**West Penn Township Board of Supervisors**

**27 Municipal Road**

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**Regular 10AM Monthly Meeting**

**Monday, August 17, 2020**

**Present at the Meeting**

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

**Tim Houser – Vice-Chairman Paul Datte – Solicitor**

**Glenn Hummel – Supervisor Rodd White – Lehigh Engineering**

**Karen Wittig – Treasurer**

**I. General**

**A.** Anthony Prudenti called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance & Introductions at 10:00AM.

**B.** Approval of Monthly Bills

Chairman called for a motion to approve the monthly bills. Tim Houser made the motion. Glenn Hummel

seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

**II. Public Comment on Agenda Items - NONE**

**III. Land Use** - **NONE**

**IV. Old Business**

**A.** Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2 of 2020 Amendment to the Police Pension Plan to reduce vesting period from 12 years to 10 years. Glenn Hummel made the motion. Tim Houser seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion was carried. 3-0

**B**. Galloway Property – Attorney Datte said someone paid the taxes on this property. This property was supposed to go through Judicial Sale. Tim Houser asked if we can hold the person that paid the taxes responsible for cleaning up the property? Attorney Datte said no but the Twp. can take an action to cause an Estate to be raised because we were a creditor. Attorney Datte suggested we contact the County for CDBG funds. Attorney Datte said the Twp. can petition the court to get a court order to demolish the property. The Township would be responsible for the costs but the Twp. can put a lien on the property for those costs. Attorney Datte said if we did put a lien on the property we can execute that lien & take the property to sheriff sale. Attorney Datte said we should get a court order. Attorney Datte said step one is to have Lehigh Engineering, LLC look at the property and determine if it is in a position that the property can be condemned. Tim Houser would like to move on this situation and he agrees with step one. Glenn Hummel said he also agrees with Attorney Datte but he would also recommend if Lehigh comes back & says it should be condemned then we should do that as soon as possible & follow legal procedures to get everything done. The BOS agreed that Lehigh Engineering, LLC should look at the property & if it can be condemned to condemn it and move through the legal process.

**V. New Business - NONE**

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

**A.** Reminder there is an Eastern Schuylkill Recreation Meeting on Wednesday, August 19, 2020, 7PM at Bella Terra Farms.

**B**. Reminder that the Monday, September 7, 2020 Meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday, September 8, 2020 @ 6:30PM.

**C.** Reminder that budget workshops begin on Monday, September 21, 2020 following the regular scheduled meeting. Chairman asked Paul Datte & Lehigh Engineering, LLC for their fee schedule for 2021.

**D.** Recycling – Chairman read a letter about the Twp. Recycling.

**E.** Tim Houser was contacted by a gentleman about putting in a pool. Tim Houser suggested to Rodd White to talk to Ralph Hummel to have courtesy to our residents.

Tim Houser asked about Park Drive. Rodd White said they appealed the action of the magistrate.

**F.** Chairman said we got a concern about a property on Cattail Lane. Ralph Hummel said this property is a possible condemnation. Chairman questioned what does possibility mean. Rodd White said our property maintenance code does not address inside a home.

**VII. Correspondence**

**A.** Lions wrote the BOS a letter stating they no longer need to use our grounds for their Chicken BBQ on Saturday, September 12, 2020.

**VIII. Public Comment on General Items - NONE**

**IX. Anything Else from the Board – NONE**

**X. Executive Session** - Chairman called for an Executive Session for possible litigation & personnel issues at 9:30AM. Glenn Hummel made the motion. Tim Houser made the motion. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0

Chairman called the meeting back to order @ 10:15AM.

**XI. Adjournment**

Chairman called for a motion to adjourn the 10:25AM meeting. Tim Houser made the motion. Glenn Hummel seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

Transcribed By:

Katie Orlick

West Penn Township Secretary