

West Penn Township Board of Supervisors

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Regular 10AM Monthly Meeting

Monday, September 21, 2020

Present at the Meeting

Tony Prudenti – Chairman

Katie Orlick - Secretary

Tim Houser – Vice-Chairman

Paul Datte – Solicitor

Glenn Hummel – Supervisor

Joel Schmoyer – 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. Chairman asked Joel Schmoyer from Lehigh Engineering, LLC the status of our Comprehensive Plan. Joel Schmoyer will be representing West Penn Township from now on due to some employee changes. Mr. Schmoyer said he will have to find out where they left off in regards to the Comprehensive Plan. Chairman gave Joel Schmoyer a brief run down on what Lehigh Engineering was currently working on for West Penn Township. Chairman said that Lehigh Engineering, LLC has an upcoming court appearance for a property that was selling pallets from their home. Chairman suggested Joel Schmoyer should consult with Ralph Hummel to bring him up to speed with that situation.

B. Tim Houser inquired about minimum lot size for Agriculture & Conservation Zones.

V. New Business

A. Chairman said the BOS along with the Solicitor had an Executive Session for possible Law Suit, Real Estate & Personnel Issues before the 10AM meeting.

VI. Business from Anyone on the Board

A. Tim Houser asked Attorney Datte what the Township can do about the Galloway Property now that the taxes were paid & it was taken off of the Judicial Sale. Attorney Datte said there was no Estate raised for this property after the taxes were paid. This means we do not know who would be responsible for cleaning this property up. Tim Houser asked Attorney Datte if we can have our Code Enforcement Officer condemn the property because of the condition of the property. Attorney Datte said yes we can but in order for us to take action and demolish the property an Estate would have to be raised.

VII. Correspondence

A. Chairman read a letter from Delroy Haas acknowledging two gentlemen from our road crew. Clint Schock & Jeremy Fable went above and beyond their duties as Road Master & Road Foreman. Jeremy Fable drove by Mr. Haas's house for another load of material when he noticed Delroy Haas lying on the ground under his truck. Jeremy Fable spoke to Clint Schock and asked him to go check on Mr. Haas because he was lying on the ground. Jeremy Fable wanted to make sure he was not hurt. Clint Schock

went back to check on Mr. Haas. Everything was o.k. and Mr. Haas truly appreciated their concern for him. The BOS said that it is good to hear something positive and they appreciate their road crew's hard work & concern for others.

VIII. Public Comment on General Items - NONE

IX. Anything Else from the Board

A. Chairman discussed the Land Donation from Bella Terra Farm. Chairman said it is about 26 acres & West Penn Township would like to develop a new park. Chairman asked the public if they had any ideas for the new park. ESRC wants to be involved in the development. The BOS thanked Dennis D'Angelo for the land donation & vision for the property. Glenn Hummel asked the BOS if we can proceed with the Survey, Appraisal & Grant Process started. Chairman said that the Twp. will be applying for a grant to help fund the development of the park. The Twp. met with Lorraine Possinger from DCNR to see if this property would qualify as a grant project. Mr. Possinger recommends we get the property appraised and use half of the appraisal value for our match of the grant. DCNR recommends we apply for the grant before the Township takes possession of the property. Our Solicitor created an agreement between West Penn Township & Bella Terra Farms. Chairman called for a motion to spend \$850 to have the property appraised by Brian D. Pedrick. Glenn Hummel made the motion. Tim Houser seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion was carried. 3-0 Chairman asked the secretary to call the appraiser to get the appraisal done. Glenn Hummel said everything is going well in the development of our J.E. Morgan Park. Tamaqua Soccer Association has been using the park every weekend.

B. Glenn Hummel asked the BOS if we received the Audits from the Fire Company or the Ambulance Association. Chairman said we did not receive their audits. The BOS agreed we do not give the Fire or Ambulance Companies any more money until we receive their audits. The BOS said we have Liability to the Twp. and it is our due diligence to make sure Twp. funds are being spent appropriately. We are still using and want to use the companies we have in place now but we did discuss back up plans.

C. Line Painting – Clint Schock asked the BOS if he should contact Tamaqua Borough to paint the lines at Leiby's intersection. The BOS said yes he can contact them to do that work.

X. Executive Session - The BOS had an executive session before the 10AM meeting at 9:30 AM for possible litigation, real estate & personnel issues.

Chairman called the meeting to order @ 10:00 AM.

XI. Adjournment

Chairman called for a motion to adjourn the 10:30 AM meeting. Tim Houser made the motion. Glenn Hummel seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

BOS had a budget workshop following the meeting. The BOS discussed budgets for Police Dept. & Road Dept.

Transcribed By:

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