

WOODCOCK TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES
JULY 19, 2022

The Board of Supervisors of Woodcock Township met on Tuesday July 19, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. for their regular meeting. Chairman Winters opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance with the following present:

William Winters, Chairman; Randall Chess Vice Chairman and Jason Crawford.

Renee Hayes, Secretary/Treasurer

Guests: See attached list.

There were no public comments on agenda items at this time.

Approval of Minutes Mr. Crawford made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 14 meeting. Mr. Chess seconded and the motion carried.

Payment of Bills Mr. Chess made a motion to approve the payment of the bills & payroll for the period of -June 15-July 19 2022. Mr. Crawford seconded and the motion carried.

American Rescue Plan Funds Update: Unused funds will be distributed to municipalities who actively sought and were granted funds in 2021. The second half of the original funding is expected soon.

Township Property Improvement Updates utilizing ARPA funds: Hoop bldg. to be delivered and erected on 8/2; precast walls to be delivered and set 7/28; The concrete floor in eq. bldg., sidewalk and front apron have been completed; Stormwater management will soon be completed.

Open Issues:

- Purchase of EDP Dust Control @ \$1.45/gal. 4500 gal min =\$6525; price could fluctuate w/ base asphalt costs rising. Since we have not received any report on the road soil tests that were taken, the Board chose not to purchase as they do not think the product did what they were told it would. UPDATE: \$1.60/gallon + 2000 gals free Dust Clear, top w/ EDP. Supervisors agreed to NOT purchase the EDP and would purchase brine from Seneca Mineral.
- Pfeiffer Cemetery: Escrow not received yet.
- Salt Order- Renee to order salt by July 29.
- Runyan's Property – Chairman Winters stated there is nothing we can do at this time.

New Business:

1. Solar Discussion- Township Residents Scott and Laura Wright and Edward Kantz inquired as to whether the Supervisors were going to pass an ordinance to regulate solar "farms" and to protect everyone's rights. The Wright's have received correspondence that a neighbor has signed a lease agreement with a solar company that would surround their property on all sides. All were concerned with who is responsible for removing the panels at the end of the functionality? They also asked if a committee might be formed to help the Supervisors formulate an ordinance. Chairman Winters stated that the Board would continue working on this with the Solicitor.
2. PennDOT Winter Maintenance Renewal- Mr. Crawford moved to accept/adopt the Agreement for 5 years, seconded by Mr. Chess, motion carried.
3. Zoning Officer- was not discussed.

Public Comment: There were several (18) residents from the Amish Community present and were questioning our zoning ordinance requirements and sewage requirements. They asked several questions and the Mahlon Hostetler issue was brought up as to why family members were not allowed to live in a garage on the property. That issue has been on-going for several years with the Township Zoning Officer offering the options that are available to the Hostetler's. Mr. Hostetler said he didn't *want* to do any of the options and couldn't afford to do a subdivision and he would not! let the zoning officer into the garage to inspect to see if anyone was living there. County Assessment, during their routine travels throughout the township, noticed the change in the garage and notified Hostetler's that they were changing the use of the garage to a dwelling which would in turn increase their real estate taxes. The Township has nothing to do with assessment changes nor did we notify the County and request a change. Mr. Robert Miller said that we do not understand their tradition of helping the young married couples starting out, by living on the property until they could afford to move on. It was explained that our zoning regulations have been in place since 1972- one thing that did change was the "50-acre rule" but the regs are in place for everyone's protection and have been for 50 years. Mr. Robert Miller inquired as to why when he asked for a septic perc test, the SEO only went down 10" and not 6 feet? Renee will ask the SEO for clarification. It was questioned and explained that our SEO is certified by DEP and he follows those regulations. They said our regulations were not "common sense". Again, it was explained, that the UCC, DEP, MPC all govern the regulations that we have.

Property owner Dennis Atkin, presented a subdivision drawn by Mark Galbo and questioned the Board on why a property line was moved 20 feet. The Board told him that was a private matter and they had nothing to do with it.

There being no further business, Mr. Chess moved to adjourn at 7:02 p.m. Crawford seconded and the motion carried.

Renee D. Hayes, Secretary