

WATSON TOWNSHIP MEETING
AUGUST 15, 2024

The Watson Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly meeting on August 15, 2024, at 7:00 pm at the Watson Township Municipal building, with James Seltzer, James Potter, and Richard Macklem present.

Also present: Wilbur Moore, Richard Bater, Allen Green, Nick Klaras, Paul Fye, Zoning Officer Brent Petrosky, and Wm. Dennis Buttorff, EMC,

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

Chairman Seltzer asked if there were any questions or comments on the July 18, 2024, monthly meeting minutes, there being none, Supervisor Potter made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Chairman Seltzer, MCU.

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

Correspondence: Notice of Intent by Exco Resources for Consumptive Use at Zinck Unit#1 Pad for drilling & development

Roadmaster's Report

Roadmaster Rick Macklem provided the Roadmaster's Report as follows:

- Mowing
- Equipment maintenance
- Met with HRI about storage site at the ball field. HRI to make major improvements to the parking area at the end of the project.
- Cleaned out culverts after Hurricane Debby
- Contacted Pine Creek Township about cleaning ditches along West Side Road and Furnace Run Road
- Scheduled a meeting with Patriot – trimming tree canopy along township roads

Chairman Seltzer reported receiving complaints about water running across Route 44 across CH Waltz parking lot down over the bank onto Creekside Drive. He said he spoke to the residents living along Creekside Drive about the water issue and explained it is not a township issue and is a private matter.

Zoning Officer's Report

Zoning Officer Brent Petrosky provided the monthly Zoning Report for the month.

EMC Report

EMC Denny Buttorff provided information on the damage caused by Hurricane Debby stating that English Center, Pine Township, Carson Town and Salladasburg were heavily damaged by the storm.

According to EMC Buttorff, Lycoming County must have \$26 million dollars in damages to receive emergency funding from FEMA.

Old Business

Short-Term Rental Ordinance Amendment

The Supervisors discussed the amendments to the Short-Term Rental Ordinance and Supervisor Macklem made a motion to move forward with consideration of the amended ordinance at the September meeting; seconded by Supervisor Potter, MCU.

New Business

There was no new business presented.

Invoices

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

Public Comment

Resident Ron Welshans of R&J Excavating complained about his son Judd Welshans being contacted by the Township Secretary about bonding Edgewood Drive claiming the topsoil deliveries should be considered as local deliveries.

A discussion ensued and the Board explained the difference between local deliveries and repetitive usage by overweight vehicles for logging and other types of deliveries.

Public comment was entertained throughout the meeting.

Adjournment

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

Chairman Seltzer adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Darlene S. Macklem

Darlene S. Macklem, Secretary