**West Penn Township Board of Supervisors**

**27 Municipal Road**

**New Ringgold, PA 17960**

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**Regular 9AM Monthly Meeting**

**Monday, November 18, 2019**

**Present at the Meeting**

**Tony Prudenti – Chairman Katie Orlick - Secretary**

**Tim Houser – Vice-Chairman (absent) Paul Datte – Solicitor**

**Ted Bogosh III – Supervisor Rodd White – Lehigh Engineering, LLC**

**Karen Wittig – Treasurer**

**I. General**

**A.** Anthony Prudenti called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance & Introductions at 9:05AM.

**B.** Approval of Monthly Bills

Chairman called for a motion to approve our monthly bills. Ted Bogosh III made the motion. Chairman seconded the motion. Motion was carried. 2-0

**II. Public Comment on Agenda Items – None**

**III. Land Use** – **None**

**IV. Old Business**

**A.** Update on Water Wheel Bridge

Chairman said Supervisor Bogosh III saved the Township a lot of money by going out and getting another quote from Mark Boyle to do the repairs on Water Wheel Bridge. The Chairman said the Bridge repairs are done & we are waiting for approval from PennDOT. Clint Shock, Road Master asked the Engineer to let him know when PennDOT will be out to inspect the bridge.

**V. New Business - NONE**

**VI. Business from Anyone on the Board**

**A.** Chairman is concerned with the amount of money spent on investigating complaints in the Township. Every time we send our Code Enforcement Officer out to investigate a complaint it costs the Township money. Lately, the Township has been bombarded with a lot of complaints dealing with the same issue between two people. Chairman is hoping it will eventually stop and become a civil issue and the Township can get out of it. Attorney Datte said there was an enforcement notice issued and we are waiting to see how it plays out. Attorney Datte said it does look like two individuals should resolve their differences in civil court not litigating through the Township Code Enforcement.

**VII. Correspondence**

**A**. Chairman reminded everyone that the Township will be closed Thursday, November 28, 2019 – Monday, December 2, 2019. The BOS will still conduct their public meeting on Monday, December 2, 2019, 7PM at the Township Building.

Chairman said the Township will receive State Police Fine Money on December 2, 2019 in the amount of $3,010.61.

**VIII. Public Comment on General Items**

**A.** Walter Zlomowitch – 749 Penn Drive – Old Maggie’s Diner

Mr. Zlomowitch said the only thing that happened since October 21, 2019 is he spent thousands of dollars on an Engineer. Chairman asked Rodd White what is the holdup with issuing the permits. Rodd White said we are closer on issuing the permit. Chairman asked Mr. White to personally help Mr. Zlomowitch with acquiring his permits. Mr. White said he will review his stamped plan and direct him on how to resolve any outstanding issues.

B. Larry Stival – wanted to know the status of the Water Extraction Ordinance. Chairman said we are tying Water Extraction into our updated Zoning Ordinance. We did discuss and address it at the last Zoning Update Committee Meeting. Attorney Datte said he is finishing the Water Extraction part for the updated Zoning Ordinance. Attorney Datte said it is close to final draft but there is a process before it gets adopted. Attorney Datte said it goes before the Planning Commission, then the BOS. The Ordinance will need advertising and some hearings will have to be done before it gets adopted.

Larry Stival asked Clint Schock about the Summer Valley Rd. sign by Dollar General. Mr. Stival said it obstructs your view. Chairman said it is a PennDOT issue. Chairman asked if he would like the Township to write a letter to PennDOT on his behalf.

Gary Steigerwalt – wanted to know who is going to pay for the expansion of the intersection of Blue Mountain Dr. & SR309. Chairman said someone would like to donate what it would cost the Township to expand the intersection.

Mr. Steigerwalt said he feels there are a lot of blighted properties in the Township. Chairman suggested he files a written complaint so the Township can investigate the properties in question.

Mr. Steigerwalt questioned Attorney Datte about a property across the road from his property. Mr. Steigerwalt said they dumped some kind of soil or fertilizer on the property that had a really bad smell. Mr. Steigerwalt asked if it happens again does he have the authority to take a sample of what they dumped on the property. Attorney Datte said that would be trespassing and he would not recommend him going on the property. Mr. Steigerwalt said if it happens again he will call DEP. Attorney Datte suggested he contacts the property owner. Attorney Datte said the property is Agricultural and there is a lot of latitude especially at the local level. Ted Bogosh III said he has the right to contact DEP when it happens again.

Clint Schock – Eagle View Drive – he ordered the signs & put them up.

Walking Trail – East Penn is clearing 10-12 feet of their trail. East Penn will be laying 8 ft. wide of material that is how wide their paver is. Attorney Datte asked what material they would be putting down. Clint Shock said probably modified.

Clint Schock said the School Bus signs are up on the Clamtown Hill.

Clint Schock also wanted to discuss Truck #11 – 98’ Mack. The frame rails were changed in that truck. He said the truck is out of service because the frame rails are cracked again. Attorney Datte asked Clint Schock how much he thinks it will cost. Clint Schock said it would cost anywhere from $10K – $20K. Clint Schock said if you just do the repairs, he is not sure the cost. Chief Johnson said as long as the repairs are to factory standards. Attorney Datte suggested we get the work preapproved. Chairman agreed with Supervisor Bogosh III to price it out and get it done as soon as possible.

**IX. Executive Session - NONE**

**X. Adjournment**

Chairman called for a motion to adjourn the 9:45 AM meeting. Ted Bogosh III made the motion. Chairman seconded the motion. Motion was carried. 2-0

Transcribed By:

Katie Orlick

West Penn Township Secretary