

**Liberty Township Board of Supervisors  
39 Topper Road, Fairfield, PA 17320**

**October 15, 2019 Workshop Meeting Minutes**

The Board of Supervisors of Liberty Township, Adams County, met Tuesday October 15, at 11 AM, at the Liberty Township Municipal Building, 39 Topper Road, Fairfield, PA 17320, for the regular monthly workshop meeting.

**Present:** Chairman John Bostek, Vice Chairman Bob Jackson, Supervisor Walter Barlow, Solicitor John Lisko, Zoning Officer Darrin Catts; Roadmaster Brian Arentz and Secretary/Treasurer Wendy Peck.

Mr. Bostek called the meeting to order at 11 AM.

**Public Comments:** **Joan Jackson 931 Pecher Road** spoke about the road department budget for next year and commented on the impact to the roads from development such as Wormald had planned.

**Supervisor Comments**

- **Mr. Jackson** stated that the October 12 E-cycling event was a raving success and noted that Planning Commission member Vince Gee and volunteers from the glider club helped with the event.
- **Mr. Bostek** thanked Mr. Jackson for organizing the volunteers to represent Liberty Township at the event.
- **Mr. Barlow** thanked Brian Arentz for doing a great job on his involvement with the purchase of the new 2019 Ford for the Road Department. He also passed on thanks from residents along Cove Hollow Road for the recent mowing.
- **Mr. Bostek** stated that a representative for the 2020 Census stopped by just before the meeting and they will be setting up a public presentation to discuss the upcoming census. He also announced that census jobs were available at \$15.50 per hour and the township had flyers with the contact information for anyone who is interested.

**Expenses:** Mr. Jackson made a motion to approve the 10/02-10/15/19 invoices. Mr. Barlow seconded the motion. All voted yes, and the motion passed. Mr. Jackson made a motion to approve the payroll for 09/29-10/12/2019. Mr. Barlow seconded the motion. All voted yes, and the motion passed.

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**Road Department:** The Roadmaster reported that the new truck is in. He stated that he still needed to do some pipe work on McGlaughlin when Mr. Barlow is available. Mr. Arentz asked the Supervisors what the policy was on residents who stop by and want to take road salt for their private use. The Supervisors stated that the Road Salt is not for residents to use. Mr. Arentz stated that to put the Bell Logo on the new truck it would cost at least \$250. He stated that he could get just the words Liberty Township for \$120 and distributed a sample photo to the Supervisors. Mr. Barlow made a motion to purchase the logo for \$120 for the new truck. Mr. Jackson seconded the motion. All voted yes, and the motion passed. The Roadmaster reported that Mr. Barlow had asked him to get a price on Fog Seal, which is an application to extend the life of newly chipped roads. Mr. Arentz stated that the price for Topper Road would be \$5,500. Mr. Jackson asked if the Fog Seal could be applied to Pecher Road. The Roadmaster replied that the base would need to be repaired first. It was noted that Carhill Road in Highland Township has been treated with Fog Seal if anyone would like to see what it looks like. Mr. Barlow made a motion to proceed purchasing the Fog Seal application for Topper Road from Haymaker. Mr. Jackson seconded the motion. All voted yes, and the motion passed. Mr. Arentz asked the board what the plan was for the 2005 dump truck now that the new truck is in. Mr. Bostek made a motion to advertise a sealed bid for the 2005 dump truck. Mr. Barlow seconded the motion. All voted yes, and the motion passed. Mr. Barlow asked if it they should consider setting a minimum bid. After some discussion, the Board decided that if needed they could decide that in Executive Session prior to the bid opening. It was agreed that the truck would be advertised "as is" with the Township reserving the right to reject any and all bids and the bid opening would be scheduled for the November 6 meeting.

**Secretary/Treasurer:** The Secretary reported that the Mr. Jackson came in to sign the papers for the new truck purchase on Monday and requested that the Board pass a retroactive motion to authorize him to sign the documents. Mr. Bostek made a motion to retroactively authorize Supervisor Jackson to sign the truck transfer documents on behalf of the Township. Mr. Barlow seconded the motion. All voted yes, and the motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Treasurer Bond Claim** – Mr. Lisko stated that he did not have an update but left a message for Theresa Mongiovi earlier that day.
- **2020 Preliminary Budget Review** – It was noted that the budget resulting from the October 1 meeting was posted on the website for public viewing since October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Since that time the Board had received updated proposed road work amounts from PennDot Representative Josh Kopp. The numbers were made available to the public. There was much discussion on the cost and priority

of road work with the Supervisors and the public. There were many opinions and ideas and the Board would continue the discussions at the next meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **ACATO Conference Attendance on November 13** – Mr. Jackson made a motion to authorize ACATO Treasurer & Township Secretary/Treasurer Wendy Peck and Tax Collector Natalie Williams to attend the upcoming county conference. Mr. Barlow seconded the motion. All voted yes, and the motion passed.
- **Request for Waiver – Raven Rock Stormwater Management Section 304** – Kelly Cole of Wiley Wilson was in attendance to answer questions regarding the two waiver requests for the Raven Rock Stormwater Plan. Mr. Jackson made a motion to grant the waiver for Section 304 which included 304.A1 and 304.C2. Mr. Barlow seconded the motion. All voted yes, and the motion passed.
- **Request for Waiver – Raven Rock Stormwater Management Section 305.A** - Mr. Barlow made a motion to grant the waiver to Raven Rock for Section 304 which included 304.A1 and 304.C2. Mr. Jackson seconded the motion. All voted yes, and the motion passed.
- **Request for Waiver – SGI Stormwater Management Section 305** – Mr. Jackson made a motion to grant the waiver to SGI for Section 305. Mr. Barlow seconded the motion. All voted yes, and the motion passed.
- **Zoning Violation Request for Extension - Palmer** – The Board of Supervisor reviewed a request from **Mr. and Mrs. Palmer 25A18-0037---000 591 Harbaugh Valley Rd.** Mr. Barlow stated that it was the third year the Palmers had requested an extension for the clean-up of their property. Zoning Officer Darrin Catts stated that he had not noted much progress in the cleanup process this year. Mr. Bostek stated that injury had prevented Mr. Palmer from progressing. Mr. Jackson stated that he was in favor of giving one last extension. Mr. Jackson made a motion to extend the deadline on Mr. Palmer's property cleanup to December 31, 2020. Mr. Bostek seconded the motion. Mr. Bostek voted yes. Mr. Jackson voted yes. Mr. Barlow voted no. The motion passed.
- **Junkyard Permit Application – Gladhill:** Zoning Officer Darrin Catts gave an overview of the junkyard permit application for Mr. Gladhill for Parcel 25A18-0044---000 located at 605 Harbaugh Valley Rd. He stated that he initially went to the property on September 25 to investigate a number of possible zoning violations. Mr. Catts stated that Mr. Gladhill was given a notice of violation with 15 days to comply and that at least one of the violations is still outstanding. Mr. Catts recommended denying the application for several reasons including an ongoing zoning violation with an unlicensed camper. A photo of the camper with graffiti was circulated to the public. Several members of the public voiced opposition to the junkyard. After a great deal of discussion and participation from the public, **Mr. Barlow made a motion to deny Mr. Richard Gladhill's junkyard permit application for Parcel 25A18-0044---000 located at 605 Harbaugh Valley Rd. Mr. Jackson seconded the motion. All voted yes, and the motion passed.**
- **Junkyard Permit Application – Piper:** Zoning Officer Darrin Catts gave an overview of the junkyard permit application for Piper, Dale E & Annette F 245 Waynesboro Pike Parcel 25C18-0074---000. **Mr. Bostek made a motion to approve Mr. Dale Piper's junkyard permit application for parcel 25C18-0074---000 located at 245 WAYNESBORO PIKE. Mr. Jackson seconded the motion. All voted yes, and the motion passed.**
- **Planning Commission Secretary Compensation:** After some discussion amongst the Supervisors regarding an amount to pay the Planning Commission Secretary, Mr. Bostek made a motion to pay the appointed Planning Commission Secretary \$50 per meeting effective immediately with the Planning Commission meeting scheduled for that evening. Mr. Jackson seconded the motion. All voted yes and the motion passed.
- **Solar Farms Zoning** – Zoning Officer Darrin Catts spoke about solar farms and noted that the Township had no regulations for solar farms. After some discussion Solicitor Lisko stated that he would provide sample ordinances for solar farms. Mr. Bostek made a motion for the Planning Commission to draft an ordinance amendment to include solar farms. Mr. Barlow second the motion. All voted yes, and the motion passed.

**Adjourn:** At 1:05 PM Mr. Bostek motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Barlow seconded the motion. All voted yes, and the meeting was adjourned. The next Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 6, 2019, at 7:30 PM at the Township Municipal Building.

Respectfully Submitted,



By Wendy Peck, Secretary/Treasurer