

Williams Township Board of Supervisors
September 8, 2021

The monthly meeting of the Williams Township Board of Supervisors, 655 Cider Press Road, Easton, PA 18042 was held on the above date and called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Mark Ernst. Others present were Vice Chairperson Michael Bryant, Supervisor Raymond Abert, Acting Township Solicitor Frank D'Amore in Jonathan Reiss' absence, Township Manager Mikal Sabatine, Township Engineer Ronald Madison, Public Works Director Michael Strawn and Assistant Township Manager Melody Ernst.

Mark stated there was an Executive Session held on September 2, 2021 for Personnel Matters.

Mark asked Ray and Michael if they had any corrections to the Minutes of August 11, 2021. There being none, Ray made a motion to approve said minutes, second by Michael. There being no comments, motion carried 3-0.

Mark asked Ray and Michael if they had any corrections to the Minutes of August 24, 2021. There being none, Ray made a motion to approve said minutes, second by Mark. There being no comments, motion carried 3-0.

Melody presented the Expense Report of September 8, 2021 to the Board. Ray made a motion to approve the Expense Report and pay the bills, second by Michael. There being no comments, motion carried 3-0. The August Treasurers Report was not available.

Manager's Report – Mikal submitted his report of September 8, 2021 to the Board for review.

Mikal stated that Robert Diehl, High School Senior, has completed his Eagle Scout and everything has been signed off. It was suggested that the Board look into a plaque for the Eagle Scout. It was also asked of Mikal to draft a letter of accommodation to the Eagle Scout.

Public Works – Mike submitted his report for August 11, 2021 to September 8, 2021.

Zoning Office – Mark stated the Report from the Zoning Office was received for the Boards review. Ray stated that he read an article in the Township News wherein there is a company that does Township audits to make sure the Township is receiving revenues that they should be. He is wondering if it can be put on the agenda for next month. Suzanne will look into it and give the Board a report.

Land Preservation Report– Ron Hinline read the report for August.

Recreation Board Report - Judy stated that the Fall Fest will be held on October 2, 2021 from 3p.m. to dusk. The rain date is scheduled for Sunday, October 3, 2021. She further stated they are always looking for volunteers.

Engineer Report- Ron Madison briefly reviewed his September 7, 2021 memorandum. Ray asked if the meeting with Turkey Hill will be an open meeting. Ron stated he is looking at a workshop. There was a brief discussion and it was the Board consensus that it not be a public workshop. It was discussed that the meeting should be with Turkey Hill, Township, PennDot and City of Easton. Michael asked Ron if the security fence would be installed soon on the Painter property. Ron stated that the fence was not included in the plan for Phase I. However, Ron commented that it was stated previously that Grace Industries would install the fence. Mark asked when the Stouts Valley Park would be open to the public? Mike Strawn stated as soon as the road improvements are complete which should be sometime in October.

Solicitor Report - None

Old Business

1. Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) 2022 Approval - Mikal stated that he is advising the Board of the Township's responsibility for the 2022 MMO in the amount of \$53,429.00. Michael made a motion to approve the MMO as stated, second by Ray. There being no comments, motion carried 3-0.

2. Consideration of Donation Request of Community Action of L.V. - Mikal stated they have provided all the materials to meet the criteria. Ray made a motion to give Community Action of L.V. a donation of \$7,500.00. Motion not carried. Mark thanked Ray for making the motion and stated that he has an issue with donating taxpayers money for something that does not seem to be an issue here in Williams Township. He feels that Williams Township does not have a homeless issue. Michael agreed. No action taken.

3. Consideration of Donation Request for Meals on Wheels - It was stated that Meals on Wheels of the LV have provided materials for a donation. Michael made a motion to give a donation in the amount of \$2,000.00, second by Ray. There being no comments, motion carried 2-1. Mark opposed.

New Business

1. Accept Resignation of Halden Ballek From the Planning Commission - Michael made a motion to approve said resignation, second by Ray. There being no comments, motion carried 3-0.

2. Appointment of Matthew Donovan Member Planning Commission - Resolution 2021-19 - Michael made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-19, second by Ray. There being no comments, motion carried 3-0.

3. Appointment of Patrick Harvey, Labor Law Counsel for Investigation of Labor Complaint - Mark asked what the name of the firm is for Attorney Harvey. Mel stated Campbell Durrant. Mark made a motion to appoint the law firm of Campbell Durrant, second by Michael. There being no comments, motion carried 3-0.

Supervisors Remarks

Michael stated that he hoped everyone has a pleasant Labor Day. Mark thanked the Public Works for their work during the most recent storm. He also thanked the Constables for being at our meetings.

Audience Comments

1. Liviu Victor Rusu – 615 Kressman Road – He expressed concerns over the new bridge design for Kressman Road and stated that he would like to have the bridge and his house standing during the next storm. He gave the Township Manager a petition that he had residents sign. It was stated that this would be in the agenda next month.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melody A. Ernst, Asst. Manager/Secretary
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