

**West Sadsbury Township
Board of Supervisors Meeting
October 10, 2023, continued October 18, 2023, 7:30 PM**

At 7:00PM, a Conditional Use Hearing was held for Allen and Ruth Beiler of 6131 Limeville Road, Parkesburg, to rebuild the barn at a height of twenty-eight (28) feet.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Haas.

Mr. Haas asked if there were any questions on the agenda items, there were not.

Those in attendance were Mr. Haas, Mr. Keeseey, Solicitor, Ms. Esbenshade, Engineer Mr. Kerschner, Police Chief Moore, Roadmaster Chapman and Sec/Treas. Ms. Piersol.

Mr. Haas made a motion to amend the agenda for this evening's meeting to address an issue that came up this morning. This morning, we were notified that Darren DeVoe has resigned as a supervisor effective today. Mr. Haas made a motion to accept the resignation, Mr. Keeseey seconded the motion with regret. Motion carried.

Mr. Keeseey made a motion to name Mr. Haas as Chairman of the Supervisors, seconded by Ms. Haas, motion carried. Mr. Haas made a motion to name Mr. Keeseey Vice-Chairman of the Supervisors, seconded by Mr. Keeseey, motion carried.

Minutes of the previous meeting on September 10, 2023, have been posted on the website. There were no additions or corrections. Mr. Haas made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented, Mr. Keeseey seconded the motion, motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was given by Ms. Piersol. For the month of September 2023, the income was \$152,217.09, and expenses were \$81,380.20. Net income for September was \$70,836.89. Year-to-date income is \$226,650.66.

Also, the Township received Growing Greener grant monies in the amount of \$23,963.05, to be used in the stream bank restoration of Officers Run.

Ms. Piersol reported she had filed the FHWA 536 form, which re-certifies the funds paid out of the Liquid Fuels account.

Mr. Haas made a motion to adopt the Treasurer's Report as presented, second by Mr. Keeseey, motion carried.

Invoices to be paid were reviewed; there were no questions. Mr. Haas made a motion to approve payment of the bills, seconded by Mr. Keeseey, motion carried.

Police report: Chief Moore gave his report for September 2023, the year-to-date total for fines is \$8,498 54. Copy on file. Mr. Haas made a motion to accept the Chief's report, seconded by Mr. Keeseey, motion carried.

Zoning Officer's report: Mr. Haas said that this is the first report from Technicon, the new zoning officer and code enforcement officer for the Township. They sent a letter to an individual regarding a rooster creating noise and responded to multiple inquiries and requests for information from Township residents, contractors, and realtors pertaining to building code and zoning questions. Copy on file. Mr. Haas made a motion to accept the zoning officer's report as presented, seconded by Mr. Keeseey, motion carried.

Fire companies report: No officer from the Keystone Valley Fire Department was in attendance, so Mr. Haas gave the Fire and EMS reports. Copy on file. Mr. Haas motion to accept the fire company's reports as presented, seconded by Mr. Keeseey, motion carried.

Roadmaster's report: Mr. Chapman gave his September report. He described the hydraulic issues occurring with the road bank mower. They are working on North Blackhorse Road between Limeville and Route 30. They are making the necessary patches and will continue to do so. They started repairing the bad double storm drain at the corner of Butternut and Walnut Drives. They started working with the Salisbury Township, Lancaster County Road crew. Salisbury Township is also only a two-man crew. Together, we have more resources, more equipment and it is much safer.

The heater in the garage area has failed; the tubes inside the heater that the flame goes through were found to be cracked, and that causes carbon monoxide to get into the building. He called Smoker Mechanical for a price on the repairs. Or, if Mr. Chapman can find replacement parts, he will let the Supervisors when he gets the information. Lastly, the large dump truck is currently in the hydraulic shop due to a bad seal on a hydraulic dump cylinder. The necessary repairs are being made. Also, we also got our first load of salt. So, when the winter weather does come, we'll be ready. Mr. Haas asked Mr. Chapman to confirm that one of the bills was for the instrument panel for the loader. Mr. Chapman confirmed the bill was for the instrument panel. As soon as the loader is repaired totally, they will return the rental unit. Copy of the report is file. Mr. Haas motion to accept the Roadmaster's report as presented, seconded by Mr. Keeseey, motion carried.

Mr. Stoltzfus said that he would like to thank the Road crew for the repairs that have been made on Limeville and North Blackhorse Roads. The conditions of the roads have created some unnecessary expenses for their family vehicles.

Ms. Piersol forgot to make copies of the Tax Collector's report. She will get them to the Supervisors as soon as possible.

Casey Kerschner of Becker Engineers provided the Engineer's report. The report was sent Friday, and the only thing on the motion document are actions needed for the Limeville Road bridge project.

The Township requested Becker Engineering prepare a bid document, advertise and publicly bid the Limeville Road Culvert Replacement Project, at their May 9, 2023, Board of Supervisors meeting; to acknowledge that, upon confirmation of the recording of the storm drainage Culvert Easement Agreement, the Project has been duly advertised on October 2 and 9, 2023, and gone out to bid on October 2, 2023. Mr. Haas made a motion to approve, confirm and ratify all actions taken by Becker Engineering in furtherance of the foregoing, seconded by Mr. Keeseey, motion carried.

Mr. Haas asked what the cutoff date for bidding was. Mr. Kerschner said that the bid opening is November 10, at 10 AM.

A resident asked if the culvert can be replaced and then the road paved later. They were told that is the plan, it will have a wearing course put down until the blacktop plants open in the spring.

Old Business:

Mr. Glick asked why he was being billed for Becker Engineering's meeting attendance and their mileage when he was not informed that the Planning Commission was going to discuss his property. He was trying to get a final answer if he can take those charges off these invoices. Mr. Haas tried to explain that when Mr. Kershner and Ms. Ebsenshade discuss anything that pertains to his property, he will be charged. Preparations to come to the Planning Commission for your property, you will be charged. He can't understand why he was being billed for them to attend.

Mr. Haas said that it is just a general budget line for coordination, preparation and attendance, wording on the bills. He said that there is no double billing going on. Mr. Haas's recollection of Mr. Glick's question about the billing was that it was a single incident. He found out after the fact that there had been something pertaining to the Glick property was on the Planning Commission agenda, and it related to an extension of time. Mr. Haas commented that this was all new to Mr. Glick. Mr. Haas explained that the Township pays for the Engineer & Solicitor to attend. Finally, Mr. Haas asked what was Mr. Glick's request? Mr. Glick indicated he should only be billed for the preparation and not for the attendance part. Mr. Haas said that he would have to speak to Becker Engineering before making that decision. Mr. Glick asked why West Sadsbury Township's budget for Engineering was higher than surrounding Townships? Ms. Esbenshade tried to explain that those Townships have in-house Zoning Officers, in-house planners and in-house Managers, which would do part of this work, but West Sadsbury only employs a secretary.

The Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development wanted confirmation that Chester County had notified West Sadsbury Township that they were seeking funds for the construction of the 1.03-mile segment of the Chester Valley Trail from the Lancaster County line through West Sadsbury Township and Atglen Borough along the former Enola Low Grade rail corridor. Ms. Esbenshade wrote the letter on behalf of the Supervisors, copy on file.

Problem with chickens on South Black Horse Road. Mr. Nelson of Technicon sent the property owners a letter.

In the last PSATS magazine there was information on road speeds. Ms. Piersol provided a copy to the Supervisors and the Police Chief.

Ms. Piersol requested that the Supervisors make a statement for the allocation of the remaining ARP funds. Mr. Haas made a motion to approve the remaining funds to be used on the Culvert Replacement project on Limeville Road and the Stream Restoration Project on Officers Run, seconded by Mr. Keesey, motion carried.

The township has applied for a C3AP grant for funding for the Officers Run streambank restoration.

New Business:

Grace King's Eagle Scout project. Miss King was not in attendance.

Ms. Piersol said that Technicon provided updated building and zoning application forms. These new application forms are available on the Township website, and in the township office. The old forms can no longer be used.

The annual MS4 report has been filed.

The MS4 budget recommendations for 2024 has been received and provided to the Supervisors.

The PURTA refund for 2022 has been received in the amount of \$904.00.

Public comment on non-agenda items. Last month there was a proposed ordinance due to an on-going dog waste problem on Cygnet Drive. Ms. Esbenshade said that Mr. Kerschner had located enforcement language in the Stormwater Ordinance. Ms. Esbenshade looked at this language more closely. The prohibition section refers to disposing of pet waste, and the enforcement provisions will do what the Township needs.

Mr. Haas said that they were going to continue this meeting until next week, Wednesday, October 18th, to deal with the vacancy on the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M., October 10, 2023.

October 18, 2023, 7:30 P.M.

Those in attendance were Mr. Haas, Mr. Keeseey, Chief Moore, Roadmaster Chapman and Sec/Treas. Ms. Piersol.

Chairman Haas called the meeting to order.


A request to promote Officer Ruscio to Corporal was made by Chief Moore. A motion was made by Mr. Haas to promote Frank Ruscio to the position of Police Corporal, seconded by Mr. Keeseey, motion carried.

A motion by Mr. Haas, seconded by Mr. Keeseey to appoint Herbert "Butch" Myers to the vacant position on the Board of Supervisors of West Sadsbury Township, motion carried.

Mrs. Hosier asked if there had been any work done on the budget. Mr. Haas replied yes and stated that there will be a public meeting on the 2024 Budget on Thursday, October 26, 2023.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:


Patti Piersol,
Sec/Treas.