

West Sadsbury Township Board of Supervisors Meeting

June 14, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Chairman DeVoe.

In attendance were: Chairman Darren DeVoe, Vice Chairman Ed Haas, Member John Keesey, Solicitor, Helen Esbshade, Police Chief Luke Fidler, Jeff Bologna and James Kinney of Becker Engineering and Sec/Treas. Patti Piersol.

Questions on the agenda items: Mrs. Haas asked about Lady Steel being on the agenda. Darren said that they have been trying to come to a decision on their use of the fields.

Ed made a motion to dispense of the reading of the minutes of the May 10, 2022 meeting, seconded by John.

Patti gave the Treasurer's report for May 2022. The May income was \$149,009.65 and the expenses were \$100,685.15 the net income for May was \$48,324.50 and year to date loss was \$ 99,169.82.

The bills were reviewed: A motion was made by Ed and seconded by John to pay the bills, motion carried. Patti read the response from the SPCA, no decision was made on payment at the meeting.

Police report: Police Chief Luke Fidler gave his report for May. The year to date fines/fees does not include monies from the State Police.

Zoning Officer's report: Darren read the report for May.

Fire company report: Chief Brian Gathercole gave the Keystone Valley Fire Departments Fire and EMS May report. Brian also spoke about the shutdown of Tower Direct (the areas paramedic service). There is a dire need for more EMTs to run on the ambulance, which is now running non-stop.

Road master's report: Darren read Jason Chapman's May report,

Tax Collector's report: Darren read Jim Fuga's report, \$ 47,270.68 was paid in real estate taxes and \$25,453.44 was paid in Fire Tax.

Engineers report:

SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT PLANS:

King Swings – Land Development & Lot Add-On Plan: Ed made a motion to acknowledge the required amount of financial security to be established with the Township, in an amount of \$1,082,117.11, per the approved Opinion of Probable Cost, prepared by Diehm & Sons, dated March 16, 2022, seconded by John, motion carried.

Ed made a motion: to authorize the Board of Supervisors to sign the Operation, Maintenance, and Inspection Plan (O&M) Agreement, Financial Security Agreement, and the Plan, when executed by the applicant, seconded by John, motion carried.

Roller Derby – Land Development Plan: Ed made a motion to approve a waiver/modification of §22-403.1 of the West Sadsbury Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance, related to Preliminary Plan and Final Plan Submissions and to eliminate the requirement to show the location and the size of the water and feeder lines, well, sewage disposal systems, fire hydrants, gas, and oil transmission lines 400’ beyond the property, seconded by Darren, motion carried.

Ed made a motion to acknowledge that the future required amount of financial security to be established with the Township, will be in an amount acceptable to the Township Engineer, seconded by John, motion carried.

Ed made a motion to authorize the Board of Supervisors to sign the Operation, Maintenance, and Inspection Plan (O&M) Agreement, Financial Security Agreement, and the Plan, when executed by the applicant, seconded by John, motion carried.

Old Paths Baptist Church – Land Development Plan: Ed made a motion to authorize a \$21,450.38 release in the current financial security being held by the Township for the Old Paths Baptist Church Plan, resulting in a remaining financial security of \$0, seconded by John, motion carried.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLANS:

3852 Upper Valley Road – SWM Plan: Ed made a motion to approve a waiver/modification of §28-301.R & §28-402.D related to the requirement for a Licensed Professional to confirm the area is underlain by karst or carbonate geology, based on the facility being less than 2’ in depth and relatively minor improvements, seconded by John, motion carried.

Farm-Bilt Machine LLC – SWM Plan: Ed made a motion to authorize a \$25,391.00 release in the current financial security being held by the Township for the Farm-Bilt Machine Plan, resulting in a remaining financial security of \$0, seconded by John, motion carried.

Old Business:

Jenny Stoltzfus/Lady Steel Baseball team. The Board and Jenny discussed Lady Steel’s use of the baseball fields. Ed said about the insurance running out in August. Jenny said that she will renew and give the Township the information. John made a motion to accept the \$950.00 that was given to the office previously for their play in June/July and Sept/Oct. They will not be using the fields in August. The motion was seconded by Darren, motion carried.

Open Space Referendum- the Board agreed that continue the work to have question put on the November ballot. Ed made a motion to advertise the ordinance that includes the referendum for the July meeting, seconded by John, motion carried

Stormwater Management project (PRP): The Township is applying for a Growing Greener Grant to help finance a project that is required by DEP. Land Studies is doing all the work for this but some papers needed to be signed by a member of the Board. Motion by Darren to approve moving forward on the project, seconded by John, motion carried.

American Tower: Amendment to the lease, need approval by the Board. Ed said that he wanted further information because it had not been discussed before. Ed will contact Bill Ingel, Patti will give him Mr. Ingel's contact information.

Walmart will be paving the drive lanes, the Board was given the information from All-Out Parking Lots.

New Business:

Mr. Eli Lapp had a question about being able to build a house connected to a barn, the Board said to have Bill Beers, Zoning Officer contact him.

Ed made a motion to hire Jeff Smith for the Road Crew at \$16.00 per hour with a limit of no more than 30 hours per week, seconded by John, motion carried.

Winter salt orders: We were informed by Co-Stars to make sure our salt order was done before 7/29/2022 to receive the current pricing. The price is expected to increase by 20%. Jason has already placed the order.

Ed made a motion to hire Becker Engineering to work at the Township Office, at rate set by the Becker Engineering West Sadsbury Township 2022 hourly rate schedule, for the time that Patti is out for her knee surgery, seconded by Darren, motion carried.

Remote access for Patti was not discussed.

Parkeburg Free Library sent a letter about support from the Township. The Board has set donations in the approved budget for 2022.

Patti requested the approval to set up the Great American bill for the Police and Township as an automatic payment. Darren made a motion to approve the request, seconded by John, motion carried.

Patti told the Board that we had received the County-Wide Act 137 Stormwater Management Model Ordinance Update. The Board said that Becker Engineering and Land Studies are working on an update for West Sadsbury Township.

Updates:

Patti gave the Board information on LanChester landfill, what can be recycled and the cost to get rid of items. They asked that it be displayed on the office outside windows.

Public questions on non-agenda items:

Bill MacMichael of 981 Quarry Road asked when Moscow and Quarry Roads are going to be repaired. Darren told about the machine that we have on order and that road crew is working on the potholes. Mr. MacMichael said that the worst is at the bottom of Quarry Road.

Mrs. Haas asked about Norm Lewis. Darren said that he didn't pay for last year and that he will not be allowed back.

Ed made motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM, seconded by Darren, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Patti Piersol,
Sec/Treas.