

WATSON TOWNSHIP MEETING
DECEMBER 21, 2023

The Watson Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly meeting on December 21, 2023, at 7:00 pm at the Watson Township Municipal building, with James Seltzer, James Potter, and Allen Green present.

Also present: Brent Petrosky, Wilbur Moore, Rich Lange, Denny Buttorff, Graham Schwanbeck, Seth Boehret, Nick Klaras, and Rick Macklem

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

The monthly meeting minutes of November 16, 2023, were reviewed with no additions or corrections. Supervisor Green made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Supervisor Potter, MCU.

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

Correspondence – None.

Roadmaster's Report

Roadmaster Allen Green reported the activities for the month included snow removal after one storm.

Chairman Seltzer provided an update on the 2024 truck ordered through Bradco Supply and Sunbury Motors.

Zoning Officer's Report

Zoning Officer Brent Petrosky introduced Graham Schwanbeck and Seth Boehret from C.H. Waltz Outdoors, formerly Bonner's Sports & RV's, who spoke to the Board about the newly acquired business.

Mr. Schwanbeck explained that the temporary dealer license expires on January 3, 2024, and to get a dealer license, they must obtain an occupancy permit from the township.

Chairman Seltzer made a motion to approve the issuance of an occupancy permit for C.H. Waltz Outdoors; seconded by Supervisor Potter, MCU.

Zoning Officer Petrosky reported that the property at 40 Park Road has been cleaned up satisfactorily and the only issue remaining is an unlicensed vehicle on the property, adding that the property was given more time to take care of that issue.

Zoning Officer Petrosky reported that documents received from Code Inspections for the Martha Welshans project at 960 Torbert Lane were reviewed by Township Engineer Dennis Norman, and everything is in order for the project.

He also reported a permit is pending for a solar project at the Lehman property at 282 Edgewood Drive, and as soon as the proper permit fees are received, the permit will be issued.

EMC Report

EMC Dennis Buttorff reported that the changes to the Floodplain Ordinance have not yet been released, but there is one change that came out dealing with surveys when there is a substantial improvement on the survey--the bottom states that it has to be recertified or surveyed a second time after the work is completed.

Dennis attended the quarterly meeting of Emergency Services and indicated that the current Emergency Operations plan is good for another year. He said there is now an HITR plan that looks at all the possible risks, for example, road closures, flooding, power outages, traffic accidents, hurricanes, tornadoes.

Dennis also noted that the County EMA radio frequency is changing and after everything is set up on the towers, they will contact him to set up a time frame for all township radios to be changed at no cost to the township.

Old Business

There was no old business presented for discussion.

New Business

2024 Budget:

Supervisor Green made a motion to approve the 2024 Budget as presented; seconded by Chairman Seltzer, MCU.

Tax Levy Resolution 12-21-2023:

Chairman Seltzer made a motion to adopt Tax Levy Resolution 12-21-2023 setting the tax rate for 2024 with no tax increase; seconded by Supervisor Green, MCU.

Appoint Auditor:

Chairman Seltzer made a motion to appoint Dawn Hedges to the vacant Auditor position; seconded by Supervisor Potter, MCU.

2024 Reorganization Meeting:

Chairman Seltzer made a motion to schedule the 2024 Reorganization meeting for January 2, 2024, at 4:00 pm; seconded by Supervisor Potter, MCU.

Invoices:

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

Public Comment

Public comment was entertained through-out the meeting.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary/Treasurer