

Special Meeting September 28, 2022

The Special Meeting of the Washington Township Board of Supervisors was held on September 28, 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 3:53 pm. Vice Chairman Tolino and Supervisor Huratiak were also in attendance. Also present: Bookkeeper/Planning and Zoning Secretary Katie Purdue, Secretary/Treasurer Gail Putvinski, and Solicitor David Ceraul. There were zero (0) people in the audience.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recited

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Smith announced that the Board of Supervisors held an Executive Session today from 3:00-4:00 pm to address personnel issues. Secretary/Treasurer Gail Putvinski and Solicitor David Ceraul were also in attendance.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- 1) None

RECREATION: Justin Huratiak

- 1) **Recreation Complex Phase III Construction Update**

Supervisor Huratiak shared that the pre-construction meeting for the paving of the recreation parking lots and driveways is scheduled for Friday, September 30, at 11 AM. The paving of the trails and installation of the basketball court is progressing well.

- 2) **Approval for Draw Down of \$162,000, Balance of Recreation Loan, Towards Payment of Phase III - Paving of Trails and Basketball Court**

Supervisor Huratiak made a motion to approve the final draw down of \$162,000.00 from the recreation loan through Fidelity Bank for payment of the paving of the trails and basketball court and Vice Chairman Tolino seconded the motion.

Public Comment: None

Vote 3 – 0

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: Robert Smith

- 1) **Potential Award of Solid Waste and Recycling Contract Effective January 1, 2023**

The Township received one bid from J.P. Mascaro via PennBID. The 3-year bid is \$909,441.72 per year and \$2,728,325.16 for the contract and the 5-year bid is \$971,341.08 per year and \$4,856,735.40 for the contract. Supervisor Huratiak stated his disappointment in only receiving one bid and the estimated 70% increase. Additional discussion took place with a recommendation by Supervisor Huratiak to reject the bid and rebid with the addition of a 1-year option. A potential timeline was distributed with revision to the specifications by Friday, advertising and posting again on PennBID on October 5, with bids due October 21 and award planned at the October 26th BOS meeting.

Chairman Smith made a motion to reject the bid from J.P. Mascaro and Supervisor Huratiak seconded the motion.

Public Comment: None

Vote 3 – 0

Chairman Smith made a motion to amend the bid specifications with the addition of a one-year option and to only retain the bi-annual yard waste option, and authorize review by Solicitor Ceraul, and advertising in the Express Times and posting on PennBID, and Vice Chairman Tolino seconded the motion.

Public Comment: None

Vote 3 – 0

2) Decision Regarding Renewal of Township Health Insurance

Jason Benjamin of PCI provided the Township with a comparison document of health insurance costs and providers. The cost for the current Capital Blue PPO 3000/Rx plan is approximately 10% higher than last year. Based on the comparisons Jason Benjamin recommended renewal.

Chairman Smith made a motion to renew the current health insurance plan, Capital Blue PPO 3000 Rx, and Supervisor Huratiak seconded the motion.

Public Comment: None

Vote 3 – 0

3) Potential Approval of Carbonite 250GB Storage Space for Administration Office at a Cost of \$287.00 Per Year

Supervisor Huratiak shared that last meeting the Board approved moving forward with back-up storage and approved labor and parts at a cost of \$1,208.00. The off-site storage and back-up at a cost of \$287.99 per year was missed in the motion.

Supervisor Huratiak made a motion to approve the annual fee of \$287.99 for the off-site, carbonite storage back-up and Vice Chairman Tolino seconded the motion.

Public Comment: None

Vote 3 – 0

4) Administration Oil Tank Estimates for Revised Pipe Configuration

Estimates have been requested. The Board asked that this be moved to the next meeting.

5) Approval to Ratify Processing of Delinquent Garbage Liens by Creditech

Creditech is requesting approval to prepare additional liens for delinquent garbage. Solicitor Ceraul noted that the liens can be posted on properties that are up for tax sale unless they have sold. Supervisor Huratiak raised concern regarding the process implemented by Creditech and the need to be certain the delinquents are being pursued and liens are being filed in a timely manner.

Chairman Smith made a motion to approve the filing of delinquent garbage liens by Creditech, except those sold in tax upset sale, and Vice Chairman Tolino seconded the motion.

Public Comment: None

Vote 3 – 0

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:16 pm and Supervisor Huratiak seconded the motion.

Public Comment: None

Vote 3 – 0

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Putvinski – Secretary/Treasurer
Washington Township Board of Supervisors