue to complete maintenance on township vehicles and equipment and continue to maintain grass cutting around the office, garage and at the park.

6. Solicitor's Remarks:

In Mr. Makel's absence, Mr. Stout reported that the Governor recently signed into law the increase of the new maximum allowable compensation for township supervisors. Per the PA Constitution, the new rate, if implemented by Ordinance, applies only to supervisors that either elected or re-elected following the effective date of the legislation.

7. BCO/Zoning Report – McMillen Engineering. See Minute Book file.

III. Discussion & Action Items

1. The Chairman asked the Board for a motion to approve the agenda without an addendum. A motion was made by Troy Smith, seconded by Charlie Hickman. All Aye-motion carried.
2. The Chairman asked the Board for a motion to approve the Minutes of September 10, 2024. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes. A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented by Charlie Hickman, seconded by Walter Stout. All Aye-motion carried.

3. Business Operations

a. Approval of Treasurer's Report for period ending September 30, 2024

Mrs. Pratt gave the following Treasurer's Report:

| | <u>General</u> | <u>Liquid Fuels</u> | <u>Machinery</u> | <u>Fire Fund</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$ 233,510.01 | \$ 40,987.13 | \$ 47,795.07 | \$ 11,844.49 |
| Revenues | 58,286.97 | 17.41 | 267.04 | 133.30 |
| Expenditures | <u>-31,784.30</u> | <u>-0.00</u> | <u>-100.00</u> | <u>-50.00</u> |
| Ending Balance | \$ 260,012.68 | \$ 41,004.54 | \$ 47,962.11 | \$ 11,927.79 |

Impact Fee

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| Beginning Cash Balance | \$645,186.83 |
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| Revenues – Acct. Interest | 1,882.53 |
| Other (D & G Grant) | 4,888.71 |
| Expenditures | <u>-24,405.96</u> |
| Available Cash Balance | \$627,552.11 |
| Investments Held | <u>2,000,000.00</u> |
| Total Account Balance | \$2,627,552.11 |

The Chairman asked the Board to consider a motion to approve the Treasurer’s report as presented for the period ending September 30, 2024, and direct that it be filed for audit.

The motion was made by Charles Hickman, seconded by Troy Smith. All—aye. Motion carried.

b. Bills & Transfers for Approval for All Funds – September, 2024

The Chairman asked the Board to consider a motion to approve the payment of the monthly bills, payroll and intra-fund transfers, (see Minute Book file), from the following accounts:

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| General Fund | \$ 37,297.78 |
| Liquid Fuels Fund | 0.00 |
| Machinery Fund | 100.00 |
| Impact Fund | 23,432.90 |
| Fire Fund | <u>50.00</u> |
| Total Bills & Transfers | \$ 60,880.68 |

The motion was made by Troy Smith, seconded by Charles Hickman. All—aye. Motion carried.

c. Purchase of a Western ProPlus Snow Plow – COSTARS

The Chairman asked the Board to consider a motion to approve the payment for the purchase from Push-N-Pull through the PA COSTARS State-wide cooperative purchasing program, a new Western 9-foot ProPlus snow plow with installation on the recently purchased Ford pick-up truck, at the COSTARS price of \$8,370.52.

The motion was made by Charlie Hickman, seconded by Troy Smith. All—aye. Motion carried.

4. Operations, Buildings, Grounds & Highways

a) Approval of Payment to SPWA – West Dividing Ridge Road Waterline Project

The Supervisors have been in discussions for some time with the water authority and with Amwell Township (Washington County) regarding a waterline extension along a shared portion of West Dividing Ridge Road, from its current terminus on Route 19 to the intersection with Hope Road, approximately 6,900 feet. The project will be a joint effort between the SPWA, Amwell Township, and Washington Township, with costs

being split between the two townships of 70% for Washington Township and 30% for Amwell, based on the number of properties to be served in each township respectively. Both townships will be responsible for backfilling, and property restoration.

The Chairman asked the Board to consider a motion to approve the invoice in the amount of \$134,539 received from Southwestern PA Water Authority which reflects 70% of the cost for the materials, permits and engineering for a 4,720 foot, 8-inch waterline extension along a shared portion of West Dividing Ridge Road, from its current terminus on Route 19 to the intersection of Long Mile Road.

The Chairman further asked the Board to consider including in the motion, the approval of the invoice in the amount of \$54,823.05 received from SPWA which reflects 100% the cost for the materials, permits and engineering for a 2,180-foot, 6-inch waterline extension along West Dividing Ridge Road, from the intersection of Long Mile Road and continuing to the intersection of Hope Road.

The motion to approve the total project was made by Charlie Hickman, seconded by Walter Stout. All—aye. Motion carried.

5. Township Supervisors

a) Ordinances, Resolutions

1. Approval of Lot Split – Consol PA. Coal Co, LLC. and Autumn and Buck Jackson

The Chairman asked the Board to consider a motion to approve Pursuant to the review and recommendation of the Washington Township Planning Board, having met the conditions and requirements of the Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance, and having received approval from the Township Engineer, and Zoning Officer, consider a motion to approve a Lot Split of 13.787 acres, identified as Tax ID #24-03-103A, conveyed by Deed between Consol PA. Coal Co, LLC. and Autumn and Buck Jackson. The motion was made by Charlie Hickman, seconded by Walter Stout. All—aye. Motion carried

b) Agreements, Contracts

1. Acknowledgement of Receipt of Required Documents – Stout Logging, LLC.

The Chairman asked the Board to consider a motion to acknowledging receipt of the following documents from Stout Logging, LLC of Somerset, PA. as required by Timbering Ordinance #1-2021:

- a. Erosion & Sediment Plan
- b. Heavy Hauling Agreement
- c. \$3,000 payment to be held in Escrow

They will be logging on the Locy property and using Breakneck Road for access.

The motion was made by Charlie Hickman, seconded by Walter Stout. All—aye. Motion carried

2. Heavy Hauling Agreement – Stout Logging LLC.

The Chairman asked the Board to consider a motion to approve Heavy Hauling Agreement with Stout Logging LLC., for Breakneck Road (T-404), with an effective date of September 16, 2024 to September 15, 2025 for a fee of \$300.00 per roadway, pursuant to the approved Schedule of Fees.

The motion was made by Charlie Hickman, seconded by Troy Smith. All—aye. Motion carried

3. Heavy Hauling Agreement – Jericho Excavation, LLC.

The Chairman asked the Board to consider a motion to approve Heavy Hauling Agreement with Jericho Excavation, LLC., for Breakneck Road (T-404), with an effective date of October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2025, for a fee of \$300.00 per roadway, pursuant to the approved Schedule of Fees. Pending receipt of the required documentation.

The motion was made by Charlie Hickman, seconded by Walter Stout. All—aye. Motion carried

4. Confirming Designation of Primary Ambulance Service

The Chairman asked the Board to consider a motion to approve to confirm the designation of Washington Ambulance and Chair EMS, Inc. to provide Primary ambulance service to the residents of Washington Township. Secondary coverage shall be provided by the first, otherwise available EMS unit.

The motion was made by Troy Smith, seconded by Charlie Hickman. All—aye. Motion carried

5. Reaffirm Action - Swarrow Lot Split

The Chairman asked the Board to consider a motion to approve in order to meet the 90-day filing rule enforced by the Greene County Register and Recorder, consider a motion to reaffirm the action taken by the Board of Supervisors on June 18, 2024, wherein the Scott and Heidi Swarrow to Nick Swarrow Lot Split was approved.

The motion was made by Charlie Hickman, seconded by Walter Stout. All—aye. Motion carried.

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IV. New Business

As a courtesy to the township's new ambulance provider, Washington Ambulance & Chair, Mr. Hickman suggested that we offer the former office in the township garage as a comfort station for the EMTs manning the ambulances while waiting for calls in the area. All the supervisors agreed for this to occur. The maintenance department will look into ways to secure the door between the meeting room and garage side and also give secure access to the meeting room.

V. Information & Announcements

- Flex-base paving on Breakneck and Boyd Roads was started on October 7th and is expected to be completed by October 9th.
- Fall Township Clean-up Day will be from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm, Saturday, October 19th, 2024.
- Trunk or Treat for Township children will be from 2:00 until 4:00, Saturday, October 26 at the Park, (maintenance garage in case of inclement weather).
- Upcoming Meetings
 - Supervisor's Regular Meeting, Tuesday, November 12, 2024, 6:30 p.m.
 - Planning Board, Thursday, November 7, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.
 - Zoning Hearing Board and Park Board meets as needed.

VI. Public Comment/Questions

No additional comments were made by the public

VII. Adjournment

On a motion by Troy Smith, seconded by Charlie Hickman, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

s/Walter S. Stout _____ Chairman

s/Mary J. Pratt _____ Secretary/Treasurer