

**Williams Township Board of Supervisors**  
**August 15, 2018**

A special meeting of the Williams Township Board of Supervisors, 655 Cider Press Road, Easton, PA 18042 was held on the above date and called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson Mark Ernst. Mark led the audience in the pledge to the flag. Others present were Vice Chairman Ray Abert, Supervisor Michael Bryant, Township Solicitor Jonathan Reiss and Township Secretary Melody Ernst.

Mark stated there will be an Executive Session held directly after this meeting, for personnel matters and possible litigation.

**New Business**

**1. Appointment of Township Manager** - Mark asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2018-17- appointing Mikal Sabatine as Township Manager with a salary of \$75,000.00 and benefits as stated in the employee manual. Michael made that motion, second by Ray. There being no comments, motion carried 3-0.

Mark further stated a motion is needed to appoint Mikal Sabatine as the Assistant Treasurer. Ray made that motion, second by Michael. There being no comments, motion carried 3-0.

**2. Other Business**

**a. Employee Compensations** - Mark made a motion to compensate Katie for work that was completed in July for Zoning in the amount of \$1,000.00, second by Michael. Michael stated this is based on month to month depending on the extra work that is being done. There being no further comments, motion carried 2-1. Ray opposed.

Mark turned the meeting over to Ray - Ray made a motion to approve compensation for Melody for the month of July which will be evaluated again for the month of August in the amount of \$2,500.00, second by Michael. There being no comments, motion carried 2-0. Mark Abstained. Ray turned the meeting back over to the Chairman.

**b. Use of Recreation Fields** - Ray stated a gentlemen from Forks Township attended the Recreation meeting asking if he could rent the ballfields for four games in September. The recreation board explained to him the cost would be \$50.00 per game for a total cost of \$200.00. If approved they will send the Certificate of Insurance to Mel. Mark asked George, in the past we waived the fee if it were for the kids in the Township. George stated if it was a Township related organization/kids. Mark made

a motion to allow the use of the fields at a cost of \$50.00 per game for a total of \$200.00, second by Michael. Mike Strawn asked who would be dragging and lining the fields. Ray commented the Public Works would be maintaining the fields and lining them Friday for their games. In the event of rain, the games will be played on Sunday after noon. There being no further comments, motion carried 3-0.

**c. Appointment of Foreman** - Mike Strawn commented the previous foreman resigned and an advertisement for the position was placed in the paper. One full time employee was interviewed and then decided to withdraw his interest and Don Hockman was interviewed who is currently a part time employee for the Township. Mike Strawn is recommending that Don Hockman be hired at a rate of \$23.70/hour. It was stated that his hourly rate would change to \$24.34 after the union contract on October 1, 2019. It was further discussed that Mike is looking at a late November or early December start date. Ray made a motion to hire Don Hockman as foreman, second by Michael. There being no comments, motion carried 3-0.

### **Supervisors Remarks**

Ray asked where the Township stands with the Cell Tower proposal that was brought before the Board. Mark commented there seemed to be a conflict with what the gentlemen proposing the live comment to what was proposed on paper. Jonathan commented the proposal should be in writing and he recommended that the zoning should be worked on and in place before moving forward with signing any contracts. Ron will need to review same and then there will need to be a discussion with the Board before Attorney Cohen can draft it in form and send it to the two planning commissions for review. Mark stated information will need to be given to Mikal so that he can work with Jonathan on this matter.

Ray commented that Rich sent pictures to the Board indicating a resident on Jones Street had placed a fence to close to the roadway that it could possibly suffer damage from a Township snow plow. Mike Strawn commented that the fence should be a minimum of 5 feet off the roadway but in this case the fence is 2 feet off the roadway. Jonathan stated that if zoning requires five feet from the cartway the Township can either ignore it or issue a zoning enforcement notice to relocate the fence or for the resident to appeal it to the Zoning Hearing Board. If the Board is not going to do anything, then it should be in writing that any damage from a snow plow will not be the responsibility of the Township. Marks feeling is that the Board should address it in the legal way and let the resident go through the proper channels to either remediate it or appeal it. Jonathan recommended that it should be brought to the attention of the zoning officer. Ray will give the information to Mikal so that he can bring it to the attention of the zoning officer.

Michael Bryant asked that the acoustic proposal be placed on the September agenda.

Michael commented that it was brought to his attention that the backstop fence is low behind home plate. Mike Strawn indicated that is because there is a water issue on the small field. Michael also asked for an update on the dugouts.

Michael extended congratulations to Mikal Sabatine and welcomed him to Williams Township.

Mark commended the Public Works employees for a fantastic job during the flooding in the Stouts Valley area. Mark further stated that he and Mike will be meeting with Representative Bob Freeman regarding the Raubsville bridge to see if there is any assistance that he can give to move repairs along faster. Mark commented that he did receive a request for a couple of temporary detour signs to direct people for Raubsville and Steely Hill Roads.

Audience Comments - None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The meeting was re-opened.

Joe Schiller commented on the tractor trailer parking along Route 78 and asked for an update. Mike Strawn stated that he has been in contact with PennDot. The Township would need to send a notice to the State requesting that section of road be no parking. If PennDot approves, then an Ordinance would need to be drafted.

Ron stated if the Board wishes to pass a motion for Mike and Ron to assist in developing a plan and letter to PennDot requesting no parking along the road. Ray made a motion to have Mike and Ron draft a form letter to PennDot for no parking or standing along Cedarville Road from Morgan Hill Road to Turnberry Street, second by Michael. There being no comments, motion carried 3-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melody A. Ernst, Secretary  
Williams Township Board of Supervisors