

West Sadsbury Township Supervisors Meeting

August 8, 2023

Pledge of Alliance

Vice Chairman Ed Haas called the meeting to order. This meeting will be recorded and proper protocol is requested.

In attendance was Vice Chairman Ed Haas, Member John Keeseey, Police Chief Ed Moore, Roadmaster Jason Chapman, Solicitor Helen Esbenshade, Engineer Casey Kerschner and Sec/Treas. Patti Piersol.

There were no questions on the agenda items.

The minutes for 7/11/2023 were posted to the website. Mr. Haas made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Keeseey, motion carried.

Treasurer's report:

July 2023, Income for July was \$389,820.37; Expenses for July \$112,229.25; net income for July was \$277,591.12. The year-to-date income was \$179,377.59. Mr. Haas made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Mr. Keeseey, motion carried.

Invoices to be paid were reviewed for approval for payment. Mr. Haas made a motion to approve payment of the bills and it was seconded by Mr. Keeseey.

Police Report:

Chief Moore gave his report. Then he thanked the Board for allowing them to get a grant for a tracking device, which helped them track the Citadel robber on July 10th. He also thanked the Board for allowing them to always have two officers on duty due to the recent incidents in Honey Brook and West Caln Townships. Report on file.

Zoning officers report: Mr. Haas read the July Zoning Officer's report from Bill Beers. Report on file.

Keystone Valley Fire Company: Mr. Haas read the July report, copy on file.

Roadmaster report:

Mr. Chapman read his report, report on file. Jason and Jeff work cooperatively with the Sadsbury Township, Lancaster County Road Crew to cut back trees and vegetation that were encroaching on Mount Vernon Road

Tax Collector's report: Mr. Haas read the report, report on file.

Engineer's Report: Casey Kerschner of Becker Engineering gave his report.

640 Zion Hill Road – Irvin Brent Reed (Small Project). Mr. Haas made a motion to conditionally approve the Small Project Application, conditioned upon the applicant addressing all items outlined in the Becker Engineering Review Letter No. 2, dated August 4, 2023. The motion was seconded by Mr. Keeseey, motion carried.

Mr. Haas made a motion to authorize the Board of Supervisors to sign the Operation, Maintenance, and Inspection Plan (O&M) Agreement when executed by the applicant and adequately resolving all conditions of plan approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Keeseey, motion carried.

Mahlon J. Dienner (SWM Plan) - this plan was recently recorded due to some additional impervious areas with installation almost complete, just not stabilized. Mr. Haas made motion to authorize a \$13,894.54 release in the current financial security, resulting in a remaining financial security of \$2,000. The motion was seconded by Mr. Keeseey, motion carried

3852 Upper Valley Rd - Mr. Flinton was not in attendance, but he sent a Clayton Homes Representative and the Site Contractor. Clayton Homes stated that the property was completed in accordance with the Township's requirements, but was not inspected by Becker until owner Alfred Demsky moved in and started destroying all their work. Mr. Demsky signed the financial security agreement, but Clayton Homes put up the financial security. \$11,905.40 has been released to Clayton Homes with a balance of \$5,800.00 still being held by the Township. Becker had previously visited the site with the Township Roadmaster on May 24, 2023, and issued an email follow-up on May 25, 2023. Ed Flinton appeared at the prior BOS Meeting on July 11, 2023. Clayton Homes wants their money returned, but the Township wants to retain the money to have the property repaired. Mr. Haas suggested that Clayton Homes, the Township, including our Solicitor have a

meeting. Mr. Haas said that they would discuss it on Thursday morning because they have a meeting for other reasons that morning.

Old Business:

Police Chief's contract - Mr. Haas made a motion to approve the 2-year contract, seconded by Mr. Keeseey, motion carried.

Keystone Valley Fire District item was tabled.

New Business:

Wawa withdrew their request for the public hearing, due to the property having a deed restriction.

Conditional Use for Stephen F. Stoltzfus of 213 Harry Road was approved to allow the construction of a horse barn at the height of 27 feet. Mr. Haas made a motion to approve and sign the conditional use decision for this application. Mr. Keeseey seconded the motion, motion carried.

3928 Cemetery Road - The office received a written compliant with pictures. Copies were given to the Board. The Board said to send the information to Bill Beers.

Planning Commission: Mr. Haas made a motion to appoint Aaron Zook and Aaron King to the Planning Commission as alternates, seconded by Mr. Keeseey, motion carried.

The Board of Supervisors received the letter of resignation of Zoning Officer Bill Beers on July 26th. Mr. Haas made motion to accept Bill's resignation as of August 31st, seconded by Mr. Keeseey, motion carried.

Mr. Haas made a motion to give Road Crew member Jeff Smith a pay increase to \$18.00 per hour, seconded by Mr. Keeseey, motion carried.

Mr. Haas made a motion to approve selling the old Police vehicles: Crown Victoria and Ford Explorer (36-1), seconded by Mr. Keeseey, motion carried.

The Police Department is short 5 or 6 officers. Mr. Haas made a motion to authorized Police Chief Ed Moore to hire 6 part time officers, seconded by Mr. Keeseey, motion carried.

The Hartford is the carrier for the Township's short- and long-term disability insurance, and has announced that they are extending their current rates to October 1, 2025.

Sterling Act: tabled until a later date.

Public Comment on non-agenda items:

Thomas Donovan of Troop 20 of Atglen was in attendance to earn his communication badge.

A motion by Mr. Haas to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Keesey, motion carried.

Time: 8:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,


Patti Piersol, Sec/Treas.