

June 16, 2015
Township Meeting Room

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; Shelbie Shupp, Administrative Assistant; Thomas Showalter, Roadmaster; Donna Reed, Ephrata Review; Ray Burns, Theodore and Lori Berger, Steve Laudenslager, Nancy Hamill, James Showalter and Terry Bergman.

Chairman, Jacque Smith took public comment:

1. Ray Burns asked if there is an update on the block grant from Sunoco? The Manager said the grant needs to be discussed at a corporate Sunoco monthly meeting which has not happened because of rescheduled meetings and another item taking precedence when they did meet.
2. Ray Burns asked for an update regarding the Village Hollow Homeowner's Association accepting the Township's offer to purchase a strip of land adjacent to 360 W. Route 897. The Manager said the Homeowner's Association was sent a letter with the Township's offer based on the appraisal amount and has until July 12th to respond.
3. Ray Burns asked if there was a meeting concerning alterations to accommodate changes to a room in the building for police purposes. Supervisor, Stoner said there has been thoughts and discussion about the possibilities of using the room. He said that in the negotiating process he does not have to explain everything. Mr. Stoner shared that Ephrata Borough gave the okay to share their name as one police force who WCT has talked with. Ephrata Borough thanked Stoner for not sharing their name prior to their okay. Stoner said there have been discussions with Northern Regional and Spring Township as well.
4. James Showalter shared concerns about the proposed burn ordinance as to how it affected where he went for a permit since he is served by the Denver Fire Co. and having backyard bonfires.

There was discussion in regards to James Showalter's questions regarding the burn ordinance. Supervisor Scheetz said that municipalities are divided into service areas and even if your service provider is different than one of the WCT fire companies, they will still issue permits just as before and they will abide by the West Cocalico Township ordinance. Tom Showalter, Roadmaster and Volunteer Fireman, said that backyard burning and campfires are not usually a problem. It's the large scale bonfires and the resulting abusive situations that arise that create problems. The Ordinance has been re-written so that it is enforceable by the Police and the Fire Chiefs.

Stoner asked Tom Showalter if the county is notified when burn permits are issued. Showalter said they are not notified routinely, just when permits are issued for large scale bonfires. He does not think they want or could handle notification for all burn permits. Tom Showalter said it is the citizens responsibility to know the burning regulations.

James Stoner motioned to approve the Board of Supervisors minutes from June 4, 2015. Terry Scheetz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

James Stoner motioned to approve the attached list of checks totaling \$29,552.08. Terry Scheetz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Tom Showalter gave the Roadmaster's report as follows:

- Street sweeping debris/anti-skid was hauled to the Landfill.
- Shoulder mowing was completed on all roads.
- 100 feet of 4 inch drain tile was installed along Meadow Rd. to drain a wet area. Paving repairs were also made.
- Gutters were cleaned on Tannery Road.
- Seal Master delivered a crack sealing machine on May 28th. The following roads were sealed: Indiantown Rd, Short Rd, High School Rd, Gockley Rd. Swamp Bridge Rd. and Blainsport Rd. Also sealed were the Schoeneck Park walking path and parking lot and the Schoeneck Fire Company parking lot.
- Paving repairs were made on Wollups Hill Rd, Netzley Rd. and Tannery Rd.
- Removed a tree from Whitehall Rd. on May 29th.
- Cleaned up roads and storm inlets after storms on June 1st.
- The pavilions and playground equipment were pressure washed at Main Street Park and Chapel Gate Park.
- Boom mowing was done on Forest Rd., Yellow Mountain Rd. and Swamp Bridge Rd.
- Trucks 108 and 812 were inspected at Fishers Garage.

Supervisor, Stoner said he wants to call DEP to question why the used anti-skid cannot be repurposed since they do not object to the spreading of salt in the winter. The Roadmaster said the Road Crew took about 66 tons of used anti-skid to the landfill. He said they spread about 1,000 tons of salt this past winter.

Supervisor, Scheetz asked the Manager for an update on the issues with the PPL substation on Swamp Bridge Rd. The Manager said Jim Caldwell is preparing a report that will state exactly what still needs to be done at the site. Mr. Caldwell feels it would not take a lot of effort to fix the problems. PPL is still willing to install the guiderail but not willing to maintain it. Jim Caldwell and Attorney Josele Cleary think PPL should be responsible for maintenance of the guiderail. There is an improvement with water runoff. The Roadmaster said nothing has been finished below the driveway and nothing has been done on the lower side of the swale.

Carolyn Hildebrand gave the Manager's report as follows:

1. Submitted the MS4 annual report for the last year.
2. Sent letters to residents who have basketball nets set up within our right of way to request they remove them immediately.

3. Sent a letter to a resident regarding their above ground pool not having a fence or a removable ladder.
4. Sent a letter to a resident who had blocked the drainage easement.
5. Attended training for managers on Wednesday, June 10, 2015.

Terry Scheetz motioned to adopt Ordinance 128 – establishing regulations concerning burning and open fires, providing for penalties for violating same, and repealing prior ordinances. James Stoner seconded the motion.

Terry Scheetz motioned to amend Ordinance 128. James Stoner seconded the motion. The motion passed. The amendments were to: Section 3. C. When said open fire or burning is between the time of sunset and (added sunrise); Section 7. (added: This Ordinance may be enforced by any duly appointed person, agency or entity, including, but not limited to the police department having been duly chosen by the Board of Supervisors to provide police protection within West Cocalico Township and any Township Fire Chief;) and Section 8. Changed 1st part of first sentence to read: (Any person who violates any provision of this Ordinance commits a summary offense and shall upon a conviction resulting from such violation,).

The motion to adopt amended Ordinance 128 was passed unanimously.

James Stoner motioned to adopt resolution 06162015 – authorization for CD purchase. Terry Scheetz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Resolution was required due to Manager's name change.

James Stoner motioned to approve the Schoeneck park drain tile project to the lowest qualified bidder. Terry Scheetz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The project was a budgeted item and the estimates from contractors are coming in under ½ of budgeted amount.

The meeting recessed to executive session at 9:48 a.m. to discuss hourly comp time.

The meeting reconvened at 10:15 a.m.

On a motion by James Stoner and seconded by Terry Scheetz, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Stoner
Secretary