

Meeting Minutes- July 14, 2020 @ 6pm Township Meeting

Location: Outside Steps of Township Building

Attendance: Tom Donahoo/Chairman/Supervisor/Roadmaster, V Chairman/Supervisor Lars Lange (via speaker phone) Dave Garland/Supervisor, Eric Betzner/Solicitor, Betsy Benning/Secretary Treasurer

MEETING HELD ON THE OUTSIDE STEPS DUE TO COVID 19

Announcement: *This meeting is being audio and video taped as an aid to the Secretary only and is not to be considered an official record of business.*

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Pledge of Allegiance: I pledge Allegiance to the flag of the United States, and to the Republic, for which it stands, one Nation Under God, indivisible, With Liberty and Justice for all.

Citizens Participation:

~Paulette Bernard questions as to why the Act 13 payment is so much smaller.

Supervisor Tom stated the local gas wells are capped.

~Pauline has concern with a nuisance vehicle at the Mercante garage, Paulette stated she is concerned about the 2 snakes that were in the van and getting into her yard eventually. Can't this be dealt with the Nuisance Vehicle Ordinance?

Supervisor Tom stated he'll investigate the issue.

~Ed Roth queries when the Lone Pine Rd RR overpass will be taken out so these big trucks can get through?

Supervisor Tom stated the RR company must agree with Penn Dot on the removal but hasn't.

Supervisor Tom states he has heard the "funding" was used elsewhere but doesn't know where the funding went to.

~Ed Roth states he'll ask Bud Cook about the issue.

~Ed Roth asks why the Miners statue sits at the Bethlehem Center Schools versus here somewhere in the Township?

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Supervisor Lars states the statue at the school campus memorializes all the local area miners and is not for strictly West Bethlehem Township.

Motion to accept Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Motion: M by Tom Donahoo _____ Lars Lange _____ 2nd _____ Dave Garland – all voted yeas, Motion Carried.

Bills Paid after last meeting: MVFC, \$3250.0; Waste Management, \$127.46; Columbia Gas, \$52.53; UPMC Health Plan, \$5907.20; West Penn Power, \$513.32

New Bills to be paid: Harshman CE Group, \$4802.50; Higbee, \$345.00; Suite Kote, \$1102. 62; SPWA, \$23.78; Sam's Mastercard, \$91.93; PSATS, \$240.00 (Website hosting support); Office Depot, \$415.07; MWBJs, \$45.00; Lowes Business, \$10.61; Yablonski, Costello, Leckie, \$400.00; Amos Enterprises, \$650.00, Eighty Four Agway, \$43.96; Marianna Community Library, \$49.75; Action Equipment, \$75.10, Columbia Gas, \$ 14.98; SPWA, \$5.31; Brownsville Ace Hardware, \$38.48

Motion: to pay the bills : M by Tom Donahoo _____ Lars Lange _____ 2nd _____ Dave Garland – all voted yeas, Motion Carried.

Correspondence:

~ WBT received a refund from PSATS for \$130.00 for seminars for Lars Lange due to the seminars already being included within the yearly dues.

~WBT received \$284,190.77 this year in Act 13 payments, this represents a decrease from last year's payment in the amount of \$59,175.55.

~Thank you to Supervisor, Dave Garland and Garland's Green House for donating their time and supplying the materials to create such beautiful flower beds for all to enjoy.

~Remedial Action Completed on Hunter Well Pad

Road Master Report:

~mowing brush & trimming trees

Solicitor Report:

Solicitor had no discussions to add.

Old Business: ~ Census reminder

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CENSUS UPDATE - RESPONSE RATES

USA	62.0%
PA	65.2%
Washington Cnty	67.2%
West Beth Twp	58.0%
Amwell Twp	71.3%
North Beth Twp	63.6%
East Beth Twp	48.7%

Starting August 11, the Census Office will send personnel to those addresses that have not responded. Census will end October 31.

Census figures affect funding for grants, roads, impact fees, WBT funding dependent on the population.

Brownfields EPA Phase II assessment for the Slate Dump is proceeding. The county is awaiting a scope of work and cost proposal by the KU engineering firm. This project is being managed by township engineer, Bryan Lowe of Harshman CE Group.

Moa access point – a non-issue

New Business:

Motion: for West Bethlehem Twp to make a donation out of the Act 13 Fund to the Marianna Volunteer Fire Company in the amount of \$15,107.90.

Motion: _____ 2nd _____ Tom Donahoo, _____ Lars Lange _____ M _____ Dave Garland, all voted yeas, Motion passed.

Motion: for J & M Logging to log 26 Valley View Drive, following approval from Engineering and Solicitor.

Motion: _____ M _____ Tom Donahoo, _____ Lars Lange _____ 2nd _____ Dave Garland, all voted yeas, Motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned:6:12pm

The image shows a circular official seal of West Bethlehem Township, Pennsylvania. Overlaid on the seal are several handwritten signatures in dark ink. The signatures appear to be 'Bethlehem', 'Lars Lange', and 'Dave Garland'. The seal itself contains the text 'WEST BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP' and 'PENNSYLVANIA' around the perimeter.