

WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Regular Meeting
February 14, 2024

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 George Washburn. Others present were Vice Chairperson Raymond Abert, Supervisor Michael Bryant, Township Solicitor Sean Duffy, Township Manager Melody Ernst, Township Engineer Ronald Madison, Zoning Officer Anthony Altimare, Public Works Director Michael Strawn, and Township Secretary Hannah Warner.

George stated that an Executive Session was held on February 14, 2024, for Legal Matters.

George asked if there were any corrections to the Minutes of January 2, 2024 and February 1, 2024. Michael made a motion to approve said minutes, second by Ray. There being no comments, motion carried 3-0.

Melody presented the Expense Report of January 2024, to the Board. Ray made a motion to approve the Expense Report, and to pay the bills, second by Michael. There being no comments, motion carried 3-0. Amend the motion to only approve December 2023 treasurer's report. Michael made that motion, second by Ray. There being no comments, motion carried 3-0.

Manager's Report – Mel submitted her report dated February 14, 2024, to the Board for Review.

1. Approval of Fry's Run Watershed Association Contribution Request – Michael made a motion to approve the contribution request in the amount of \$325.00, second by Ray. There being no comments, motion carried 3-0.

Public Works – Mike submitted his report dated January 2, 2024, to February 14, 2024, to the Board for review. Mike briefly updated the Board on the addition.

1. Approval to Purchase Utility Truck – Mike received a quote from Brown Daub Chevy under COSTARS for a 2024 Chevy 2500HD with utility body already on it and a sprayed bedliner in the amount of \$60,584.01 which included a \$9,000.00 trade in for the 2009 Ford used truck. Mike further stated that he received a quote from E.M. Kutz for the upfitting in the amount of \$4,414.00 and the plow and a lift gate for the back in the amount of \$8,689.00. Mike obtained another quote from Lehigh Valley Fleet Solution for lights and strobes in the amount of \$4,845.00. Michael made a motion to approve the purchase of a Utility Truck for Public Works for \$78,541.01, second by Ray. There being no comments, motion carried 3-0.

2. Approval to Hire Public Works Laborer – Michael made a motion to approve the hiring of Michael August, second by Ray. There being no comments motion carried 3-0.

3. Approval to Advertise for 2024 Road Projects – The consensus of the Board is to have the road projects advertised.

Zoning Office Report – The report from Anthony Altimare, Zoning Officer was received for the Boards Review. There will not be a Zoning Hearing Board meeting on Wednesday, February 28, 2023.

Planning Commission – The January 17, 2024, report was received by the Board for Review.

Land Preservation Board – The January 23, 2024, report was received by the Board for Review.

1. 2145 Morgan Hill Road Conservation Easement Funding Commitment – Michael made a motion to approve the Funding Commitment of 100%, second by Ray. There being no comments, motion carried 3-0.

2. 1075 Morvale Road Conservation Easement Funding Commitment – Michael made a motion to commit to half the funding with the provisions of Northampton County paying the other half, second by Ray. Sean stated if Northampton County does not fund half, it will not be preserved. There being no additional comments, motion carried 3-0.

3. 2155 Morgan Hill Road Conservation Easement Funding Commitment – Michael made a motion to commit to half the funding with the provisions of Northampton County paying the other half, second by Ray. Sean stated if Northampton County does not fund half, it will not be preserved. There being no additional comments, motion carried 3-0.

Recreation Board – The report of February 7, 2024, was received by the Board for Review.

1. Approval to Allow Men's Adult Baseball League Use of the Fields – Ray made a motion to allow the use of the fields, second by Michael. After a brief discussion about safety and baseballs being hit towards the playground, the motion was not carried and failed.

2. Approval to Wilson Youth Soccer League Use of Chinergy Field - Ray made a motion to approve the use of Chinergy Field for WYSL waive the fee and provide the necessary insurance to the Township, second by Michael. There being no comments, motion carried 3-0.

Engineers Report – Ron briefly reviewed his February 8, 2024, memorandum.

Solicitor Report – None

Old Business

1. Authorization to Advertise for a Public Hearing – Fire Code and Fire Inspection

Ordinances – Ray made a motion to advertise the Fire Code and Fire Inspection Ordinance for a public hearing, second by Michael. There being no comments, motion carried 3-0.

2. Public Hearing – Solar/Temp Co – Ordinance 2024-1 – George opened the public hearing. Sean briefly discussed the draft Ordinance. Doug Seipt - 1445 Raubsville Road expressed his concerns over the solar and farming. Michael Byrant does not think this should be allowed on agricultural land and feels it should only be a use in Industrial and Commercial Zoning Districts. George closed the public hearing. After a brief discussion, Ray made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-1, second by Goerge. There being no comments, motion carried 2-1. Michael opposed.

3. Public Hearing – In Law Suite Ordinance Amendment – Ordinance 2024-2 – George opened the Public Hearing. Sean briefly went over the Ordinance Amendment. Goerge closed

the public hearing. Michael made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-2, second by Ray. There being no comments, motion carried 3-0.

4. Hangdog Amusement Tax Agreement Approval – Ray made the motion to approve Amusement Tax Agreement, second by Michael. There being no comments, motion carried 3-0.

5. Morgan Hill Golf Course Amusement Tax Approval – This matter is tabled until the March meeting.

6. Discussion and Consideration of Termination Agreement – Cedarville Associates – Michael made a motion to approve the Termination Agreement with Cedarville Associates, second by Ray. There being no comments, motion carried 3-0.

New Business

1. 78 Tumble Creek Escrow Fee Inspection Agreement Approval – Michael made a motion to approve the Inspection Agreement, second by Ray. There being no comments, motion carried 3-0.

2. Approval of Administrative Assistant Job Description - Ray made a motion to approve the Administrative Assistant Job Description, second by Michael. There being no comments, motion carried 3-0.

3. Approval of David Freeman Zoning Hearing Board Alternate - Resolution 2024-8 – Michael made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-8, second by Ray. There being no comments, motion carried 3-0.

4. Accept Resignation of Roger Dreisbach-Williams – Elected Auditor - Ray made a motion to approve resignation of Elected Auditor, second by Michael. There being no comments, motion carried 3-0.

5. Well Waiver Request of 40 Weiss Avenue – Michael made a motion to approve the well waiver for 40 Weiss Avenue, second by Ray. There being no comments, motion carried 3-0.

Supervisors' Comments

Ray asked about the status of the Waltman Loop Tract and Wottrings Mill Tract.

Audience Comments

1. Matt Little expressed concern over the speed of drivers on Steely Hill Road and asked if signs could be installed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hannah Warner, Twp. Secretary/Assistant Treasurer
Williams Township Board of Supervisors