

February 14, 2022

The Supervisors of Weisenberg Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania held their regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. in person and on ZOOM due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Chairperson Linda Gorgas opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. Anthony Werley, Richard Bleiler, Brian Carl, Jeffrey Strauss, Peter Lehr and Emma Yeh also attended.

The meeting was advertised & conducted in accordance with Act 15. Roll call was conducted on all members and staff.

Minutes of the January 10, 2022 Board of Supervisors meeting were approved by motion of Richard Bleiler seconded by Anthony Werley. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report of January 31, 2021 as well as payment of current invoices presented was approved by motion of Anthony Werley seconded by Richard Bleiler. Motion carried.

Weisenberg Township

Treasurer Report

January 31, 2022

General Fund Expenses	1/01/22 – 1/10/2022	83,019.29
General Fund Expenses	1/11/22 – 1/31/22	26,836.65
State Fund Expenses	January 10, 2022	-0-

Balance as 1/31/2022

General Fund Checking	3,706,897.01
State Fund Checking	-0-
State Fund Money Market	4,056.69
Equipment Fund Money Market	100,007.81
Arcadia Industrial Park Signalization Fund	44,015.63
Hillwood Signalization	82,382.74
Recreation Fund	59,053.05
Fire Equipment Fund	-0-
Fire Tax Fund	422,282.18
Capital Projects Fund	326,948.98
Conservation District Fund	82,380.78
Open Space Money Market Fund	12,869.32
Yard Waste Money Market Fund	263,298.26
COVID Money	<u>276,499.19</u>

Total Assets	5,380,691.64
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VISA Account Reconciliation – Brian

Beginning Balance		93.50
Payments		(93.50)
Purchases	Lathem Time	39.00
	Morning Call -Advertising	75.87
	Zoom	14.99
	Carbonite Backup	119.99
	UCC Permit Fees	342.00
	PSTATS Convention	630.00
	<u>1&1 Internet</u>	<u>32.71</u>
		1,254.56
		<u>1,254.56</u>
		<u>1,254.56</u>

VISA Account Reconciliation – Tony

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

SUBDIVISIONS & LAND DEVELOPMENT:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Saratoga Circle (Howard Land Company) – A settlement agreement has been reached with the developer of Saratoga Circle. A check for \$65,000 from the developer was received by Peter Lehr in order to pay for the outstanding road improvements of the subdivision. Motion made by Richard Bleiler, seconded by Anthony Werley to accept the settlement agreement/check and approve the dedication of Saratoga Circle as a Township road. Motion carried.

C. Lick Jr. Salvage Inc. – Brian Carl and Marty Rakaczewski visited the site and advised the owner to dispose of several tires. Brian suggested a 6 months license renewal, with a follow-up site visit to be performed again in summer to verify removal of tires. Motion made by Anthony Werley, seconded by Richard Bleiler to renew the junkyard license for 6 months. Motion carried.

Commercial Fire Inspection Program – A meeting with Barry Isett & Associates and members of the Weisenberg Volunteer Fire Co. was held last week to develop an inspection program. This would not apply to home occupational business within the Township. More information will be forthcoming in the next coming months.

NEW BUSINESS:

Electronic Recycling Events – We will be having our electronic recycling event on March 12th from 9 am to 11am at the Weisenberg Volunteer Fire Station. The event will be advertised on our website, in the office and in a flyer in the Northwestern Press. The second event is scheduled

for November 12th, 2022 from 9 am to 11 am or until one truck is full. Motion to approve these events was made by Richard Bleiler, seconded by Anthony Werley. Motion carried.

Joint Bidding – It is our turn to do the Joint Oil bidding for the 4 municipalities. At the last 6 Township meeting the 4 municipalities decided to also include line painting in the joint bid. Motion was made by Anthony Werley to advertise the Joint Oil & Line Painting bid for the 4 municipalities, seconded by Richard Bleiler. Motion carried.

Alternate – Planning Commission Member – Motion made by Linda Gorgas, seconded by Anthony Werley to appoint Rachel Malkowitz as an alternate to the Weisenberg Township Planning Commission. Motion carried.

PennDOT – HOP for East Bound I-78 & 863 – PennDOT requires the Township to be the applicant to apply for an HOP for the traffic light. Hillwood will submit their traffic counts. There will be a site meeting in the near future with PennDOT to discuss congestion and traffic flow in the area. Motion made by Richard Bleiler, seconded by Anthony Werley to submit the application for an HOP for E.B. 1-78 & 863. Motion carried.

Resolution # 22-2 Motion was made by Anthony Werley, seconded by Richard Bleiler authorizing a grant application for DCED/CFA LSA Northampton Lehigh County local share for the construction of a pavilion and storage area at the Bachelor Road Park. Motion carried.

Williams/Crowley – Boundary Dispute - A one lot subdivision was approved in 2021 to Jonathan Williams drawn by (Don Bara) JHA Companies. Mr. Crowley is a neighbor to Mr. Williams's property and believes the plan is incorrect. Mr. Crowley's engineer (Rea Garrett) reviewed a subdivision plan that was drawn by him in 1979. Mr. Garrett stated that the meets/bounds differ from the William's subdivision plan that was prepared by JHA Companies. Don Bara stated that he has no problem revising the plan to show the property line along the right-of-way as a straight line and wants to come to an agreement with all parties so that 2 conflicting plans are not recorded. Mr. Crowley stated that he would like to see the plan revised to reflect the changes to the property lines as discussed and he also agreed that this does not change access to the 2 lots on Mr. William's original subdivision. The concrete monuments in the field will be pulled. Mr. Williams stated that he is okay with the farmer continuing to have access to their property through his property and is willing to grant the farmer an access easement.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

WEISENBERG VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS:

Matt Krapf, Fire Chief, informed the Board that they had 16 calls in 2022. A hoagie fundraiser will run until February 25th with a pick-up date of March 3, 2022. He reviewed his comment letter dated 2/13/2022 regarding the activity of the fire department and their members. The old tanker truck is up for sale on MuniBid and the result of that bid will be known at the March meeting. The fire company would like to request the funds from the Township for the final payment on the new truck. This will be addressed under the treasurer's comments.

EAC COMMENTS:

Marty Rakaczewski informed the Board that he ordered stickers for the trash cans located in the parks to let residents know that these are for park users and not for dumping large amounts of garbage. Brian will forward the recycling flyer so that it may be posted on the EAC Facebook page.

ROADMASTER'S COMMENTS:

Anthony Werley informed the Board that they were brush trimming and maintaining equipment. They were out plowing snow and spreading salt during the winter storms.

ENGINEER'S COMMENTS:

Emma Yeh informed the Board that Kuhns Hill culvert fabrication is being completed and delivery is scheduled for March 1st. A new utility pole was installed and all wires were moved to the new pole on February 9th. Clearing trees and vegetation has begun and road closed signs will be erected by Friday, February 8th. There is a change order that needs approval by the Board to address the additional rip rap around the base of the footings (\$8,966.88) as required by DEP. Motion was made by Anthony Werley, seconded by Richard Bleiler to approve the change order for the additional rip rap. Motion carried. A site inspection of the Valley Road culvert replacement was conducted on February 10th and they have no objections to the release of the maintenance bond that expires on March 25, 2022. Anthony Werley approved the release of the maintenance bond for the Valley Road culvert replacement, seconded by Richard Bleiler. Motion carried. The traffic signal at Golden Key Road/West Hills Court/Commerce Circle is completed and it has concluded its testing phase. A site inspection was performed and a punch list was prepared for Dunkin in accordance with the approved plans.

ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS:

Peter Lehr reviewed with the Board the ZHB decision (Pedersen, Case #2022-1, Appeal # 320) regarding a request for an Air BnB. The variance request was denied. The ZHB approved a favorable interpretation as a Bed And Breakfast use, Denial of the Special Exception request for a Bed and Breakfast, and a denial of the alternate request for a variance. The applicants seemed to be leaning towards applying for Land Development approval for a Bed & Breakfast. Peter was in contact with Whitehall Township as they are considering adopting standards for Air BnB's and would like to share this information with the Board. The information will be shared and discussed at the next planning commission meeting.

TREASURER'S COMMENTS:

Jeff Strauss informed the Board that he received the check for \$7,900.00 for the sale of the dump truck and the funds were deposited into the equipment fund. Jeff changed a bank account (title only) on one account to avoid confusion with the Hillwood bank account and the traffic signalization bank account. All Hailey Court residents paid their sewer bills in full this quarter. The 2021 audit is still being performed by France Anderson and the liquid fuels audit was completed. The fire company has requested a release of \$175,000 for the new tanker. Anthony Werley made a motion, second by Richard Bleiler to release the funds. Motion carried. Jeff informed the Board that so far this winter we have spent \$45,000.00 on salt, \$11,000.00 in overtime and \$9,000.00 in truck repairs.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

Richard Bleiler stated that Weisenberg Township has sponsored a bench at the Ontelaunee Veterans Memorial. The donation gives the Township a full page ad in the Souvenir Booklet. Brian will draft up an ad and send to the Supervisors for their approval. Tony will provide a list of work performed at the memorial and subsequently the cost of in-kind services.

SECRETARY / ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS:

Brian informed the Board that the NYAA would like permission to purchase/maintain portable light towers for use at our athletic fields for when practices run late. Permission was granted. Brian will talk to them to ensure light glare does not provide a nuisance for the neighbors. We were notified from the Dirt & Gravel Road Program that we will be receiving \$100,000.00 for

improvements to Masters Hill Road. The road will require storm water improvements and be paved in order to prevent soil erosion into the creek. Brian informed the Board that a large bike ride going through multiple townships is scheduled to happen this summer. They are requesting permission to control traffic at some of the intersections within the Township. No roads will be closed. This is sponsored by Discover Lehigh Valley with more information to be forthcoming.

With no further business, Linda Gorgas adjourned the meeting at 8:05pm for the payment of invoices presented and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian C. Carl, Secretary