

WEST SADBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Regular Meeting, November 12, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman, Ed Haas at 7:30 P M.

In attendance: Edward Haas, John Keeseey, Helen Esbenshade, Luke Fidler and Patti Piersol.

The minutes of the October 8, 2019 and October 22, 2019 meetings were read. After two corrections to the October 22nd minutes, Ed made a motion to approve the minutes and John Keeseey, seconded it, motion carried.

Treasurer's report:

Income for October, 2019 is \$34,648.82

Expenses \$76,593.

Income/Loss \$(41,945.12)

Motion by Ed Haas, seconded by John Keeseey to approve paying the bills listed on the invoice list for November 12, 2019

Police Report: Was given by Chief Luke Fidler, report on file

Zoning Officer: Report on file

Fire Company Report: Was given by Richard Klingler of the Keystone Valley Fire Department. A copy is in the Township's files.

Planning Commission report: Was read by Ed Haas. Report on file.

Engineer's Report: Jeff Bologa of Becker Engineering reported the following: Still waiting for a plan re-submission of the land development plan by Old Path Baptist Church. The Farmbuilt Machine project is almost complete, seeding has not really occurred due to weather. He is working with them to make sure sediment does not get in the basin due to erosion. The Crist Stotlzfus Stormwater plan has been conditional approved. Waiting on the other Township's and the Borough's approvals. Black Horse Propane is going to try to get everything done so they can get their escrow released. The Bernhard Hoeckh was submitted as a large stormwater project. After discussion they are reducing the size of the project, so he is waiting the re-submission. He has not heard anything on the Stan Stefanski land disturbance.

Old Business:

2020 Budget: Ed Haas stated that at the budget meeting this morning and they went over the budget and cut it down to having to take \$47,609.00 out reserves. Ed Haas made a motion to approved the budget as presented this morning, seconded by John Keeseey, motion carried. Copies of the budget will

be available in the Township office. It has to be advertised for 30 days and final approval has to be on or before 12/31/2019.

New Business:

Supervisor appointment: John Keeseey stated that they need to appoint a replacement to replace Barry Edwards. John made a motion to nominate former Supervisor Jim Landis. Many of the residents were opposed to the nomination. It was not seconded. Ed and John were in agreement to opening it up to all qualified residents. Anyone wishing to apply for the position, submit an application/resume on or before the November 26th Work Session. Jim Landis spoke to the audience. Legal Counsel stated that after 30 days the Township will have to appoint a Vacancy Board. Ed said that the Township should have named a vacancy board in January, which is designed to take care of these problems.

Traffic Lights at Routes 10 and 30: Some residents questioned the changes in the lights, from blinking in the early AM to the regular schedule. Ed Haas explained that Penn Dot is working to connect all of the red lights so they can better control traffic flow.

Hunting on Public Property: This must be the Atglen Watershed, which is in West Sadsbury Township, and they prohibit hunting.

Clear Cutting of Trees: A resident on N. Moscow asked about clear cutting of trees. Is there an ordinance that covers this? Will need to look at the Zoning Book to be sure.

Planned second driveway for business at 6052 Limeville Road: One of the two residents that the drive will go between their homes, wanted to know why the second drive is needed. Township Engineer, Jeff Bologa said to have them call him and he will review it with them. The plan meets all the zoning requirements.

Public Comment session: The condition of the North Moscow Road was brought up. Ed said that the Township has limited funds for paving. An analysis needs to be done on all the Township roads. Information on the Police calls to Walmart was requested. Police Chief Fidler responded to this question, it varies, recently the call volume has been low. Another residents asked about the overlay district that had been mentioned in previous meetings and she would like the Planning Commission minutes to be updated on the website. Ed said that he would do the updates. She asked if the Board was moving forward with the forensic audit that was called for in the earlier budget meeting. Ed asked Counsel if a resolution is needed. Helen said that first the Board needs to determine the scope and authorize someone to seek out proposals for that particular work and contract with the chosen firm. Township Counsel was asked is a position held for someone that is out on disability, is there a time frame. Helen stated that those questions are on personnel matters and can only be discussed by the Supervisors in an Executive Session, due to privacy issues. There is no vacancy, she is still employed by the Township. This questions was asked of the Supervisors: Is it true that the Township Manager has done things with our funds and that's why our budget is where we are? Is there some financial issue with her? All of you are telling me that it is not true. John Keeseey said not that he knows of. Ed said that the forensic audit would answer that question. She asked again none of you are aware of any

misconduct on behalf of the Township Manager that would give you concern? Township Legal Counsel, Helen Ebsenshade requested a brief Executive Session with the Board. At the Boards returned they were questioned about the costs of a zoning hearing meeting, what the Township can pass onto the applicant. A request for a copy of the minutes where the bid was awarded for Newlin Drive, the bid package and the bids. Another residents requested a list of street names in the proposed change area.

Motion by Ed Haas, seconded by John Keeseey, to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 PM

Respectfully submitted

Patti Piersol,

Administrative Assistant