

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; Chief George Beever, Donna Reed, Ephrata Review; Ray Burns, Norma Enck, Elaine Bowman, Theodore and Lori Berger, Steve Laudenslager, L. Reinoehl, April Westhafer, Nancy Hamill, Jim Hamill, Terry Bergman and Marcus Waldner.

James Stoner motioned to approve the Board of Supervisors minutes from May 7, 2015.

Terry Scheetz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

James Stoner motioned to approve the attached list of checks totaling \$75,257.98. Terry Scheetz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Following are highlights of Chief George Beever's report:

- Burglary – three chainsaws, valued at \$900, were reported stolen from a locked shed on a property in the 1200 block of Texter Mtn. Rd. within the past month.
- Hit & Run – On May 2 at 11:30 pm, police officers and the Reinholds Fire Co. responded to a vehicle crash where an SUV had crashed into the front porch of a residence on Creamery Rd. No one was injured. The driver has been cited for four offenses, including Hit & Run to Attended Property and for not having insurance.
- Ordinance Violation – on May 14, a passerby advised an officer of heavy black smoke coming from a wooded area off of Sportsman Road. The officer located the fire down a long lane in the first block of Hickory Rd. The resident was burning tires and trash without a permit. Charges are pending.

The Manager said she has received complaints of speeding in the Chapel Gate Development, especially at the entrance. She asked Chief Beever to setup the speed trailer in that development and to monitor the development for speeding.

Terry Scheetz questioned the 3 plow incidents reported to the police. The Roadmaster said that it is the practice to report any incident involving another vehicle.

Tom Showalter gave the Roadmaster's report as follows:

- Paving repairs were made on the following roads: Project Drive, Pine Crest Drive, Forest Rd., Hartings Park Rd., Wollups Hill Rd., Tannery Rd., and Yellow Mountain Rd.
- Repaired a retaining wall along Sandy Hill Rd. that was struck by a vehicle.
- Street sweeping of all roads was completed.

- Core samples were taken on Binder Rd., the results should be available in about 2 weeks. Binder Rd. will be paved toward the end of summer or early fall.
- Truck 204 was inspected at Five Start International.
- Shoulder mowing along roads started on May 18th.
- Martin paving will be doing the Seal Coat around the middle of June.

A resident questioned reusing anti-skid for road work. The Manager and Roadmaster said that DEP does not want anti-skid reused because they claim it is contaminated.

Carolyn Hildebrand gave the Manager's report as follows:

1. Attended the following meetings:
 - a. Planning Commission – May 11, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.
 - b. Authority – May 12, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.
2. Inspected some properties which had pulled a permit and were under active construction, to insure appropriate E & S controls were in place.
3. Worked with the Authority engineer, Heath Edelman from Entech Engineering, on issues with the PRV valve as well as discussing updating the 537 plan.
4. Continue working with Josele Cleary and Jim Caldwell on the issues at the PPL substation on Swamp Church Road.
5. Investigated a few zoning complaints of residents and sent letters to address those issues.
6. Submitted claims to the insurance companies for the damaged guide rail on Indiantown Road and the damaged retaining wall on Hillside Road.
7. Sent letters to residents of Chapel Gate where we have received complaints about children playing in the streets.

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

Mr. Scheetz said that people who were at the last meeting may remember him making a statement about the possibility of sending JJ back to negotiations and at the same time meeting with potential new service providers (for police services). He threw it out as a question and as a question to himself as to whether it would be proper. He said to himself, that is really, really stupid. He wanted the best of both worlds. It became obvious to him that this scenario was not going to work. In no way does he want to jeopardize West Cocalico Twp. from contacting neighboring municipalities for police services. His first priority is to not send JJ back to negotiations. Because of what happened 1 to 2 years ago when WCT was negotiating with other municipalities, we have to show sincerity in researching, getting information and the possibility of services. He doesn't think the Board having JJ go back to negotiations is the way to do that. Recently nothing serious has happened with negotiations and the current police service contract runs out at the end of the year.

Terry Scheetz motioned to dropout of negotiations with East Cocalico Township and put all efforts into letting other municipalities know we are serious about negotiating police services for the 2016 year. Jacques Smith said he has been thinking about the email he got yesterday from Noelle Fortna and Mike Gensemer, it was not from the ECT Supervisors. The email pretty much said they are not willing to negotiate. Jacques Smith seconded Terry's motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At the public's request, Jacque Smith said he would take public comment:

- April Westhafer questioned Terry Scheetz about his change of heart regarding excluding ECT as a viable possibility for police services. Mr. Scheetz said about a month and half has gone by since he made that particular statement. As the Board proceeds with negotiations with other municipalities, he can't see how they would want to sit at the table with WCT and really believe that we are sincere unless we give an indication that we have positively cut our strings from ECT and are serious about acquiring police services.
- Several residents shared their concerns regarding the Supervisors unwillingness to consider ECT police/or a Cocalico Regional Police Force as a viable bidder for police services. Jim Hamill said this is putting the Board in a much weaker position when negotiating with other police forces. Westhafer asked if the Township excludes other companies from bidding for other things? Mr. Stoner said the law requires the Township to bid for certain projects, such as road projects, and to accept the lowest bid. Retired Manager, Norma Enck, interjected that professional services do not have to be bid. The Township is free to choose who they want.
- Ray Burns equated buy in costs and exit fees to the unfunded liability. Mr. Stoner said the Township still has opportunities to look at contractual services which would eliminate all those costs. Stoner questioned why would other police forces be willing to be thrown under the bus, if we are playing both sides? Mr. Stoner says he agrees with Terry's motion.
- Elaine Bowman and Norma Enck asked the Board to provide the public with a cost comparison of services, expenses, and liabilities of potential service providers; one for buy in and one for contract of services. Mr. Stoner said the Board will be transparent. Norma Enck encouraged them to go back to the table, the continuity of the Cocalico School District is important.

Terry Scheetz said because of what happened 1 ½ to 2 yrs. ago regarding discussions with a police force which has Board members from the three municipalities of Penn, Clay and Warwick; anybody that wants to talk with WCT approaches the table cautiously. At that time, we did not come across as sincere as we should have. Mistakes were made and he doesn't want to repeat them. He stands by his earlier motion 100%.

Ray Burns asked if any other potential forces have been contacted that expressed they would not consider or be reluctant to consider providing numbers if ECT is still in consideration? Mr. Stoner said they have.

Terry Scheetz again motioned to dropout of negotiations with East Cocalico Township and put all efforts into letting other municipalities know we are serious about negotiating police services for the 2016 year. Jacque Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board of Supervisors reviewed the M. Waldner Minor Land Disturbance Plan and took the following actions based on the Rettew Associates letter dated April 17:

1. James Stoner motioned to approve the following Modification Request:
 - a. Section 303 – Land Development Approval Process
Terry Scheetz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
2. James Stoner motioned to approve the Storm Water Management plan provided Items 1 – 3 are completed. Terry Scheetz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

James Stoner motioned to approve use of Township roads and use of fire police for 5K race sponsored by the Cocalico Middle School to benefit the Four Diamonds Fund and the annual Mini-THON. Terry Scheetz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

James Stoner motioned to approve payment of \$27,065.45 to Mason Dixon Contractors LLC for work on Forest Road. Terry Scheetz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Manager said she and Dennis Schmeck talked about the requirements for firefighters needing to go through child abuse clearance. She will be working with Dennis to research what is required.

Terry Scheetz motioned to approve the Reinholds Fire Company using Township Roads for their anniversary parade on August 1, 2015. James Stoner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

On a motion by Terry Scheetz and seconded by James Stoner, the meeting was adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Stoner, Secretary