

WEISENBERG TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

March 13, 2023

2175 Seipstown Rd, Fogelsville, PA 18051

The Supervisors of Weisenberg Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania held their regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 pm. Chair-person Linda Gorgas, Vice-Chair Anthony Werley, Supervisor Richard Bleiler, Manager Brian Carl, Solicitor Peter Lehr, and Engineer Stan Wojciechowski were present.

Pledge of Allegiance – Chair-person Linda Gorgas opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with the pledge to the Flag.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of the February 13, 2023 Board of Supervisors Meeting were approved by motion made by Anthony Werley, seconded by Richard Bleiler. Motion carried. 3-0

Treasurer's Report – The treasurer's report of January 31, 2023 as well as payment of current invoices presented were approved by motion made by Richard Bleiler, seconded by Anthony Werley. Motion carried. 3-0

PUBLIC HEARING – Linda Gorgas temporarily adjourned the regular Board of Supervisors meeting at 7:02 pm. to conduct a public hearing regarding a liquor license transfer. The applicant (Jeff Byard) of Malwa Ventures, LLC which is currently the owner of 2277 Golden Key Road, Kutztown. Attorney Jessica L. Pleskach of Caverly, Shea, Phillips & Rodgers, LLC provided a presentation discussing the sales policy and procedures of this transfer. A resolution was drafted by Attn. Pleskach and reviewed by Brian Carl & Attn. Peter Lehr prior to the hearing. The applicant stated they will not be conducting a bar but a convenient store with the ability to sell 6 & 12 packs of beer to go. Motion was made by Anthony Werley, seconded by Richard Bleiler to approve **Resolution #23-3** permitting the transfer of the liquor license to 2277 Golden Key Road, Kutztown. Motion carried. 3-0 The public hearing was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

The Board of Supervisors meeting was continued at 7:15 pm.

Weisenberg Township

**Treasurer Report
February 28, 2023**

General Fund Expenses – 2/01/23 – 2/13/23	1,656,918.45
General Fund Expenses – 2/14/23 – 2/28/23	27,976.51
State Fund Expenses – February 2023	0.00
Equipment Fund Expenses –2/13/23	0.00
Fire Fund Expenses – 2/13/23	2,385.74

Balance as 1/31/2023

General Fund Checking	729,770.97
General Fund CD	2,000,000.00
General Fund CD	1,500,000.00
State Fund Checking	-0-
State Fund Money Market	580.49
Equipment Fund Money Market	10,595.49
Equipment Fund Money Market CD	150,000.00
Arcadia Industrial Park Signalization Repair Fund	7,285.81
Arcadia Industrial Park Signalization Repair Fund CD	85,000.00
Hillwood Signalization	32,598.86
Recreational Fund	79,961.54
Fire Tax Fund	41,106.06

Fire Tax – CD	500,000.00
Capital Projects Fund	12,755.02
Capital Projects Fund CD	300,000.00
Conservation District Fund	82,796.84
Open Space Money Market Fund	7,706.25
Yard Waste Money Market Fund	4,756.35
Yard Waste Money Market Fund CD	260,000.00
Hailey Ct Homeowners Fund	12,171.16
Hailey Ct Homeowners Fund CD	25,000.00
COVID Money	<u>316,944.08</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>6,204,028.92</u>

VISA Account Reconciliation – Brian

Beginning Balance	1,763.48
Payments	(1,763.48)
Purchases	
Zoom	14.99
1&1 Internet Internet Email	37.71
Lathem Time Monthly Fee	39.00
Westech Rigging Hooks	728.43
Microsoft Office Monthly Fee	17.50
PA DEP Storage Tank Reg.	<u>40.00</u>
	<u>877.63</u>
Ending Balance	<u><u>877.63</u></u>

VISA Account Reconciliation – Tony

Beginning Balance	573.19
Payments	(573.19)
Purchases	
	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance	<u><u>0.00</u></u>

Subdivisions & Land Development

Chris Winters – Major Subdivision (2607 Sechler Ct.) – 2 Lots – Preliminary Plan

Motion made by Richard Bleiler, seconded by Anthony Werley to approve the preliminary plan conditional upon the engineer’s comment letter dated February 23, 2023. Motion carried. 3-0

Chris Winters – Planning Module – 2607 Sechler Ct.

Motion made by Anthony Werley, seconded by Richard Bleiler to approve the signing of the planning module conditional on the items listed on Chris Noll’s comment letter dated February 23, 2023. Motion carried. 3-0

8877 Yorkshire Circle – Morgan Hills – Lot 7 – Preliminary Plan

Motion made by Richard Bleiler, seconded by Anthony Werley to approve the preliminary plan conditional upon the engineer’s comment letter dated February 23, 2023. Motion carried. 3-0

Tamar Pedersen – Planning Module – 5092 North End Road

Mr. & Mrs. Tamar Pedersen were in attendance to present the signed On-Lot Sewage Management Plan that is a requirement of the planning module component 4.

Resolution # 2023- 4 – Motion to accept the Planning Module and submit to DEP for approval conditional of Chris Noll’s comment letter dated February 23, 2023 made by Anthony Werley, seconded by Richard Bleiler. Motion carried. 3-0

Old Business

Ordinance – Run Road – 15 mph speed limit

Ordinance # 2023-1 Setting the speed limit for Run Road (T-644) between Weisenberg Church Road (T-859) and Holbens Valley Road (SR-4040) to 15 miles per hour was approved by motion of Richard Bleiler, seconded by Anthony Werley. Motion carried. 3-0

Ordinance – Masters Hill Road – 20 mph speed limit

Ordinance # 2023-2 Setting the speed limit for Masters Hill Road (T-578) to 20 miles per hour was approved by motion of Anthony Werley, seconded by Richard Bleiler. Motion carried. 3-0

AG Security – Susanne T. Miller – 34.1 acres on 10282/10284 Old Route 22

Resolution #23- 5 accepting the addition of 34.1 acres into the existing Township’s Agricultural Security Area for Suzanne T. Miller was adopted by motion made by Richard Bleiler, seconded by Anthony Werley. Motion carried. 3-0

Resolution # 2023- ____ - 2151 Golden Key Road – Additional ROW for road widening.

Motion to table this item until the next Board meeting was made by Anthony Werley, seconded by Richard Bleiler. Motion carried. 3-0

New Salt Shed – Approval to solicit for bids.

Linda Gorgas made a motion to approve the advertisement for bids on the new salt shed once the final design is completed and approved by Anthony Werley and Brain Carl. This was seconded by Richard Bleiler. Motion carried. 3-0

New Business

Joint Bidding – Oil & Line Painting

Motion made by Anthony Werley, seconded by Richard Bleiler to table this item until we receive the results of the bidding from Heidelberg Township. Motion carried. 3-0

2023 Lawn Mowing Bid Award

Motion was made by Richard Bleiler, seconded by Anthony Werley to accept the lowest bid made by Made-in-the-Shade for mowing the (2) athletic fields and the Fire Station. Motion carried. 3-0

A motion was made by Linda Gorgas, seconded by Richard Bleiler to approve up to \$7,000.00 for over seeding and fertilizing the fields as needed. Motion carried. 3-0

2023 Road Materials

Road materials for the upcoming 2023-2024 season will be advertised per motion of Anthony Werley and seconded by Richard Bleiler. These bids will be opened April 10th and awarded at the next board meeting scheduled for April 10th, 2023. Motion carried. 3-0

Resolution #2023-6 – Escalator Clause for road materials.

Resolution # 2023–6 to allow for an escalator clause for bituminous material was approved by motion made by Richard Bleiler, seconded by Anthony Werley. Motion carried. 3-0

Electronic Recycling Event – April 8th

We will be having our electronic recycling event on April 8th from 9am – 11 am at the Weisenberg Volunteer Fire Station. The event is advertised on our website and on Facebook. Motion was made by Anthony Werley, seconded by Richard Bleiler to approve a flyer to be placed in the Northwestern Press. Motion carried. 3-0

Farmland Preservation – Kramer Farm

Lehigh County is preserving the farm of Beth Ann Kramer which is 40.60 acres. The farm was appraised at \$6640.00 an acre which is over the county cap of \$6,000.00 per acre. Motion was made by Richard Bleiler, seconded by Anthony Werley to approve the contribution of \$200.00 per acre which is in line with previous contributions. (\$7,116.80) Motion carried. 3-0

Public Comment - None

Weisenberg Volunteer Fire Department Comments

Matt Krapf, Fire Chief, informed the Board that they had 43 calls so far for 2023. He reviewed his comment letter dated 3/13/2023 regarding the activity of the fire department and their members. A thank you to Rick Clark was mentioned for his dedication to the fire department and saving thousands of dollars as he has provided free fabrication work on several projects within the department.

EAC Comments

Marty Rakaczewski informed the Board that the EAC had a meeting at the pavilion by the baseball field to survey the walking trail and decide on what would be needed to improve the trail. He will coordinate with Brian Carl their ideas to improve some of the bridges that are on the trail. They performed a pickup of trash along 863 in conjunction with Earth Day coming up. They received a report of illegal dumping on Old 22 and will be in contact with the landowner to see if they can install game cameras in that area. Their annual Earth Day event will be taking place on April 22, 2023.

Roadmaster's Comments

Anthony Werley stated that they did brush trimming, maintained equipment, and performed winter maintenance with the snow this past week. They are also doing site work in preparation for the new salt shed.

Engineer's Comments

Stan Wojciechowski mentioned to the Board that DEP is going through great lengths to prohibit Morgan Hills Development from doing any work until their NPDES permit is renewed.

Attorney's Comments - None

Treasurer's Comments

Jeff Strauss informed the Board that we received the liquid fuels deposit on March 1st. The real estate tax bills will be going out April 1st and we have received a refund of \$750.00 on the down payment with the credit machine. Sundra Sherwin from New Tripoli Bank is working on an additional \$250.00 refund. Jeff and Brian will be meeting with another available vender regarding credit card payments for the Township after April 15th. Jeff sent out delinquent notices to several Hailey Court residents because they are late on their 1st quarter sewer bills. Jeff discussed a bill with Peter Lehr regarding the invoice the Township received on a collection account in Hailey Court.

Supervisor's Comments – None

Bob Elbich (Lehigh County Commissioner) was in attendance and gave a brief overview of what the commissioners are working on.

Township Manager's Comments:

Brian Carl stated he will attend a LVPC transportation needs assessment meeting on March 17th with Anthony Werley. The park pavilion concrete will be replaced in the next week due to the original pour having excessive cracks. The SALDO/Stormwater revisions are at LVPC for their comments. The NYAA requested access to the garage that is connected to the pavilion so that they may store their athletic equipment. Brian will be giving a key to the garage to the director/coaches of NYAA.

Executive Session – None

Chairperson, Linda Gorgas adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian C. Carl, Township Manager