

WEST COCALICO TOWNSHIP

Leading the Pledge of Allegiance, the Chairman, Jacque Smith called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

The following were in attendance:

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

Others Present: Carolyn Hildebrand, Manager; Shelbie Shupp, Administrative Assistant; Steve Laudenslager, Nancy Hamill, Terry Bergman, Ray Burns, Elaine Bowman, Norma Enck, Lori and Ted Berger, L. E. Reinhol, April Westhafer, Luke and Neil Showalter, Leon Eby, Dawn Burns, Roger Kreisher, Jr., Natalie Frankfort Howe, Alverda Turnbaugh, Chris Reber, Reading Eagle, and Donna Reed, Ephrata Review.

Chairman, Jacque Smith asked for public comment:

Resident, Ray Burns said the following items need clarified in the Burning Ordinance that was recently advertised:

1. Section 3: Prohibited Acts
(c.) When said open fire or burning is between the time of sunset; or (missing a word)
2. Section 8: Penalties – states that a violation is a summary offense but the Ordinance is not defined as a summary ordinance.
3. The Ordinance doesn't state who is authorized to enforce the Ordinance.

Terry Scheetz motioned to approve the Board of Supervisors minutes from May 19, 2015. James Stoner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Terry Scheetz motioned to approve the attached list of checks totaling \$44,289.48. James Stoner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Carolyn Hildebrand gave the Manager's Report:

1. Attended the following meetings:
 - a. Parks Board – May 27, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
 - b. Zoning Hearing Board – May 21, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.
2. Participated in a conference call with Dan Trump, Harding Yost; Jim Caldwell, Rettew Assoc.; Alena Murges, EHB Logistics; and RSI's engineer on May 19th to discuss the accident settlement for Sandy Hill Bridge.
3. Attended the Manager's meeting on Wednesday, May 27, 2015, at 11:30 a.m. Donna Long, PPL; was present. We discussed the issue on Swamp Bridge Road. She will be coordinating a meeting at the site with PPL representatives and Township representatives in the near future. The stormwater issue is better but the drop off from the road is worse.

Supervisor Stoner said there has been very little activity on his part in researching police services through neighboring municipalities due to health reasons. He thanked Elaine Bowman for recently providing him with a spreadsheet she had created.

At the public's request, Jacque Smith said he would take public comment on police services.

Residents requests and concerns are as follows:

- Request that residents be allowed to vote for police services through a referendum on the ballot.
- Questioned what is the scope of service the Board of Supervisors is asking for.
- Request to know what police forces the Supervisors are meeting with.
- Questioned what is the plan of action come January 1st, 2016.
- Questioned whether the public will have input before the Supervisors final decision is made. Some feel their opinion has been disregarded.

Stoner said right now what he is doing is seeing what municipalities would be interested in supplying police services to West Cocalico Township. Only this week did one of the municipalities come to WCT talking in that direction. The Board is working on putting together a fully, encompassed package, as well as talking to the municipalities with an open mind. Mr. Stoner said that not having a scope of service defined has not affected the municipalities being willing to talk. He said he intends to have police services by January 1st, 2016, and doesn't see the time table as a problem.

Stoner said at this time he is not going to disclose the names of any police forces they are meeting with. They have requested that he not share their name and he is honoring their request. He said some of the people they are talking with might not have fully met with their council and until they are comfortable with him sharing their name, he is going to be personally responsible for not disclosing their name.

Supervisor Scheetz said all the meetings have been held in public and all decisions regarding police services have been made in public. Mr. Scheetz said he is an elected official by the people and takes his position very seriously. He takes the information presented to him personally that has been handed to him by groups and messages that info along with life experience, he talks to people in the public one on one and finds out what the feel of the community is. Scheetz said he has always felt that he had a pretty good feel for the heartbeat of the community. He is going to do what he thinks is right for the community. Mr. Scheetz said in a true democracy, the issue with the most votes carries, majority rules. A true democracy is problematic because even though something looks good and like it will benefit the people; there might be hidden issues that they are not taking into consideration. He said that we are not a true democracy but a Republic, He believes strongly in the Republic type government. As an elected official it is his responsibility to issue a decision on this particular issue. The concept of regional police forces throughout PA is right on, and has a lot of merit. Because of the cost and the problems in the past, he's not too sure that a regional police organization versus a regional police force with East Cocalico Twp. mesh up perfectly. Mr. Scheetz emphasized that the East Cocalico Twp. Police have been exceptional in their service.

James Stoner motioned to approve the use of Main St Park by Acts of Love to provide free lunches to children. Terry Scheetz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Stoner asked that the schedule of lunches be added to the website.

James Stoner motioned to approve replacing the storm water grate on top of the trench drain on Ross Road to comply with safety specifications; at a cost of \$2,640. Terry Scheetz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

James Stoner motioned to approve the Marcus Waldner Storm Water Management Agreement and Declaration of Easement and Improvement Guarantee for Letter of Credit. Terry Scheetz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Terry Scheetz motioned to approve having Carolyn and Tom attend the Certified Storm Water Inspector-Municipal training in Harrisburg, PA on July 8-9, 2015. James Stoner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

On a motion by James Stoner and seconded by Terry Scheetz, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Stoner
Secretary