

WEST COCALICO TOWNSHIP

Leading the Pledge of Allegiance; the Chairman, Jacque Smith called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

The following were in attendance:

Supervisors: Jacque Smith, James Stoner (JJ) and Terry Scheetz.

Others Present: Carolyn Hildebrand, Manager; Larry Maier, Solicitor; Shelbie Shupp, Administrative Assistant; Thomas Showalter, Roadmaster; Donna Reed, Ephrata Review; Luke Showalter, Steve Laudenslager, Leon Eby and Ray Burns.

Chairman, Jacque Smith opened the floor to public comment: there was none.

James Stoner motioned to approve the Board of Supervisors minutes from August 6, 2015.

Terry Scheetz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Terry Scheetz motioned to approve the attached list of checks totaling \$28,739.04. James Stoner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Terry Scheetz motioned to approve the July, 2015, Treasurer's Report. James Stoner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Tom Showalter gave the Roadmaster's report as follows:

- Binder Road, 1,500 feet of under drain was installed and 8,000 feet of road widening was completed. Two storm water pipes were installed at tractor access lanes. The paving will be 5 to 6 inches higher than it is now.
- Paving repairs were made on Redstone Circle after a water service line was repaired.
- A damaged stop sign at the intersection of Schoeneck and Indiantown Roads was replaced on August 10th.
- Installed a new brush head on the 8 foot sweeper.
- The shrubbery was trimmed at 360 West 897.
- Line painting of the roads is scheduled for August 17 and 18.
- The walking trail at the Schoeneck Park is scheduled to be sealed on August 14th.

Carolyn Hildebrand gave the Manager's report as follows:

1. Met with Jeff Hackman, Schoeneck Fire Chief; Kent Reich, Reinholds Fire Chief and Will Borst, DEP Air Quality Supervisor to discuss open burning issues. The liability is on the resident not the Township. Residents still can burn residential trash and do clean burning; ex: brush and woody yard waste. DEP would pursue any burning complaints.
2. Sent enforcement notice regarding too many animals on a property.
3. Currently working on the budget.

James Stoner said that out of respect to the letter they received, the West Cocalico Township Board needs to reply to East Cocalico Township's letter giving a deadline of September 1 to confirm whether or not West Cocalico Twp. will continue to contract services from the East Cocalico Township Police. Stoner motioned to not entertain contracting with East Cocalico Township for police services. Terry Scheetz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Stoner said of all the police forces they have been entertaining, East Cocalico Township is the most expensive short and long term.

James Stoner motioned to approve Mark Schillacci as the architect to provide a cost estimate and drawings for the renovations at the Township municipal building, which would include renovations for a sub-station. Terry Scheetz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Terry Scheetz motioned to approve Schoeneck Fire Police assisting with the Ephrata Fair Parade on September 23, 2015. James Stoner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Terry Scheetz motioned to approve the Jesse Martin Dairy Operation Stormwater Management Plan as per the Rettew Assocs. letter dated August 6, 2015; with the following conditions:

1. Items 1 through 11 under Storm Water Management are addressed.

James Stoner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

James Stoner motioned to appoint Art Pannebecker as auctioneer for 360 W. Main St. Terry Scheetz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

James Stoner motioned to approve the Burkholder Paving change order for Binder Rd. Terry Scheetz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Roadmaster explained that 220 tons of concrete was removed from the original bid and replaced with 3 inches of stone to the base.

James Stoner motioned to approve buying a generator and furnace for the maintenance building instead of the boom mower/broom that were budgeted for. Terry Scheetz seconded the motion. The motion carried. The Manager noted that the boom mower/broom would have cost about \$86,000 versus \$35,000 for the generator and furnace.

James Stoner motioned to approve purchasing new play equipment totaling \$11,957.10 for the Main St. Park. Terry Scheetz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion regarding a resident installing a driveway without a permit, knowing there was a line of sight issue and without proper grading. The Supervisors instructed the Manager to send a letter to the resident with a timeline to remove the driveway, as well as the consequences of what will happen if the deadline is not met for removal of the driveway.

There was discussion regarding a residents request to have a mirror installed on the corner of Horseshoe Trail Rd. and Paradise Rd. for safety reasons. The Manager will check if there are Penn Dot standards for a mirror, as well as what the liability is. The request will be discussed again at a future meeting.

James Stoner motioned to appoint Henry Freed as the replacement for the Vacancy Chair position. Terry Scheetz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion regarding the County Commissioners' meeting being held in the Banquet Hall at the Township Municipal building on September 8th at 7:00 p.m. The Commissioners would like one of the Supervisors to give a brief presentation.

The Supervisors approved the Cocalico Varsity Volleyball team using the Chapel Gate Park pavilion on August 21st for one hour free of charge.

The Supervisors approved the Schoeneck Fire Company installing gates to prevent drive throughs to and from the park. The Supervisors noted that it is the Fire Companies property where gates are proposed.

There was further discussion regarding police services. Resident, Ray Burns questioned whether the public will have a chance to review all the proposals for police services? Solicitor, Larry Maier said when the Board is ready to make a decision at a public meeting; there will be time for discussion. Steve Laudenslager questioned whether the matrix Elaine Bowman provided has been used in evaluating police services? Stoner said that when he gave it to all the police forces he has spoken with; they all said they weren't doing that.

The Solicitor said that the Board will be recessing to an executive session to go over possible litigation for damage to Sandy Hill Rd. bridge and to review the one police proposal they have received. The meeting recessed to executive session at 10:08 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 11:25 a.m.

On a motion by James Stoner and seconded by Terry Scheetz, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Stoner
Secretary