

WATSON TOWNSHIP MEETING
MARCH 16, 2023

The Watson Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly meeting on March 16, 2023, at 7:00 pm at the Watson Township Municipal building, with James Seltzer and Allen Green present.

Also Present: Rick Macklem, Wilbur Moore, Rich Lange, Stephanie Hollick, Ann and Gregg Guerrieo, Charles Knarr and Brent Petrosky

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

Chairman Seltzer asked if there were any questions or comments on the February 16, 2023, monthly meeting minutes, there being none, Supervisor Green made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Chairman Seltzer, MCU.

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

Correspondence:

- (1) Notice of the West Branch Council of Governments
22nd Annual Equipment Show & Training Day – May 17, 2023
- (2) Notice from PennDOT of the County Maintenance Municipal Outreach
Program scheduled for April 20, 2023
- (3) Notice from PSATS of a 2023 Proposed By-Law Amendment
For a Dues Increase

Roadmaster's Report:

1. Tractor was serviced by CH Waltz
2. Cleaned up tree on Dennison Hollow Road
3. Responded to tree down on high tension wire on Tombs Run Road
and placed cones on road until the power company arrived; removed other fallen
trees from various roads after storms

Chairman Seltzer suggested the Supervisors begin to look at prices for a new truck and agreed to contact Bradco Supply and report back to the Board at the next meeting.

Chairman Seltzer also noted that the overhead door on the salt bin needs repaired and the automatic eye on the backhoe needs repaired.

Chairman Seltzer discussed applying for funding through the Lycoming County Soil & Conservation District's Dirt & Gravel Road program. He said in order for the township to be eligible for funds requires that someone attend training and get certified. He agreed to provide more information for certification training at the next township meeting, and noted that the next class is scheduled for September in Wellsboro.

Chairman Seltzer also reported that the Supervisors plan to meet with Municipal Services Representative, Gregg Dibble, to look at West Side Road to determine whether the road should be paved or tarred and chipped.

It was also agreed that the municipal building parking lot needs to be sealed.

Zoning Report

Zoning Officer Brent Petrosky presented the following report:

Pending Permits:

1. Luke Motter – permit application provided to property owner for pole barn
2. Level Crest, LLC – permit application for a pickleball court in Torbert, property located in Flood Fringe, permit stipulation to indicate guests of Level Crest only may use the pickleball court.
3. Stacy Vanderputton – permit application for new home at 2500 Tombs Run Road.

Other:

Von Leinbach – property in Torbert Village, new siding, no permit required.
Complaint – property at 144 Becca's Path about four horses on .5 acres, concerns by adjoining property owners i.e. well water contamination

A discussion was held regarding the complaint about the horses at 144 Becca's Path including the depth of the wells of the adjoining property owners. It was noted that the manure plan put in place by DEP is not being adhered to and DEP Officials indicated that they are working with the property owner in an effort to resolve the matter.

Emergency Management Coordinator Report:

Dennis Buttorff, EMC was not present for the meeting.

Recreation Committee:

Chairman Seltzer reporting on behalf of the Recreation Committee said the playground equipment has been installed at the park and sand and mulch will be spread underneath the equipment.

The Committee would also like to install new swings, picnic tables and possibly some exercise equipment and a walking path at the park.

A discussion was held about recreation grants and Stephanie Hollick volunteered to research possible funding sources for the township.

Old Business:

Zoning Hearing Board Vacancy

It was noted that Nate Hollick was interested in being appointed to the Zoning Hearing Board and after a brief discussion, Chairman Seltzer made a motion to appoint Nate Hollick to the Zoning Hearing Board; seconded by Supervisor Green, MCU.

New Business:

Charles & Darla Knarr Subdivision

Charles Knarr presented a subdivision of his property subdividing a portion of his property to convey approximately one-third of an acre to adjoining property owner Peter Hering.

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

Chairman Seltzer said he was approached by Dylan Mundrick about working part-time for Watson Township and suggested that Dylan fill out a job application.

Invoices:

Supervisor Green 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 Green made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Chairman Seltzer, MCU.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene S. Macklem

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Secretary