

West Mead Township Board of Supervisors

Public Study Session Minutes

April 9, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.

Present: Supervisors Bovard, Jordan and Shartle. Also present: Barry Porter, Paul Martin, Penni Dallas, Chief Brown, Alan Shaddinger and Jill Dunlap.

Executive Sessions were held on March 28, 2024, April 1, 2024 and April 9, 2024 for Litigation for Stormwater Matters.

Note: This is a public meeting of the Board of Supervisors for purposes of general discussion of administrative, regulatory enforcement; police and road department and personnel; building and grounds; budget and related matters and issues related thereto that may or may not require action. It is also used to review and comment on the public meeting agenda for the regular public meeting.

Note: The Crawford County Comprehensive Plan, entitled Crawford Inspired, is being undertaken by the Crawford County Planning Commission. They have been holding stakeholder meetings and accepting comments. They anticipate the plan will be considered for approval later this year.

Note: Grant application will be submitted to Crawford County Blight Revitalization Program for a vacant blighted property located on Alden Street. Dunlap provided background information and noted there are many conditions that will need to be met to participate.

Note: Grant application will be submitted to PennDOT under the Automated Red Light Enforcement (ARLE) Funding Program for street lighting on Leslie Road and street lighting and roadside safety improvements on Liberty Street. Barry Porter noted how dark sections of the roadway are during evening hours and people walking along Liberty Street are definite traffic hazards. With Forest Green and Woodland Heights located on Arthur Street, many walk along the roadways in the area to go to Dollar General or into Meadville. Dunlap noted Forest Green and Woodland Heights representatives could be invited to attend the May meeting. Porter discussed water issues and widening of the roadway or increasing the berms for the safety of everyone. Shartle noted they will get there to get some items addressed.

The Chairman noted the above items.

Shaddinger and Dunlap discussed two Light Industrial Zoning District proposals of Dennis Haylett and Brian Shaw with changes to the West Mead Township Zoning Ordinance that will be reviewed by the West Mead Township Planning Commission at their next meeting. The Supervisors saw no issue with the proposal for Dennis Haylett on Blooming Valley Road as the Light Industrial Zoning District abuts his property so it could be a simple extension of the District with Automotive Repair as a Conditional Use. All agreed to recommend the West Mead Township Planning Commission review this at their next meeting and consideration for approval could happen at the May Supervisors meeting. The request of Brian Shaw on Baldwin Street Extension is a little more involved as there are numerous zoning districts located along that roadway in the Township. It was recommended the Township Planning Commission further review the entire Baldwin Street area at their next meeting.

Shaddinger and Dunlap discussed a Solar Amendment to the West Mead Township Zoning Ordinance that will be reviewed by the West Mead Township Planning Commission at their next meeting. Jordan thought having some requirements in place are a good idea. The main issues seen in other areas with commercial solar developments seem to be setbacks, buffer areas and emergency and fire services access.

The Board reviewed the items on the 7:00 meeting agenda.

Being no further business, Jordan moved, Shartle seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Dunlap
Secretary