

January 2, 2024

The Walker Township Supervisors met on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 for their annual organizational meeting as mandated by law. Martin Dreibelbis, by motion of Mr. Casner, seconded by Mr. Deihl, was appointed as temporary chairman. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The Board organized in the following manner: Chairman – Steve Casner by motion of Mr. Deihl and seconded by Mr. Dreibelbis, Vice Chairman – Martin Dreibelbis by motion of Mr. Casner and seconded by Mr. Deihl. The following were appointed by motion of Mr. Casner, seconded by Mr. Deihl and carried: Secretary/Treasurer – Pat Bowers, Road Master – Steve Casner, Township Solicitor – Seth Mosebey, Engineering Services – EADS Group, Recreation Board Representative – Cory Deihl, Zoning Hearing Board- George King, Solid Waste/Recycling Coordinator – Steve Casner, Emergency Management Representative – Martin Dreibelbis, Planning Commission – Glenn Supplee (2029), Vacancy Board – Shirley Saner, Juniata Co Tax Committee – Steve Casner, UCC Appeals Board – Martin Dreibelbis, Planning/Zoning Administrator – David Hostler, Recreation Board Members – Paul Baker, Tiffany Lehman and Amber Foose-Miller, Per Capita Tax Collector – JP Harris, Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor – Don Zagurskie, Building Code Inspection – Commonwealth Code Inspection Services and BIU of New Bloomfield. By motion of Mr. Dreibelbis, seconded by Mr. Casner and carried it was resolved to keep the Township Depositories at Juniata Valley Bank, Fidelity Bank and Pennian Bank. The organizational meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m. by motion of Mr. Deihl, seconded by Mr. Casner and carried.

The Walker Township Supervisors met on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at the Walker Township Municipal Building for their monthly meeting. Steve Casner called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Supervisors Dreibelbis and Deihl were present. The minutes of the December 4, 2023 meeting were approved as presented.

**VISITORS:** Mr. Andy Shelley was present to talk about a proposed Medical Clinic for the Amish community. The Supervisors have not heard of any such plans as of tonight. Mr. George Hazard and Mr. Dave Wenrich were questioning the zoning for Solar Farms and the time line for the codification of ordinances. The ordinances are being codified but a timeline has not been established as of tonight. Mr. Alan Hornberger was visiting.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Buttonwood Campground expansion – Mr. Casner followed up with Mr. Mosebey. Mr. Mosebey stated the land development plan should be sent to the conservation district, county planning, township planning, Walker Township Supervisors and the Township Engineer to do a thorough evaluation of the plan.

**ZONING:** By motion of Mr. Dreibelbis, seconded by Mr. Deihl and carried it was resolved to approve the following permits as submitted by Mr. Dave Hostler: Tyler Hostler (demolition), Elam Beiler (land use) and Jacob Lapp (land use).

**SECRETARY:** Bank runs, minutes, permits to assessor, Act 101 – Recycling report, NPDES- renewal permits, quarterly payroll reports, emails to Auditors, Advertise 2024 meeting dates, W-2's, Capital Tax filed – W-2 and lots of shredding.

**ROADS:** Cramer Tree Service cleared trees on River Road at a cost of \$7,500. By motion of Mr. Dreibelbis, seconded by Mr. Deihl resolution 1-24 was approved. This resolution states Mr. Dreibelbis is allowed to test the road materials used in the 2023 road project.

**ORDINANCES:** No report.

**FINANCES:** By motion of Mr. Deihl, seconded by Mr. Dreibelbis and carried the 2024 wages were approved as follows: Park Mowing/Janitorial - \$13.50 per hour, Secretary/Treasurer - \$960 per month, Planning Commission Members - \$45 per meeting, Zoning/Building Permit Officer - \$490 per month plus \$15 per hour for Zoning Board hearings, Laborers - \$15 per hour, Equipment Operators - \$17 per hour, CDL drivers – 20 per hour, Zoning Hearing Board members - \$50 per meeting. The cost of permits remains at 2013 prices: Driveway - \$35, Land Use - \$50, Building/Zoning (inspection) - \$70 and Occupancy - \$15. By motion of Mr. Deihl, seconded by Mr. Dreibelbis and carried it was resolved to leave the signatories the same on all Pennian and Juniata Valley Bank accounts but adding Patricia Bowers.

**PARK:** No report.

**NEW BUSINESS:** By motion of Mr. Deihl, seconded by Mr. Dreibelbis and carried it was resolved to approve resolution 2-2024 setting the Page SEO charges and services. By motion of Mr. Dreibelbis, seconded by Mr. Deihl and carried it was resolved to pay \$845 for “out of pocket” insurance premiums. By motion of Mr. Dreibelbis, seconded by Mr. Deihl and carried it was resolved to approve Thompsontown Volunteer Fire Company’s request of \$10,500 from their funds for equipment related expenses.

**SUBDIVISIONS:** By motion of Mr. Deihl seconded by Mr. Dreibelbis and carried it was resolved to re-approve the Henry Swarey subdivision plan.

**BILLS**: By motion of Mr. Dreibelbis, seconded by Mr. Deihl and carried it was resolved to approve the monthly bills - paid with checks 15358 through 15379. Check 744 from Mexico Street Light fund. An EFT for PP&L was approved in the amount of \$260.88. An EFT for Brightspeed was approved in the amount of \$47.11.  
By motion of Mr. Deihl, seconded by Mr. Dreibelbis and carried it was resolved to adjourn the meeting at 8 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Baillie, Secretary