

MEETING MINUTES – West Bethlehem Township Supervisors Meeting Tuesday, April 11, 2023 @ 6pm

Attendees: Tom Donahoo- Chairman Supervisor/Roadmaster, Lars Lange – V Chair Supervisor, Dave Garland – Supervisor, Eric Betzner – Solicitor, Betsy Benning-Secretary Treasurer-RTK Officer

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 of America, and to the Republic, for which it stands, one Nation, Under God, indivisible with Liberty and Justice for all.

Citizens Participation:

~ ~~Betty Girdish – Scrap Tires on Lone Pine Rd (across from old tickle bridge)~~

~Paulette Bernard- thank the Twp for the dog waste bags placed in the park & discussed animal safety & requirements

~John and Tin DeJuliis – weight limit sign and update on bridge for Garrett Rd

~John Sargent – Garrett Rd

Minutes from previous Monthly Meeting:

Motion: to approve the previous meeting minutes

 M Tom Donahoo 2nd Lars Lange Dave Garland, **all voted yeas, MOTION CARRIED**

Bills paid since last Meeting: Sam’s Club Mastercard, \$1320.44 (Gen); Berringer’s Party Rentals, \$670.00 (Donation Fund); West Penn Power, \$41.11 (Gen); Commonwealth of PA, \$116.00 (Gen); Consolidated Communications, \$276.48 (Gen); Thomas Donahoo, \$40.00 (repayment from purchasing Park cleaning supplies) (Gen); Dave Garland, \$95.35 (Gen) (repayment from Urinal repair parts);

Bills to be paid: Dry Tavern Ace Hardware, \$316.72 (Gen); Groff Tractor, \$807.55 (State); Coolspring Stone, \$7370.00(Act 13); Farner Fire, \$204.84 (Gen); UniFirst, \$384.28 (Gen); KLH Engineers, \$840.00 (Gaming); Cumberland Truck Parts, \$135.42 (Gen); Harshman CE Group, \$2903.20 (Mono to Burnsworth); Harshman CE Group, \$3581.25 (EQT Chaps); Suit Kote, \$2924.72 (Act 13); Bigs Sanitation, \$110.00 (Gen); Key Environmental, \$8200.00 (Gaming); Sprague, \$1842.10 (State); PDI, \$873.89 (Gen); Yablonski/Costello & Leckie, \$400.00 (Gen); PA Iota trust Account \$11.54 (tax overpayment– Gen); PV Settlement \$11.02 (tax overpayment –

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Gen) Suburban Propane, \$1227.40 (Gen); Lowes, \$275 (Gen); MWBJSA, \$57.00 (Gen); Diamond Communication Solutions \$892.78 (Gen)

Motion: to pay bills

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

Correspondence:

~paper retriever bin placed @ Township building to initiate paper recycling

Road Masters Report:

~working on various road patching & grading

Solicitors Report: will be addressed with Park Ordinance Revision section below.

Old Business:

~Library/Township signage updates (**Lars reviewing**)

~Flooring into entryway of Township Building (**Dave will be addressing**)

~Security of Township building (**no updates currently**)

~Land Bank properties-shall we cease membership? (**Lars – needed for blighted properties**)

~Update to the Park rental application (**No park board- Lars will review**)

~Municipal progress – received titles – can now proceed with placing the ad. (**Good**)

~Road signage purchasing for updates (**Lars preparing spreadsheet, will add weight limit signs**)

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion: to apply for a DGLVR grant or a Multimodal Transportation Grant for Field and Stream Road Bridge. **REVISED: will apply for an LSA State grant as well.**

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

Motion: to place a Request Ad for Proposal (RFP)for Township Engineers.

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

Motion: ~~act on the bids received for the Township Building repointing.~~ **TABLED**

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_____ Tom Donahoo _____ Lars Lange _____ Dave Garland, all voted yeas, Motion carried.

Motion: ~~to purchase and install 4 benches & 1 table from _____ to place on the walking trail in different areas. (TABLED) (*NOTE – Supervisor Dave feels he can make them out of weather resistant “Deka” material for much less \$\$)~~

_____ Tom Donahoo _____ Lars Lange _____ Dave Garland, all voted yeas, Motion carried.

Motion: rent a Port O Potty from R & D Watters for the Cleanup event from 4-21-2023 through 4-23-2023, at a price of \$227.37. Potty will also be retained for 1 month to benefit residents during the Float Event, May 13, 2023.

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

Motion: to purchase 3 additional cameras for Township use. Add: sim cards & locks also.

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

Motion: to evaluate and approve the revised Park Ordinance, as prepared by Solicitor.

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

Motion: Landowner’s Driveway Pipe on Valley View Rd needs replaced or repaired – (the pipe that had been placed into the Road was too small, now it needs to be upsized - due to water damage that occurred on the road following the last 3 storms)

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

Motion: purchase signs for the WBT park requiring dog waste cleanup (\$14.95each)

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

Motion: ~~to investigate ways for an electronic payment to go through Northwest Banking for registrants to pay for the Regatta event, like PayPal*. **TABLED**~~

~~*From Northwest Savings/Natalie Miller: The participants (attending the Regatta as a Participant) would just send you a check using their own bill pay (via ~~their~~ online banking app) and once you receive~~

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the check you can deposit it (into applicable bank account), like when you receive a check in the mail now.

_____ Tom Donahoo _____ Lars Lange _____ Dave Garland, all voted yeas, Motion carried.

Motion: to accept the bid from Arch Masonry of \$85,000 to repoint the entire Twp Building

_____ Tom Donahoo _____ M _____ Lars Lange _____ Dave Garland, all voted yeas, **Motion carried. Died (no 2nd)**

Motion: to accept the reduced scope of work bid from Arch Masonry based on the original estimate of \$65,000 that was the basis of the awarded LSA application. **(TABLED)**

_____ Tom Donahoo _____ Lars Lange _____ Dave Garland, all voted yeas, Motion carried.

Motion: to accept land purchase contract for the “Kennedy tract” as prepared by the Township solicitor **(TABLED)**

_____ Tom Donahoo _____ Lars Lange _____ Dave Garland, all voted yeas, Motion carried.

Motion: to accept deed for the “Kennedy tract” as prepared by the Township solicitor

_____ Tom Donahoo _____ Lars Lange _____ Dave Garland, all voted yeas, Motion carried. **(TABLED)**

Motion: to approve Anthony Post’s request to plant six trees at locations to be agreed along the West Bethlehem Walking Trail, in memory of his great grandfather, Bob Mercante. **(TABLED)**

_____ Tom Donahoo _____ Lars Lange _____ Dave Garland, all voted yeas, Motion carried.

Motion: to prepare ordinance naming the Park driveway as Behm Way

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

Motion: Ratify: placement of ad in Observer Reporter regarding *clean up days and float event. *Note: 30-yard dumpster reserved @ a cost of \$535.00

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

Meeting Adjourned: 6:58pm

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Patricia Measor", is written over a circular official stamp. The stamp contains text that is mostly illegible due to the signature and fading, but it likely identifies the signatory as a township official.