

West Sadsbury Township

Board of Supervisors Work Session

September 24, 2019

In attendance: Solicitor Helen Esbenshade, Barry Edwards, John Keeseey , Edward Haas, Luke Fidler, Tim Nichols and Patti Piersol.

Barry Edwards called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M.

1. A list of the outstanding invoices in general fund expenses in the amount of \$53,849.57 was presented. Patti Piersol explained that \$5,925.00 of that amount will be billed to the property owners and that the Township received \$18,308.28 from the State of PA which we send to the Keystone Valley Fire Department Relief Fund. A motion was made by Barry Edwards, seconded by John Keeseey to pay the invoices. Motion carried 3-0.
2. The Township received its MS4 paperwork which has been approved and filed with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection with the help of Cory Rathman of Land Studies.
3. Renaming of a Street - Helen said that the 2nd Class Township Code gives the Township the right to name the streets but says nothing about re-naming one. Since there is only one property owner that is affected and that is also the person who is requesting the name change, it should be done by resolution. The costs of the changes should be billed to the property owner. If he is agreeable, the Board will consider drafting a resolution, and then inform the required agencies.
4. The Board was presented with a report from Amy Beaudoin of Woodfield Financial. After speaking with the Township Manager she re-checked the accounts and found everything to be correct.
5. Chief Fidler stated that he has received 3 quotes on vehicles through Co-Stars for one new vehicle in 2020. Barry asked about Ed Moore's knee injury - it looks like he won't need to be off from work, pending any other problem. The Chief is working on his part of the budget. Barry mentioned the Risk Management Assessment that will be done the week of October 7th.
6. Road master, Tim Nichols did not have anything to report.
7. Solicitor Helen Esbenshade was asked to review changes to the Zoning Ordinances: the first to make the sizes of the horse barns and the garages consistent on properties of 0.0 to 1.99 acre. This change will be included in the collection of changes being sent to the Chester County Planning Commission for approval. She also recommended that the wording on family members "by blood or by marriage" describing who can reside in an Accessory Dwelling should be removed. It conflicts with the definition of "Family" already in the ordinances and it is not consistent with the wording of the Fair Housing Standards Act that is required by Chester County. Barry will discuss this with the Planning Commission at their meeting this evening. Helen will put them in ordinance form. On the lot consolidation issue, the Township does not have a reverse sub division requirement. The Planning Commission can review it, would need Board of Supervisor, then to the Chester County Planning Commission which requires 30 days. The advertising for the public hearing can be done during the 30 days.
8. The Liquor license question: Helen has an associate checking this out, no answer yet.

9. Barry asked for any other comments. John Keeseey said that he did not know why the Board would change the work session meetings to evening meeting because of just one person. He feels that more gets done at the morning meetings. Ed Haas stated that if the meeting was at 8 AM it would be better for him because he is missing too much time from his full time job. Helen reminded the Board that a decision on changing meeting times should be made before the end of the year because the 2020 meeting schedule has to be advertised in beginning of the new year.
10. John Keeseey asked Roadmaster Tim if he had what he needed to get the done the work needed. Tim said that he would like to purchase a plate tamper and a road saw. The Tamper \$2,000.00 and saw \$1,200.00. A motion was made by John Keeseey, seconded by Ed Haas to purchase the equipment, motion carried 3-0. The Board asked about a backhoe, Tim said he is waiting for the third price quote.
11. The Board asked about the Newlin Road Project and whether a PennDOT Project Number for the work had been obtained yet. Patti said that she is working on it but is waiting to receive a copy of the proof of advertising that PennDOT requires.

Barry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 A. M, seconded by Ed Haas, motion carried. 3-0

Respectfully submitted

Patti W. Piersol
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