

MEETING MINUTES – WEST BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING

Tuesday, July 26, 2022 @ 6pm

Attendees: Supervisor Tom Donahoo, Supervisor Lars Lange, Supervisor Dave Garland, Secretary Treasurer RTK Officer Betsy Benning; Solicitor Eric Betzner

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.

Citizen's participation:

~ Marilyn Curler – follow up from prior complaint regarding 29 Rosewood Ave. **No show**

~ Marilyn Curler ~ why no contracted trash removal for Township? **No show**

Minutes from previous Monthly Meeting/s:

Motion: to accept minutes from previous meeting:

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

Bills paid since last meeting: Sam's Club Mastercard, \$568.87 (Gen); SPWA, \$53.43 (Gen); SPWA, \$53.43 (Gen); David Smereczniak, \$25.00 (Gen); Coolspring Stone Supply, \$5699.76 (Act 13); Briggs Tire, \$20.00 (Gen); Security Systems, \$150.00 (Gen); Higbee Insurance, \$250.00 (Gen); El Grande Industries, \$11,221.49 (Act 13); MWBJSA, \$49.00 (Gen); Bigs Sanitation, \$110.00 (Gen); Yablonski, Costello & Leckie, \$400.00 (Gen); Observer Reporter, \$80.14 (Gen); Columbia Gas, \$23.64 (Gen)

New Bills to be paid: PSATS (CDL) \$101.00 (Gen); Harshman CE Group, \$366.80 (Act 13); Harshman CE Group, \$153.60 (EQT Highland Ridge Construction); Harshman CE Group, 6769.70 (Gen); Harshman CE Group, \$90.00 (EQT F/S Construction); Harshman CE Group, \$450.00 (Capital Improvements); Harshman CE Group, \$205.40 (Act 13); UniFirst, \$69.02 (Gen) JCB Finance, \$59,837.98 (Equipment Fund) Lowes, \$197.08 (Gen); Land Bank, \$250.00 (Gen) ~~(may not pay, discussion below)~~ SPWA, \$55.24 (Gen); Stephenson Equipment, \$248.76 (State);

Motion: to pay bills:

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

Correspondence:

~Broadband upgrade

Road Masters Report:

~ working on Dirt and Gravel Roads, Tar and chipping, downed trees, etc.

Solicitors Report:

~nothing to add

Old Business:

~sale of old equipment

~Municipal sale of items Sale -of old equipment WILL COMMENCE ON MUNICIBID (Lars still working on)

~old TVs, and electronic equipment being taken to JVS Environmental- post clean-up day/s collections. (Lars – still working on)

~used tires need removed and recycled-due to post numerous clean up days/collections. Secretary has reached out to some establishments to receive information on what the process entails as well as the costs involved

~Reached out to Washington County -Jordan Widmer to notify his “watershed Specialist (Jennifer Dan)” to set up a Tire shredding event for this fall. This would be zero cost to the Township, other than transporting the tires to the set-up location & man hours (prep), tire shredding process takes place at well pads sites. Secretary will continue working toward scheduling the tire shredding event. 6-17-2022 Recd call from Jordan regarding Tire Shredding Event, process to be set up this fall with Range Resources (establishment involved with these events) and Jordan and Jennifer will continue to monitor upcoming event and reach out to WBT closer to fall. – Update: Tire shredding process may have to hold till Spring 2023, will depend on Range Resources

~ collecting of franchise fees? – Consolidated Communication (Lars)

Correspondence:

~Broadband YTD Progress — Error, all duplications

Road Masters Report:

Solicitors Report:

New Business:

Motion: to make a request to Penn DOT to place a Speed trailer on Main Street.

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

Motion: to hire a part time person (as needed basis only) to assist with a parttime township jobs.

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

Motion: To suspend *all* NON-ESSENTIAL TOWNSHIP WORK (I.E., grant work (with the exception of Road Grants), research, webinars, etc.) any item, that is not worked to handle strictly the daily necessities of the township functionality—grass cutting, paving, road trimming, road maintenance, monitoring of PA One call 8-1-1 notifications, resident complaints, park maintenance, signing of checks, etc.

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Motion: to purchase Drum Mulcher Pro X for the JCB Hydrodig, quoted price received from Stephenson Equipment is \$20,958.00.

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

Motion: to renew membership with the Land Bank.

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

Motion: to not allow any non-qualified persons to operate any Township equipment without 3 years' experience or being directly supervised.

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Motion: to recommend no Township work be completed (painting, building, cleaning, etc.) unless person hired has their own insurance to cover any damages.

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

ACTION ITEM ADDED

Motion: to research and locate a new engineer, consultant/architect to manage the project of repointing the Township Building.

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

Meeting Adjourned _____ 6:20pm _____