

September 15, 2015
Township Meeting Room

WEST COCALICO TOWNSHIP

Leading the Pledge of Allegiance; the Chairman, Jacque Smith called the meeting to order at 9:00 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 Beever, Donna Reed, Ephrata Review; Luke Showalter, Steve Laudenslager, Leon Eby, Jim Hamill, Ray and Dawn Burns; Chance Firestone, Sandy Roth, Norma Enck, Jim Henke, Pioneer Management; Rich Hurst, Elaine Bowman, April and Bryan Westhafer.

Chairman, Jacque Smith opened the floor to public comment, a summary follows:

- Public comment was centered on police services:
 1. Alan Fry's proposal for police services was discussed. Supervisor Stoner said there was only Alan's signature on the paper and the proposal did not include OPEB, MMO or pension, it was not an official document because it needed two signatures. The proposal did not have any terms and was based on concessions from the police department. Stoner said we need to continue moving forward in order to have police coverage in place.
 2. It was noted ECT did disburse reimbursements to the municipalities when costs came in under budget.
 3. There was a question as to whether over-time costs are included in Ephrata Borough's proposal. Stoner said that is figured in the cost.
 4. Cost sharing between municipalities for police services at the school was discussed.
 5. Several residents asked when figures would be made available to residents as well as what services will be provided by Ephrata Borough and if there will be a forum for public questioning? The Manager said the services will be the same as Ephrata Borough, and Ephrata Township, with 24/7 coverage, 365 days a year; similar to what we have with ECT.
 6. Residents asked the Supervisors to put personal issues aside and do what is best for their constituents.
- Ray Burns asked the Township to make a push to have the railroad crossings repaired on Main St. and Resh Rd. Previously the PUC pursued the railroad company to do the repairs. The Manager said she has been working on getting the repairs done.

James Stoner motioned to make a donation in remembrance of Ray Kauffman to a charity designated by the family. Jacque Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

James Stoner motioned to approve the Board of Supervisors minutes from September 3, 2015. Terry Scheetz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Terry Scheetz motioned to approve the attached list of checks totaling \$25,179.60. James Stoner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

A summary of Chief Beever's report follows:

- DUI - there were two DUI's, one on August 8th and August 26th. Resulting in one arrest on suspicion of DUI and the other individual was sent a summons for the charge of DUI.
- Warrant Service – There was a 1 car crash in the 900 block of Schoeneck Rd. at 8:15 pm on September, 4. The individual involved was arrested on 9 outstanding Berks County warrants and turned over to Berks County authorities.
- Warrant Service - On September 10 at 8:55 am, an officer on patrol in the 1st block of E. Queen St. had to take evasive action to avoid being struck head-on by a passing motorist. The officer stopped the vehicle. The driver had an outstanding domestic relations warrant. He was taken into custody and turned over to the sheriff's department.

Tom Showalter gave the Roadmaster's report as follows:

- Lines were painted on all roads.
- Shoulder mowing was completed on all roads.
- Two sink holes were repaired on Furnace Hills Rd.
- Met with Brickerville Electric and Rodney Good Mechanical to discuss the backup generator and heating system at the shop.
- The baseball fields at Chapel Gate and Schoeneck Parks were groomed.
- Reseeded parts of Schoeneck that were disturbed by the under drain work.
- Paving repairs were made on Deer Rd.
- Main Street Park, a toilet, wash bowl and hand dryer were damaged on August 28th. The restrooms will be closed the rest of the year.
- A Township retaining wall was damaged on Hillside Rd. and has been repaired. The police are investigating the hit and run accident.
- Started boom mowing of trees and brush along the roads.
- Finished widening and pipe installation on Binder Rd. Burkholder Paving is scheduled to start road work on October 1st.

James Stoner motioned to approve the purchase of a backup generator for the shop at an approximate cost of \$6,500 for an LP Generator through Costars. Terry Scheetz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Supervisors gave their approval to the Manager and Roadmaster to look into the cost for a LP heating system for the shop. The prices will be discussed at the next meeting.

Carolyn Hildebrand gave the Manager's report as follows:

1. Met with Robert Gabriel, Robert Gabriel & Associates, Mark Thompson and Steve Bonner, Green Harvest Augsberger, to discuss the proposed plans for Phase 3 at the Augsberger farm on September 9, 2015.
2. Met with Christian Heckman, Susquehanna Bank, to discuss changes we will see due to the merger with BB& T Bank.
2. Met with residents to discuss concerns about their shrubbery being mowed.
3. Met and spoke to several residents regarding future building projects.

Terry Scheetz motioned to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Lancaster County

Conservation District. James Stoner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Board of Supervisors reviewed the Stevens Court plan and took the following action as per the Rettew Associates letter dated September 1, 2015:

1. James Stoner motioned to approve the modification request for Sections 403.40 and 602.10.D – Clear Sight Triangle. Terry Scheetz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
2. James Stoner motioned to approve the plan with the following conditions being completed:
 - a. Subdivision and Land Development – Items 1 – 6
 - b. Storm Water Management – Items 1 -3

Terry Scheetz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board of Supervisors reviewed the Terry Scheetz sketch plan and took the following actions based on the Rettew Associates letter dated September 10, 2015:

1. Jacque Smith motioned to approve the modification request for Sections 22-602.5, 22-602.11 and 22-602.12 – Reconstruction of perimeter streets, providing curbing and sidewalks. James Stoner seconded the motion. The motion passed. Terry Scheetz abstained.
2. Jacque Smith motioned to approve the sketch plan with the following conditions being met:
 - a. Zoning – Items 1-2
 - b. Subdivision and Land Development – Items 1 – 7

James Stoner seconded the motion. The motion passed. Terry Scheetz abstained.

The meeting recessed to executive session at 10:05 a.m. to discuss a personnel issue.

The meeting reconvened at 11:50 a.m.

On a motion by James Stoner and seconded by Terry Scheetz, the meeting was adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Stoner
Secretary