

WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Regular Meeting
May 8, 2024

The monthly 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 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson George Washburn. Others present were Vice Chairperson Raymond Abert, Supervisor Michael Bryant, Township Solicitor Sean Duffy, Township Manager Melody Ernst, Township Engineer Ronald Madison, Zoning Officer Suzanne Borzak, Public Works Director Michael Strawn and Township Secretary Hannah Warner.

George stated that an Executive Session was held on April 22, 2024 for Legal Matters & May 8, 2024 for Legal Matters.

George asked if there were any corrections to the Minutes of April 10, 2024. Michael made a motion to approve said minutes, second by Ray. There being no comments, motion carried 3-0.

Melody presented the Expense Report of May 8, 2024 to the Board. Ray made a motion to approve the Expense Report, and to pay the bills, second by Michael. There being no comments, motion carried 3-0. Melody stated that the April Treasurers Report was not available.

Manager's Report – Melody submitted her report dated May 8, 2024 to the Board for review.

Dave Hopkins from the City of Easton has reached out to the Board asking for a letter of support for a grant that is being applied for by the Sewer Authority, City of Easton, and Nurture Nature Center to fund a new energy production facility at the wastewater treatment plant. This item appears under New Business for the Boards consideration.

Public Works – Mike submitted his report dated April 10, 2024 to May 8, 2024 to the Board for review.

1. Approval to Hire Summer Temp for Public Works – Michael made a motion to approve a Summer Temp Employee for Public Works, second by Ray. There being no comments, motion carried 3-0.

Mike stated they installed a new guide rail at the bottom of Old Well Road and are replacing some guide rail parts on Kressman Road. Ray asked if the Township pays the bill for the guide rail. Mike stated if they can catch the truck driver, they are able to turn it into the insurance company. Mike stated that the Road Projects will begin on May 8, 2024. He also stated that 42 trees were planted for Earth Day.

Zoning Office Report – Suzanne submitted her report for April to the Board for review. There will not be a Zoning Hearing Board meeting on Wednesday, May 22, 2024.

Planning Commission – None

Land Preservation Board – The April 23, 2024 report was received by the Board for Review.

Recreation Board – The report of May 1, 2024 was received by the Board for Review.

1. Approval to Purchase Batting Cage for Raubsville Park – Judy stated that no information has been received. No action taken on this matter.

2. Approval to Purchase Batting Cage for Chinergy Field – Judy stated that no information was received. No action taken on this matter.

Judy asked if 10 tables can be ordered for Fest O Fall. There were only 20 in stock last year when they were ordered.

Engineers Report – Ron briefly reviewed his May 6, 2024 memorandum.

Ron stated the Chrin Landfill Expansion project with improvements will start sometime after May 15th and will continue through end of September. There will be intermittent traffic control and lane closures on Industrial Drive. In addition, Tumble Creek Subdivision will begin work May 15th on Tumble Creek Road. There will be intermittent traffic control and possible road closures between May 15th through July.

Tom Heilman – 20 Kate Court – Tom stated people in the neighborhood are frustrated with how long it takes to get a permanent certificate of occupancy.

Solicitor Report - The report was provided to the Board for review.

Old Business – None

New Business

1. Tax Collector Compensation Resolution 2024-12 – Sean stated this matter will go in effect January 1, 2026, increasing the fixed bill rate from \$4.00 a bill to \$5.00 a bill. Michael asked Mel what Jenny’s rationale was to determine the increase. Michael made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-12 with a \$1.00 increase per bill, second by Ray. Ray asked what type of increase would that give her? After a brief discussion, Michael withdrew his motion, and the matter was tabled until June.

2. City of Easton Support Grant Letter – Michael made a motion to approve the support grant letter, second by Ray. There being no comments, motion carried 3-0.

3. Approval of Partial Tax Refund to Resident of 50 Diehl Road – Melody stated that the assessment for property address 50 Diehl Road was decreased for the year of 2024. The tax collector is recommending a partial refund of \$1.55. Ray made the motion to refund \$1.55 to the residents at 50 Diehl Road, second by Michael. There being no comments, motion carried 3-0.

Supervisors' Comments - Ray mentioned Sunday, May 26, 2024 at 6pm there will be Memorial Remembrance of all the Veteran's.

Audience Comments - Tom Little 700 Texas Road - spoke on how there are too many power outages going on in Williams Township because of dead ash trees.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hannah Warner, Twp. Secretary/Assistant Treasurer
Williams Township Board of Supervisors