

Special Meeting April 27, 2022

The Special Meeting of the Washington Township Board of Supervisors was held on April 27, 2022, at 3:30 pm. The meeting was in-person. The meeting format and agenda were posted on the Township website and the Administrative Building door.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 3:35 pm. Vice Chairman Tolino was in attendance by telephone and Supervisor Huratiak was in-person. Also present: Bookkeeper Katie Purdue and Secretary/Treasurer Gail Putvinski. There were (2) people in the audience.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recited

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Smith announced that the Board of Supervisors held an executive session today from 3:00 pm – 3:35 pm for a personnel issue.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Robert Smith

1) Special Meeting of March 23, 2022

Chairman Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of March 23, 2022 and Vice Chairman Tolino seconded the motion.

Public Comment: None

Vote 3– 0

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1) **Paul Ennico, 189 Treetop Drive, Potholes on Stiles Road That Will Not Be Corrected With Rt. 191 Paving**

Mr. Ennico addressed the Board of Supervisors regarding the poor road conditions at the intersection of Rt. 191 and Stiles Road and approximately 25-35' up Stiles Road. Mr. Ennico shared that he spoke to PennDOT and knows that paving is planned on Rt. 191 between now and next May. However, that will not address the problems on Stiles Road. Mr. Ennico reported that the poor conditions are causing vehicle damage, but more importantly, present a safety issue. He stated that cars are trying to avoid the potholes and accidents will happen. Supervisor Huratiak stated that the work by PennDOT will address the shoulders but will not address the other areas on Stiles Road. Mr. Ennico shared that patching potholes is not sufficient and requested paving of Stiles Road. He also presented photographs for the Board to review. The Board agreed to add Stiles Road to the list of roads needing to be paved for consideration in the future. In the interim, more patching will be done.

SUBDIVISION:

1) **BBA/Bruen/Sandt – Lower S Main St. – Lot Line Adjustment**

Applicant: Marsha Bruen c/o Nicholas Sabatine III
Location: Lower South Main Street
Engineer: Boucher & James, Inc.
Jon Tresslar
Approval Deadline: June 13, 2022

Attorney Nicholas Sabatine was in attendance representing the applicant. Attorney Sabatine provided an overview of the lot line adjustment. The Board of Supervisors also had a letter prepared by Katie Purdue stating that the Washington Township Planning Commission recommended approval of several waivers and the lot line adjustment. Lastly, Katie Purdue shared a copy of the March 8, 2022 review letter from Ott Consulting Inc.

Chairman Smith made a motion to approve waivers 1, 5, 11, 16, 18, 19, 26 and 27 for the BBA/Bruen/Sandt Lot Line Adjustment on Lower South Main Street and Supervisor Huratiak seconded the motion.

Public Comment: None

Vote 3– 0

Chairman Smith made a motion to approve the BBA/Bruen/Sandt Lot Line Adjustment on Lower South Main Street Vice Chairman Tolino seconded the motion.

Public Comment: None

Vote 3– 0

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: Robert Smith

1) American Rescue Plan (ARP), Discussion Regarding Use of Funds For Fire Department PPE and Annual Report Requirement

The Board of Supervisors agreed to use a portion of the American Rescue Plan funds for the Washington Township Volunteer Fire Company.

Vice Chairman Tolino made a motion to approve a donation to the Washington Township Volunteer Fire Company for the purchase of Personal Protective Equipment in the amount of \$94,010.00 using American Rescue Plan funds, and Supervisor Huratiak seconded the motion.

Public Comment: None

Vote 2 – 0 – 1 Abstain

Chairman Smith abstained due to the fact that he is a member of the Volunteer Fire Department.

Gail Putvinski shared that the Township is required to file an annual report detailing the use of the ARP funds. The first report is due by April 30, 2022 and covers the period up to March 31, 2022. The Township had no ARP expenditures as of that date but did obligate \$78,029.00 for Police Body Cameras. All municipalities also have the option of declaring their intention to utilize the “standard allowance” instead of calculating lost revenues. The Standard Allowance option provides the municipalities receiving less than \$10 million to use their funds for general expenses defined as “Revenue Replacement, Provision of Government Services”. This is the option highly recommended by PSATS.

Chairman Smith made a motion to select the “Standard Allowance” option for the usage of American Rescue Plan Funds Supervisor Huratiak seconded the motion.

Public Comment: None

Vote 3– 0

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:05 pm and Supervisor Huratiak seconded the motion.

Public Comment: None

Vote 2 – 0

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Putvinski – Secretary/Treasurer
Washington Township Board of Supervisor