

WATSON TOWNSHIP MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2023

The Watson Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly meeting on October 19, 2023, at 7:00 pm at the Watson Township Municipal building, with James Seltzer, James Potter and Allen Green present.

Also present: Wilbur Moore, Brent Petrosky, Charles Knarr, Nick Klaras, Paul Fye, Jim Wood, Dennis Buttorff, Casey Lowmiller of Jersey Shore Area EMS and Ethan Goodbrod of Citizen's Hose Company

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

The monthly meeting minutes of September 21, 2023, were reviewed with no additions or corrections. Supervisor Potter made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Supervisor Green, MCU.

The Board reviewed the Treasurers Report and Supervisor Green made a motion to approve the report as submitted; seconded by Supervisor Potter, MCU.

Correspondence – Notice from Larson Design Group of a 2025 bridge replacement on SR 973 over North Fork Tombs Run and proposed detour.

Roadmaster's Report

Roadmaster Allen Green reported the following activities for the month:

1. Changed hydraulic fluid in the backhoe.
2. Changed the oil in the sump pump and in the generator
3. Made repairs to the turn-around on Hiller Hill
4. West Side Road soil nailing project is ongoing
5. Fixed the stop sign on Tombs Run
6. Mowing

The Supervisors scheduled the Fall Road Tour for October 27, 2023, beginning at 10:00 am.

Zoning Officer's Report

Zoning Officer Brent Petrosky presented the monthly zoning report which included a special event permit issued for a wedding at the Barn on October 14th and a permit renewal for Martha Welshans of 960 Torbert Lane.

Petrosky then provided the Board with an update on the Whitetail Contact Station project stating that the target completion date is February 2024.

EMC Report

Casey Lowmiller of Jersey Shore Area EMS and Ethan Goodbrod of Citizen's Hose Company spoke to the Board about challenges facing emergency services including:

- Increase in cost to replace equipment
- Volunteerism declining
- Decline in community support for fund raising events
- Increased cost of doing business i.e., supplies and medication
- Payroll increases due to increase in staffing

Mr. Lowmiller requested financial assistance from Watson Township suggesting a possible increase in the fire tax; creating an EMS Tax; or by participating in the ambulance subscription program by purchasing memberships for families in Watson Township.

It was the consensus of the Board to review the information provided and table further discussion on how to support Jersey Shore Area EMS.

EMC Dennis Buttorff had nothing new to report.

Old Business

Ordinance 09-21-2023 - Tax Collector Service Fees

Supervisor Potter made a motion to adopt Ordinance 09-21-2023 establishing service charge fees for Tax Collector services; seconded by Supervisor Green, MCU.

New Business

West Side Road Emergency Repairs

Township Employee Rick Macklem reported that the area of West Side Road identified in the Access Limited Construction proposal as "Site Two" to be stabilized has been prepared and is ready for the contractor to come in and stabilize that section of the road.

Supervisor Green stated due to the imminent threat to public safety, he would like to make a motion to approve emergency repairs to stabilize West Side Road; seconded by James Potter, MCU.

Application for County Liquid Fuels

Chairman Seltzer made a motion to approve submission of the Application for 2023 County Liquid Fuels; seconded by Supervisor Potter, MCU.

Resolution 10-19-23

The Supervisors discussed Resolution 10-19-23 creating a policy regarding Employees/Supervisors use of the shop, tools, equipment, and vehicles after hours.

Supervisor Potter made a motion to adopt Resolution 10-19-23 and post a copy at the municipal building; seconded by Supervisor Green, MCU.

Invoices

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

Public Comment

Public comment was entertained generally through-out the meeting.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene S. Macklem

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Secretary/Treasurer