

The Board of Supervisors of Woodcock Township met for their regular meeting on Tuesday March 12, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at the Township Building, 16250 State Hwy. 86, Saegertown, PA 16433. Chairman Winters opened this meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Those in attendance were Supervisors William Winters, Jason Crawford and Randall Chess and Secretary Renee Hayes. Guests present: Richard Byham, Dan Miller, Dan Norton, Ruth Perrine, Merle Spaid, Sarah Medvec and Susan Black.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

Correspondence PennDOT/Tri-State Traffic Data will be collecting traffic data on portions of these township roads: Mitchell, Peters, Theuret Hill, Wood Meadows Ct., Brown, Helen St., Pinneys, Camp, during the period of March-November.

Liquid Fuels money has been received for 2024 @ \$203,395.79. (2023=\$204240.37)

Crawford County Association of Township Officials sent a letter outlining their new policies and procedures.

Approval of Minutes Chess moved and Crawford seconded to approve the February 13, 2024 minutes as presented. Approved by unanimous vote.

Payment of Bills Chess moved to authorize payment of the bills as presented, Crawford seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Account Closure Crawford moved to ratify authorization to close the Woodcock Village Grant account since the project is complete, Chess seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Truck Bed Chess moved to ratify authorization to purchase a truck bed for the 2011 Ford F-350 pickup truck and to pay for materials for repairs by the kids at the Vo-Tech. Crawford seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote. Crawford said the bed has been taken to the Vo-Tech for free labor and repairs and the township will pay for materials, possibly \$400-\$500.

Outdoor Vendor Rental The township was asked if it would be possible to rent the township grounds for a sort of "flea market" with vendors and food trucks for a weekend. Winters stated reasons for not allowing such as possible items left in the grass for the mower to hit; people walking around getting into buildings, etc., Chess sited liability and Crawford was on the fence about it. Winters moved to not allow outdoor vendors onto the township's property, Chess seconded and the motion passed with unanimous vote.

Township Grounds Maintenance/Mowing Alan Bardeen submitted a quote for continuing to mow and maintain the township's grounds for the following: Mowing @ \$299/time; Peiffer Cemetery @ \$375 x 6; ballfield if needed @ \$290 ea. (normally 3 times). The Board agreed that Bud does a great job. Crawford moved to accept the quote, Chess seconded and the motion passed with unanimous vote.

Mitchell Road Repairs Due to the almost complete failure of last year's experiment, the township will bear the cost of fixing the damages to Mitchell Road as the contractor (Midland, Mike Spolar) said it failed due to the township scraping the seal coat off of the crown with the plow which allowed water to enter, freeze and break up the surface of almost the entire road. Winters, Crawford & Spolar visited Hasbrouck Sand & Gravel, Spolar found a gravel he thought would make a good base when tailgated at 4"-5" and ground in with the reclamation machine.

Winters moved to authorize this expenditure and Chess seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote. *No costs have been determined as of yet.

Ballfield Transformation Chess moved to continue with transforming the ballfield into a stockpile area and to authorize the expenditures for the township's engineer and applicable DEP permitting fees, seconded by Crawford. Motion passed with unanimous vote. The Board is aware of the 2-year limit on storage of asphalt millings as per DEP Waste Management Division.

Security Cameras Chess moved and Crawford seconded authorization to research and get the best possible system spending a max of \$6,000. Hayes will proceed.

Cyber Insurance tabled due to lack of info from insurance broker- he is working on it.

Solar Ordinance tabled; waiting on Solicitor.

Department Reports

Road Department: Jason Crawford reported storm debris cleanup; plowing; cutting brush; hand filled some potholes; grader is down.

Tax Collector: Sarah Medvec- Bills were mailed last week of February; First office hours are 3/14.

Zoning Officer: Renee Hayes reported \$611,000 construction costs for 4 projects; 1 new code enforcement.

TCC Delegate: Renee Hayes reported that during the Feb. 15 meeting, Berkheimer, collector of earned income and local services taxes, would be withholding our allocation from this year's revenues (\$179.10) as they do every other year, for our portion of the operating expenses of the Committee. Berkheimer has proposed to extend the current 10-year addendum contract ending in 12/31/2025 for an additional 10 years at the same collection rate of 1.57% for EIT and 1.60% for LST. That will be voted on in Feb. 2025. (2023 EIT = \$323,409; LST = \$31,545).

Public Comment

Merle Spaid stated the new township identification sign looked nice & all agreed. It was put up today by Crawford & Winters.

Dan Miller, Blooming Valley VFD Chief, presented a report to the Board that included how many and what type of calls the Department had responded to in the Township in 2023. He was thanked for his service and for the reports and for attending our meeting.

Richard Byham commented at an earlier portion of the meeting about not being able or being told that he could apply for a variance to seek a permit for an accessory use w/o having a principal use. When asked for clarity and what year that might have been, he said maybe 10 years ago when he wanted a feed mill but was told no, when Chapin was a Supervisor. Hayes will investigate and report at next meeting.

There being no further business, Chess moved to adjourn at 5:45 p.m.

Renee D. Hayes,
Secretary