

WATSON TOWNSHIP MEETING
MAY 18, 2022

The Watson Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly meeting on May 18, 2022, at 7:00 pm at the Watson Township Municipal building, with James Seltzer, L. and James Potter present.

Also Present: Allen Green; Wilbur Moore, Charles Knarr, Sr., Leslie and Danny Bastion, Rich Bater, Brent Petrosky, Kate and Craig Kissell

Chairman Seltzer called the meeting to order; Dennis Norman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Seltzer asked if there were any questions or comments on the April 21, 2022, monthly meeting minutes, there being none, Chairman Seltzer made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Supervisor Potter, MCU.

Chairman Seltzer asked if there were any questions on the Treasurer's Report, there being none, Supervisor Potter made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted; seconded by Chairman Seltzer, MCU.

Correspondence:

Chairman Seltzer presented a letter of resignation from Lewis G. Zinck resigning from his position as a Township Supervisor and Roadmaster effective May 19, 2022.

Roadmaster's Report:

Chairman Seltzer presented the Roadmaster's Report prepared by Gene Zinck for activities performed from the date of the last meeting:

1. Removed cinder spreader from Ford Truck
2. Removed fallen trees and slides on West Side Road
3. Met with PennDOT to video and tour Toms Run Detour
4. Core borings on West Side Road
5. Rolled Recreation Field for mowing
6. Took sawblades to be sharpened
7. Checked roads before and after storms
8. Met with PennDOT for oil & chip project on Tombs Run Road
9. Cleaned up ditch along Tombs Run Road, seeded and mulched
10. Checked road signs on all township roads

Items to be completed:

1. Clean ditches along roads
2. Remove trees and rockslides on West Side Road
3. Status of drilling new well
4. Roof on Trading Post building

5. Truck radios
6. Work on playground equipment

There was also a request from Porter Township requesting that Watson Township mow Nolte Hill Road when Allen Green mows Hillary Hill at no cost to Porter Township in exchange for Porter Township assisting Watson Township with plowing and cindering Dennison and Hillary Hill at no cost when the Township's plow truck was out of service.

It was the consensus of the Board that the Township take care of mowing Nolte Hill Road per the request from Porter Township.

Zoning Report:

Zoning Officer Brent Petrosky reported issuing the following permits:

1. Carl D. Stone – replace front porch 6' x 8' 10' high at 1347 Torbert Lane
2. Charles Bloom – roof solar power system at 215 Cross Creek Road

Other matters addressed:

1. Route 44 North – junk vehicles at homes near the Venture Inn – notify property owners – violation of Article 6 and Article 10 of Zoning Ordinance
2. Ben Fisher (Contractor) – rebuild cottage at 1151 Torbert Lane – provided contractor with Floodplain Ordinance who must also comply with Zoning Ordinance i.e., set back requirements; septic system must be inspected; and obtaining an elevation certificate from an Engineer/Architect must be obtained prior to issuing a permit
3. Replace column (posts) on porch at 733 Torbert Lane – pressure treated lumber must be used and posts must be anchored
4. Leslie White – garage and parking area at 178 Edgewood Drive – requested Township Engineer Dennis Norman review stormwater issue.

Dennis Norman, P.E. explained that Nate Hollick PLS surveyed the area and then discussed options on how to address stormwater runoff so that it does not run onto Edgewood Drive. Dennis indicated that when the property owner decides which option to go with to the Zoning Officer, a permit may be issued.

Leslie White Bastion was in attendance and presented a drawing of the option selected from the options provided by Nate Hollick, PLS, for the location of the garage to the Board for review. The Supervisors, Zoning Officer Petrosky and Township Engineer Dennis Norman reviewed the drawing and Dennis Norman approved the drawing and suggested that Mrs. Bastion contact Nate Hollick to print off the final drawing for submission to Zoning Officer Petrosky who could then issue the permit.

Emergency Management Coordinator Report

EMC Paul Stitzer was not present for the meeting.

Recreation Committee Report:

Chairman Seltzer had nothing to report other than the Township purchased playground equipment at a cost of \$26,000.00 and was awarded \$25,000.00 through the Lycoming County Act 13 Mini Grant for the equipment.

Old Business:

Short Term Rentals

Chairman Seltzer stated that the Supervisors received the revised ordinance regulating short term rentals from the Solicitor and will contact him about advertising the ordinance for consideration at the June meeting.

Automated External Defibrillators (AED's)

Chairman Seltzer had not received any information from EMC Paul Stitzer or Resident Luke Motter about the possibility of obtaining AEDs from Lycoming County. Resident Leslie Bastion who works for Lycoming County volunteered to follow up with County Officials on behalf of the Township.

New Business:

June Meeting Date

The Board of Supervisors discussed rescheduling the June meeting.

Supervisor Potter made a motion to reschedule the June meeting to June 23, 2022, at 7:00 pm; seconded by Chairman Seltzer, MCU.

Resignation of L. Gene Zinck

Supervisor Potter made a motion to accept the resignation of L. Gene Zinck as Supervisor/Roadmaster; seconded by Chairman Seltzer, MCU.

Chairman Seltzer explained the Supervisors have 30 days to fill the vacant Supervisor's position, stating he was aware that Gene was considering resigning as Supervisor and Roadmaster but did not receive his resignation letter until today.

Chairman Seltzer said Resident Allen Green is interested in the position and is familiar with the township equipment and roads and formerly held the position of Secretary/Treasurer. He said in his opinion, even if the position was advertised, he did not believe the Board would find anyone more qualified than Allen Green.

Chairman Seltzer made a motion to appoint Allen Green as Township Supervisor; seconded by Supervisor Potter, MCU.

Invoices

Supervisor Potter made a motion to approve the invoices as presented; seconded by Chairman Seltzer, MCU.

Public Comment - public comment was entertained generally through-out the meeting.

Chairman Seltzer made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Supervisor Potter, the motion was unanimously approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene S. Macklem
Secretary