

WALLACE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
August 8, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Wallace Township Board of Supervisors commenced at 7:00 PM on Thursday, August 8, 2024.

Supervisors present: Jeff Seese | Robert Jones

Engineer/Zoning Officer: Craig Kologie, Castle Valley Consultants

Solicitor: Michael G. Crotty, Esquire

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Supervisors began the regular meeting by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

Chairman Jones announced that an executive session was held on August 1st to discuss and get legal advice from the Solicitor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report was presented for review by Ms. Grashof. After discussion and review, Chairman Jones moved to approve and pay the twenty-five (25) invoices from the General Fund, in the amount of \$81,461.53. Supervisor Seese seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Next, Chairman Jones moved that the Township approve the list of nine (9) invoices to be paid with the PLGIT account, in the amount of \$3,050.84. Supervisor Seese seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Next, Chairman Jones moved that the Township ratify check number 3416 (Vincent DiTanna, \$3,000) and check number 3418 (District Court filing fees, \$40.92). Supervisor Seese seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Kimes provided the report of the WBTPD. In July, the Department responded to 173 calls for service in the Township.

GLEN MOORE FIRE COMPANY/ WESTWOOD & ELVERSON AMBULANCE

Chief Paul DeCarlo presented the July GMFC report, noting that it responded to 20 calls, 13 of which were in the Township. Chief DeCarlo also made a presentation to the Board to show GMFC's appreciation toward the Township's contributions for the new fire truck. The various ambulance companies were not present (likely given the storms), and any reports they submitted are available at the Township building.

PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

No report.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION/TOWNSHIP ARCHIVIST

No report.

TRAILS

Dorothy Kirk submitted a recommendation for trail work around the Highspire trails. The Board will take the recommendation under review.

EAC

An invoice was presented for the weeding of the rain garden by Chris Rolek. After discussion, Chairman Jones moved that the payment of the invoice be approved, in the amount of \$125. Supervisor Seese seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

AUTHORITY

Supervisor Seese provided an update as to the Authority activities.

PLANNING COMMISSION

PC Chair Bill Moore noted that the Planning Commission had no report, but expects to further review the Mila Woods and Devereux plans at its upcoming meetings.

<u>Township Subdivision No.</u>	<u>Plan Name</u>	<u>Plan Acceptance Date</u>	<u>MPC Review Periods</u>
19-05	Mila Woods (11 lots)	11/7/19	11/15/24
24-01	Devereux (83 lots)	7/10/24	10/08/24

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) **Martin Paving Payment**: The Township Engineer and Road Foreman noted that Martin Paving has completed its work for the 2024 paving projects. Pursuant to the review by the Engineer and Road Foreman, Chairman Jones moved that the final payment for the balance of the contract be paid to Martin Paving in the retainage amount of \$12,618.58. Supervisor Seese seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- 2) **Solicitation Ordinance**: Solicitor Crotty provided an explanation of the draft ordinance revisions, which would establish a Township Do Not Knock registry (for those who elect to not have door to door salespeople visit their properties). The Ordinance has been advertised and is ready for Board adoption. After discussion, Chairman Jones moved that

the ordinance be approved as presented. Supervisor Seese seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- 3) **MS4 Plan:** The Township Engineer provided a summary of the MS4 Plan status and the proposed plan. It has been fully advertised for public comment, none of which was received. The Township Engineer noted that no Township TMDL reductions are necessary as part of the plan, and it will next be submitted to DEP for its review. After discussion, Chairman Jones moved that the MS4 Plan be submitted to DEP for its review. Supervisor Seese seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT

Road Foreman Steve Senn provided his report. The Department's work on the snack shack is continuing to move forward. As part of the project, they are installing new fencing, making grade improvements in conjunction with the Township Engineer, and preparing for the delivery of the new building. After discussion, Chairman Jones moved that the Township authorize the concrete for the walkway from Affordable Concrete at a price of \$4,000, and the fence work from Tri-Boro Fencing (costars) in the amount of \$16,015. Supervisor Seese seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. A discussion was also held as to boom mowing on/along state roadways. The PennDOT representative is to get back to the Road Foreman as to its annualized agreement and pricing for the Township to do so. With respect to Highspire Estates, the Road Foreman also inquired as to the possibility of moving forward with the logger's proposal. After discussion, the Board noted that they are not interested in doing so at this time. It is unclear on whether the HOA received representative feedback from the property owners. Instead, the Board requested that the Road Foreman visit the area and identify any trees that might be dead, diseased or at risk of falling on a trail or property, and to get a price for the Board's consideration.

Chairman Jones noted that an issue arose as to spraying that was conducted on the Township's Lamb Tavern Preserve property. The individual who performed the work apparently did so under the impression that they would be able to farm it for hay. DEP was contacted about the spraying by a third party and provided back a clean report (indicating no violations). Even so, Chairman Jones noted that there should be increased communication with the Board as to any such activities. He and Supervisor Seese stated their preference that any farming be conducted by a farmer who resides within the Township, consistent with the farming of the Township's other parcels. After further discussion, Chairman Jones moved that the Lamb Tavern Preserve fields be farmed by Jack Smith, under the terms of the existing farming lease agreements between he and the Township, in exchange for Mr. Smith paying the Township the cost of the recent prep spraying. Supervisor Seese seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Additionally, Chairman Jones moved that the Township reimburse Dave Rogers for the cost of the spraying that he undertook of the field, at a cost of \$282.32. Supervisor Seese seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

MANAGER'S REPORT

No report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- 1) Mike Trego inquired as to road striping. The Road Foreman and Township Engineer will review. Tim Dankanich also commented about the potholes on the state roadways.
- 2) Tom Stern inquired as to the status of the Sheller/Dalessandro matter, and an update was provided. The civil hearing is scheduled for mid-September.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Randzin
Township Manager/Secretary

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