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WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
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Supervisors' Meeting
Monday, March 2, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Chair O'Rourke with Mr. Ulrich present and Mr. LaForme participating by telephone on speaker phone using Mr. O'Rourke's personal cell phone. Solicitor Engelman was present as well as 45 audience members.

Solicitor Engelman announced that two executive sessions had been held on Monday, February 24, and on Monday, March 2, for personnel issues.

The February 3, 2020, official minutes were read and approved on a motion by Mr. LaForme, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, & unanimously approved.

Bids for Back Road Dirt & Gravel Road Project were opened and read. The low bidder was Joel Shirn, Williamsport. Bids will be accepted and approved at the April, 2020, Supervisors' meeting in order to provide a thorough review of the bid to ensure that all requirements of the bid specs have been met.

Mrs. Taylor presented the Financial Report. At that time the balances were:

Act 13 Account	\$ 14,113.85
Escrow Account	\$ 126.84
Fire Account	\$ 1,028.93
General Account	\$206,168.78
Liquid Fuels Account	\$ 96,756.80
Payroll Account	\$ 67,064.96
January Payroll	\$ 5,134.53
February Payroll	\$ 4,010.79

The Profit and Loss Statement for the month was provided on the agendas.

Jeannette LaForme asked to have the payroll numbers repeated. She also requested that the full payroll information be published in the agenda each month.

Mosie Lapp discussed the fact that the tarred & chipped area of Gap Road is broken up badly, causing one horse to have a severe sprain and recently a horse stepped into a bad area, broke his leg, and had to be euthanized.

Karen Weimer agreed that the edges are bad on the tarred and chipped part of Gap Road.

The edges of a tarred and chipped road are extremely difficult and cost prohibitive to attempt to repair.

Dave Ulrich recommended that people travel Route 44 rather than Gap Road because Route 44 is a safe, State-maintained highway. People do have alternative roads and do *not* have to be traveling Gap Road, which is primarily a dirt road and quite challenging and expensive for Washington Township to maintain.

Another resident asked about permits in the Township, and he was told to look for the PERMIT placard in the window close to the road. If you see something, report it! Chair O'Rourke stated that Light-Heigel does an excellent job, they are quite strict, are college educated, highly trained, and are quite experienced in their jobs. It is a daily battle in Washington Township to try to have residents adhere to the codes and the requirement to obtain a permit prior to doing anything.

Dave Probst thinks GPS and security cameras should be placed in all Township vehicles as well as the Municipal Building site for safety and for knowing where the Township vehicles are at all times. Fortunately, Washington Township is small enough that the location of all of the vehicles is known at all times as it is by the Road Master and the Office. Again, if you see something you question, make the call to the Office or to the Road Master. There has only been one incident in several years where a Supervisor was seen using the boom tractor to trim around his personal mail box. That was reported by many people and the problem was dealt with. Nothing wrong has transpired since that time.

There are currently no security cameras anywhere in the Township.

Road Master Ulrich stated that it has been a mild Winter. Salt orders for 2021 are due no later than Friday, March 15, 2020; he thinks he is going to order only 50 Tons rather than the normal 100 Tons. Maintenance work has been continuing. Jeff Taylor has been working in the garage scraping rust from vehicle parts and repainting things as needed while the weather permits. Mr. Ulrich hopes to have P-Stone grade and stone Gap Road as soon as the weather permits.

There were no plans submitted to the Planning Commission at their most recent meeting. The Commission members have now decided to keep and maintain copies for

all subdivisions and owner agreements just in case they are ever needed for future reference.

Chair O'Rourke announced that the Supervisors will continue to meet, to review, and perhaps to alter some issues and concerns in the Township.

Supervisor Ulrich spoke regarding the new Fire Fighter Tax Rebate. Action was taken to approve continuing to move forward on that issue with a motion by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. LaForme, unanimously carried. Solicitor Engelman will investigate the details of the new tax rebate and its process.

The Supervisors took action to approve the appointment of Mr. Jerry K. Fisher as the Washington Township Emergency Management Coordinator pending approval and all clearances and the final approval by the Governor. The Township will also pay for his Pennsylvania State Police Background Check, a fee of \$8. Mrs. Taylor will issue a check to Jerry, which he can then take to his bank and obtain a Cashier's Check to send in with his application. Motion by Mr. LaForme, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, unanimously approved.

Chair O'Rourke moved to Table the issue of penalty fees in the Township and have Solicitor Engelman conduct further research into that topic. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ulrich, unanimously approved.

The Supervisors took action to destroy all documentation in the Township no longer needed by law. Motion by Mr. O'Rourke, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, unanimously carried.

It was announced that the Supervisors are investigating placing a cul de sac on Snook Road, which is believed to be significantly less expensive than attempting to remove and replace the pipe under the bridge, which has disintegrated. Mr. Greg Dibble, PennDOT, will be contacted for assistance with that project.

Mr. Ulrich moved to adjourn, seconded by Chair O'Rourke, unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Mrs. Bonnie Rae Taylor

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Chief Administrative Official