

**Williams Township Board of Supervisors
February 9, 2022**

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 Vice Chairperson Michael Bryant. Others present were Supervisor Raymond Abert, Township Solicitor Jonathan Reiss, Township Manager Mikal Sabatine, Township Engineer Ronald Madison, Public Works Director Michael Strawn and Assistant Township Manager Melody Ernst. Absent was George Washburn, Chairperson.

Michael stated there were Executive Sessions held on January 13, 2022 and January 26, 2022 for Legal Matters and January 28, 2022 for Personnel Matters.

Michael asked Ray if he had any corrections to the Minutes of December 8, 2021 and January 3, 2022. There being none, Ray made a motion to approve said minutes, second by Michael. There being no comments, motion carried 2-0.

Melody presented the Expense Report of February 9, 2022 to the Board. Ray made a motion to approve the Expense Report, December and January Treasurers Reports and pay the bills, second by Michael. There being no comments, motion carried 2-0.

Manager's Report – Mikal submitted his report of February 9, 2022 to the Board for review.

Mikal stated he was contacted by PennDot that the SR2006 Raubsville Road Section 01B Bridge Replacement located at the Seipts Farm on Raubsville Road will be closed for repair for eight months from Spring 2024 to Fall 2024.

Mikal notified the Board that the PennEast Pipeline has agreed to settle on the Township claim for attorney's fees in the PennEast Condemnation. The Township is in receipt of \$14,707.00.

Mikal stated that the Township has vacancies on the Appeals Board and the Agricultural Security Committee is in need of one Supervisor to Chair the Board. Michael agreed to be the Chair.

Public Works – Mike submitted his report for January 3, 2022 to February 9, 2022.

1. Approval to Advertise 2022 Road Projects – Mike stated he is looking for approval to advertise for the road projects and further stated that because of the fluctuating oil prices he will be adding in an escalader clause. Ray made a motion to advertise the 2022 Road Projects, second by Michael. There being no comments, motion carried 2-0

Zoning Office – It was stated the report from the Zoning Office was received for the Boards review. There will be a Zoning Hearing Board meeting on February 23, 2022 to hear the following:

1. Mark Rutan – 135 Wassergass Road – Special Exception
2. Lehigh Valley Grand Prix – 410 Cedarville Road – Special Exception

3. Consideration by Board of Supervisors to oppose the two applications scheduled for a February 23, 2022 hearing – There is no opposition by Board.

1. Ratification and Confirmation to oppose 75 Hilton Street Dimensional Variance – Michael made a motion to the ratification and confirmation to oppose 75 Hilton Street Dimensional Variance, second by Ray. There being no comment, motion carried 2-0.

Planning Commission – The report for January 19, 2022 was given to the Board for review.

1. Pektor Preliminary/Final Subdivision Resolution 2022-10 – Ray made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-10, second by Michael. There being no comments, motion carried 2-0.

Land Preservation Report– Jim read the report for January.

Jim gave a short presentation for Linda Heindel and stated that a tree will be planted at the Stouts Valley park in the Spring. There will also be a plaque placed by the tree when it's planted. Linda stated that the Land Preservation Board is a great team. She thanked the Board.

1. Linda Heindel – Resolution 2022-13 – Ray made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-13, second by Michael. Ray thanked Linda for her time served and wished her the best of luck and health. There being no further comments, motion carried 2-0.

Recreation Board Report – Judy gave the report for January and February. Judy stated with regrets the Recreation Board recommended accepting Kevin Sweeney's resignation. She stated that the Recreation Board is requesting First Aid and CPR training for the counselors.

Mike made a motion to amend the agenda to consider funding the CPR and First Aid training class to be scheduled at a later date, second by Ray. There being no comments, motion carried 2-0.

Ray made a motion to have a first aid class with Recreation, Public Works and Administration, second by Michael. There being no comments, motion carried 2-0.

Engineer Report– Ron Madison briefly reviewed his February 2, 2022 memorandum.

Solicitor Report - None

Old Business

1. Public Hearing Street Lighting District Ordinance 2022-2 – Mike opened the public hearing. Ray made a motion to continue the hearing to the March Board of Supervisors meeting, second by Michael. There being no comments, the public hearing is

continued to March, carried 2-0. Jonathan stated no re advertisement is necessary since it is continued to March.

New Business

- 1. Millage Rate – Resolution 2022-8** - Ray made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-8, second by Michael. There being no comments, motion carried 2-0.
- 2. Consideration in Refunding Real Estate Taxes – Donald West, Jr. – Disabled Veteran** - Ray made a motion to refund the Real Estate Taxes, second by Michael. There being no comments, motion carried 2-0.
- 3. Accept Resignation of Kevin Sweeney from Recreation Board** – Michael made the motion to accept the resignation, second by Ray. There being no comments, motion carried 2-0.
- 4. Appointment of Kevin Sweeney as Alternate Member Zoning Hearing Board – Resolution 2022-9** – Ray made a motion to appoint Kevin Sweeney as Alternate of the Zoning Hearing Board, second by Michael. There being no comments motion carried 2-0.
- 5. Amendment to Resolution 2022-1 – Establishing Holidays, Secretary/Treasurer/Manager Bond Limits, Milage Reimbursement, Board of Supervisors Meeting Dates, Staff Appointments – Resolution 2022-10** – Michael made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-10, second by Ray. There being no comments, motion carried 2-0.
- 6. On-Lot Sewage Systems – Resolution 2022-11** – Ray made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-11, second by Michael. There being no comments, motion carried 2-0.
- 7. Amendment to 2022 Fee Schedule – Resolution 2022-12** – Ray made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-12, second by Michael. There being no comments, motion carried 2-0.
- 8. Appointment of Bryan Haas Recreation Board Member** – Michael made a motion to appoint Bryan to the Recreation Board, second by Ray. There being no comments, motion carried 2-0.
- 9. Reappointment of Jan Dutt – UCC Appeals Board** – Michael made a motion to reappoint Jan Dutt, second by Ray. There being no comments, motion carried 2-0.
- 10. Authorization to Send Parking Lot Ordinance Draft Ordinance to LVPC and Williams Township Planning Commission for Review and Comments** – Jonathan stated the amendment would be to create a primary use wherein at this point it is an accessory use in the Township. It would allow it as a special exception in the commercial zoning districts for parking of automobiles and would not allow for parking of box trucks or tractor trailers. Michael made the motion to send to the planning commissions for comment and review, second by Ray. Ray asked if the draft Ordinance states not for tractor trailers. Jonathan stated Article III (e). There being no further comments, motion carried 2-0.
- 11. Appoint Vacancy Board Member** – Michael made a motion to appoint Fred Mebus as the Vacancy Board Member, second by Ray. Fred accepted. There being no further comments, motion carried 2-0.

Supervisors Remarks

Ray thanked Linda Heindel for her service. Michael thanked the Public Works employees for a job well done with the small storms.

Audience Comments

1. **Liesel Dreisbach** - Thanked the Board for supporting the Library.
2. **Polly Clark** - Talked about the Ash Trees and PPL cutting down the trees near the electrical lines. Asked the Township if they plan on doing that as well.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melody A. Ernst, Asst. Manager/Secretary
Williams Township Board of Supervisors