

WEST COCALICO TOWNSHIP

The Chairman, James Stoner (JJ) called the executive session to order at 6:00 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m. The meeting was called back in to order at 7:06 p.m.

The following were in attendance:

Supervisors: James Stoner (JJ), Ray Burns, Leon Eby.

Others Present: Carolyn Hildebrand, Manager; Joielyn Current, Administrative Assistant; Tom Showalter, Roadmaster; Lieutenant Tom Shumaker, Ephrata Police Department; Reinholds Ambulance Association; Rory McGlasson, Walsh Construction; Lori & Ted Berger, Reinholds

Public Comment – none

Leon Eby motioned to approve the minutes from the meeting held on January 17, 2017. Ray Burns seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ray Burns motioned to approve the attached list of checks totaling \$84,112.23. J.J. Stoner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Lieutenant Tom Shumaker, Ephrata Police Department gave the police report as follows:

1. January 2017 – Total of 45 offenses.
2. Drug Task Force officer will be assigned May 1, 2017.
3. Two additional officers started on January 16, 2017.
4. Speed details will be assigned as soon as the weather breaks.

Carolyn Hildebrand gave the Manager's Report as follows:

1. I attended the seal coat co-op meeting with Doug Miller on January 19, 2017.
2. I met with Mark Koiro from Lynx to discuss computer issues relating to backing up data on January 19, 2017.
3. The Lancaster Farmland Trust met with Jim Caldwell and Kara Kalapsun from Rettew on January 23, 2017 to review the data from the farm survey.
4. I met with John Dinger to review some zoning questions related to his property on January 24, 2017.
5. I met with Ed Ostrowski, president of the CCWA, to look at the rain garden in the Chapel Gate Park on January 26, 2017.
6. I met with Shawn Houchin from Sauder Eggs and Melissa Kelly, from Rettew, to discuss a parking lot project on January 26, 2017.
7. I followed up on a few resident complaints including a damaged guardrail, building without a permit, junk on the property and wash water being discharged outside.
8. I spoke to Elwayne Weaver, regarding an upcoming logging operation.
9. I attended the meeting for the farmer's to wrap up the Lancaster Farmland Trust survey on Wednesday, January 25th.
10. I met with Bert Nye, Red Barn; Walter Augsburg, Myron Martin and Tom Showalter to review a proposed stormwater plan which involves a pipe under a Township road.

Tom Showalter gave the Roadmaster report as follows:

1. Sign inventory was done, 17 signs to replace.

2. Ordered new signs.
3. Replaced pipes on Deer Road.
4. Replaced stop signs.
5. Cleaned up trees and wires on Golf Road and Swamp Bridge Road.
6. Working in shop to finish ceiling.
7. Cross Conveyor came in on Wednesday 2/1.
8. Pipe on Hartings Park Road; getting ready to pave in the spring.
9. Crew was out to salt a few times.

Reinholds Community Ambulance Association – showed the LUCAS machine (automatic CPR device) to the Board. Reinholds Ambulance bought one machine and is asking for a contribution for a second machine. The Board said they will contribute to the cost for the benefit of the community. The monetary donation will be decided by the next meeting.

Ray Burns motioned to adopt the Proclamation for Safe Digging. Leon Eby seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Engine Retarder System Update – tabled until next meeting; however there has been a noticeable difference according to the residents.

Cable Company Update – Carolyn left a message with an attorney who works with cable fees for more information. Blue Ridge chooses to pass the franchise fee onto the municipality. Franchise fee is capped at 5%.

Rory McGlasson was here from Walsh Construction to discuss the PennDot Rapid Bridge Replacement Project. The bridge replacement project is the largest project to date. The Poplar Street Bridge will be replaced starting in mid-March 2017. The bridge will be closed for 75 days. Signs will be posted prior to road closings, and a detour will also be posted. Plans for the new bridge are on display in the township building.

Leon Eby motioned to approve Resolution 02022017 to join the seal coat co-op for 2017. Ray Burns seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ray Burns motioned to approve advertising for the seal coat for 2017 with the co-op. Leon Eby seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ray Burns motioned to approve advertising the bid for paving for 2017. Leon Eby seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

West Cocalico was named one of the Safest Small Towns in the United States. West Cocalico is ranked #90 out of 250 according to LENDEDU. The data comes from FBI criteria, the number of violent crimes per 1,000 residents.

J.J. Stoner asked to put a list of vendors together from the Heroin event at Cocalico High School, held on 1/24/17, and to list the vendors on the West Cocalico Township website.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Eby
Secretary