

WATSON TOWNSHIP MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2022

The Watson Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly meeting on October 19, 2022, at 7:00 pm at the Watson Township Municipal building, with James Seltzer and James Potter present.

Also Present: Wilbur Moore, Charles Knar, and Zoning Officer Brent Petrosky

Chairman Seltzer called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Seltzer asked if there were any questions or comments on the September 15, 2022, monthly meeting minutes, there being none, Supervisor Potter made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Chairman Seltzer, MCU.

Chairman Seltzer asked if there were any questions or comments on the October 10, 2022, special meeting minutes, there being none, he then 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: None.

Roadmaster's Report:

1. The Supervisors plan to contact Earl Lee Strobel regarding plowing again this Winter for the township. They also plan to contact Judd Welshans about the possibility of plowing for the township in the event the township's plow truck is out of service.
2. Pipe on Dennison Hollow Road – subcontract out the pipe replacement project. Chairman Seltzer will contact a couple local subcontractors.

Zoning Report:

Zoning Officer Brent Petrosky provided updates on permits:

Permits Pending

1. 1151 Torbert Lane – Cohick property, waiting for paperwork from the Engineer/Architect and Code Inspections Page 2 of Elevation Certificate
2. 789 Torbert Lane - McNamara property, waiting for paperwork from the Engineer/Architect, Demolition Permit, Code Inspections, Revised Plans, Sewage Permit and Elevation Certificates.

Permits

1. 1039 Torbert Lane – Farmhouse alterations and exterior work to the garage – issued two permits (two separate projects).
2. 853 Tombs Run Road – Dawn Hedges property – new porch, permit was issued.
3. 919 Torbert Lane – Gail Clapper and Norma Camerer property, dog run, permit was issued.

Special Event Permits:

1. Special Event Permit was issued to Madison Lehman & Dustin Metzger for a wedding at The Barn.
2. Special Event Permit was issued to Wadsworth for a wedding at The Barn.

Other:

Mr. Serafini asked about a waiver of the \$1,200.00 application fee for a zoning hearing. Chairman Seltzer explained that Resolution 2021-1 adopted by the Supervisors, setting fees for zoning hearings does not include an option for waiver of fees.

Brent also provided a report to the Supervisors on the Pine Creek Rail Trail Advisory Committee Meeting held on September 20, 2022.

Emergency Management Coordinator Report:

Chairman Seltzer agreed to contact Emergency Management Coordinator, Denny Bottorff to ask him to act as a temporary EMC for Watson Township until the position is filled.

Recreation Committee Report:

Chairman Seltzer said he reached out to a couple local contractors about installing the new playground equipment and they were not interested due to liability concerns. He said on the recommendation George Ely Associates, he reached out to Willow Playworks in Mifflinburg, and they agreed to install the equipment next Spring.

Old Business:

Well at Township Municipal Building

The Supervisors tabled discussion of the well at the Township Municipal Building.

Chairman Seltzer reported that the well pump at the ball field is still not working, and noted that there is no pressure. He had Denny Bottorff look at it to see if they could resolve the problem but were unable to determine if there is an issue with the pump or the “brain box”.

Pipe Replacement along Dennison Hollow was discussed during the Roadmaster's Report.

Certificate of Deposit

The Board discussed opening a certificate of deposit and current interest rates.

It was the consensus of the Board to look at interest rates again in November.

New Business:

Fall Road Tour & Budget Work Session

The Board of Supervisors scheduled the Fall Road Tour for November 4, 2022, at 9:00 am and a Budget Work Session for November 4th at 1:00 p.m.

2007 GMC 550 Truck

It was the consensus of the Board to list the 2007 GMC 5500 Truck with snowplow and spreader on MunicBid and to include language that the Township has the right to accept or reject all bids.

Liquid Fuels County Aid Application

Supervisor Potter made a motion to submit the Liquid Fuels County Aid Application; seconded by Chairman Seltzer, MCU.

Meeting Times

Chairman Seltzer made a motion to change the time of the November and December meetings from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm; 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 through-out the meeting.

Adjournment:

Supervisor Potter made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Chairman Seltzer, the motion was unanimously approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene S. Macklem
Secretary