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The monthly meeting of the West Fallowfield Township Board of Supervisors was held on August 15, 2018 in the Township Meeting Room. Chairman Hershey called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Duane Hershey, Anne Deffenderfer, Solicitor Crotty, Secretary Wheeler, Michael Bingham, Roadmaster Thompson, Jerome Liss, Michaelann Velickey, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Waters, Steve Dempsey, Doug Engle, and Glen Carlson were in attendance. Richard Sprenkle was not in attendance.

Time was given to review the agenda that was available to all in attendance and was also posted in the meeting room. Chairman Hershey announced that at the beginning of the meeting members of the audience would be given an opportunity to comment on the items on the agenda. At the end of the meeting further comments may be given by audience members, however, there is to be no interjection of comments from audience members during the meeting. Chairman Hershey asked if there were any comments on agenda items. Gary Waters provided video of water running on his property during the recent storms. The Board viewed the video on Mrs. Water’s phone. Mr. Waters stated a larger pipe should be installed to handle the water. He stated the stones put in by the township are washing away and what’s been done is just putting on a band-aid.

After reviewing the minutes, Duane Hershey made the motion to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2018 meeting of the Board of Supervisors as presented by the secretary. The motion was seconded by Anne Deffenderfer and passed.

Bids were re-advertised for Road Materials. The bids for Road Materials were opened and the results are as follows:

1,200 TON 2A MATERIAL			
Bidder	FOB PLANT	DELIVERED	TOTAL
Compass Quarries, Inc.	\$6.50	12.27	\$12,270.00
500 TON RICE MATERIAL			
Compass Quarries, Inc.	\$13.00	18.77	\$9,385.00

Duane Hershey made the motion to accept the bid of Compass Quarries, Inc. in the amount of \$21,655.00 for 1,200 ton 2A Material and 500 ton Rice Material. The motion was seconded by Anne Deffenderfer and passed.

A waiver request from SALDO §203.37.(1)(i) Land Development was received from Kore Fisher for a proposed 32’ x 120’ hoop style greenhouse. The West Fallowfield Planning Commission reviewed the request and recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the waiver be denied due to the size of the building. The Township Engineer, Michael Bingham, who was in attendance of the meeting had previously reviewed the request and recommended to the Board of Supervisors to grant the waiver request. Secretary Wheeler provided to the Supervisors and the Township Engineer a photo showing the greenhouse in question had already been constructed upon the property located at 8 Hostetter Road. The township engineer upon seeing the greenhouse was already constructed rescinded his original recommendation and now recommends the Board of Supervisors deny the waiver request. Mr. Fisher and his engineer, Randall Hoover, TeamAg, Inc., were advised that the waiver request must be granted by the Board of Supervisors PRIOR to starting any construction of the greenhouse. Duane Hershey made the motion to **deny** the Kore Fisher waiver request from Land Development, SALDO §203.37.(1)(i). The motion was seconded by Anne Deffenderfer and passed. Secretary Wheeler was directed to contact the Zoning Officer Thursday morning, August 16, 2018 to issue Mr. Fisher a Cease and Desist order. Doug Engle asked what happens now. A Cease & Desist order will be issued and fines could be imposed upon Mr. Fisher for building the greenhouse prior to all agency approvals being obtained.

Secretary Wheeler recommended to the Board of Supervisors to place on hold mulching the play

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area due to the recent storms and the significant damages the roadways have incurred. Funds will be needed to make the repairs to the roadways. The Board took no action on the Smallwood's Landscaping Estimate for mulching the play area.

The Township Engineer, Michael Bingham read his report of the property he inspected on August 3, 2018 at 250 Rattlesnake Run Road. Mr. Bingham noted that during flood conditions, the stream to the west of the residential driveway is overtopping the natural stream banks and eroding away a triangular piece of the property. It is natural for streams to have minor changes in course/depth over the course of many years; however it appears that this portion would benefit from the addition of rip-rap to minimize the erosive forces during flood events. The property is located in the flood zone. Discussion ensued. Duane Hershey stated the township will do what we can do as a township in the road right of way that we are responsible for, however, the township cannot spend \$30,000 to \$100,000 and DEP would be involved which would significantly increase the costs. Duane Hershey will meet with Mr. Waters at the property.

Duane Hershey made the motion to take no position on the James O'Connor Zoning Hearing Board Application for a Variance. The motion was seconded by Anne Deffenderfer and passed.

The Planning Commission reviewed the Maps for the Proposed Landscapes³ and found them in compliance with the present land use and zoning in West Fallowfield Township. The Board of Supervisors support the expanding of any urban development in regards to shops, eateries and store fronts and other commerce's within the township borders.

Chief Wilmont was not in attendance. The Secretary read the regular monthly report.

Roadmaster Thompson reported that Mike Laffey served the township on Tuesday in a huge way by helping with the clean-up from the storm on Monday. Secretary Wheeler was directed to send a thank you letter to Mike Laffey for all of his help and hard work. Roadmaster Thompson reported they have been busy cleaning up after all the recent storms. The oil & chip has been completed. He has heard from several residents who are happy with dirt road oil & chip. The blacktop project on Homeville Road has been stalled due to the storms. The new township truck will be ready mid-September and a \$10,000 trade-in was negotiated for the old truck.

Tax Collector McCormick was not in attendance. The tax collector will be at the township building in Room #1 on August 30, 2018 and September 1, 2018 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm to collect taxes.

The Zoning Officer supplied the regular monthly report.

Duane Hershey made the motion to appoint Phillips Thompson as administrator for the purchase of the F550 from Fred Beans Ford. The motion was seconded by Anne Deffenderfer and passed.

Duane Hershey made the motion to accept the Mary Lou King application to increase the AG Security Area by 41.5 acres. The motion was seconded by Anne Deffenderfer and passed.

Duane Hershey made the motion to accept the Neal and Alice DeBonaventura application to increase the AG Security Area by 42 acres. The motion was seconded by Anne Deffenderfer and passed.

Duane Hershey made the motion to release the Levi Kauffman Escrow funds in the amount of \$4,283.19 minus any outstanding engineer review fees. The motion was seconded by Anne Deffenderfer and passed.

Jeff Young was not able to attend the meeting. Anne Deffenderfer relayed that Jeff Young and his sons, Brock and Hayden would like to donate the time, equipment and materials to fix the Veterans War Memorial on the Community Center Grounds. They will remove the existing materials and plantings and replace the markers and new plantings. Duane Hershey made the motion to approve Jeff, Brock & Hayden Young to do the work to replace the existing Veterans War Memorial. The motion was seconded by Anne Deffenderfer and passed.

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Duane Hershey made the motion to approve and sign the Rettew Associates, Inc. letter providing notification that West Fallowfield Township finds the proposed East Octorara #1 Bridge Replacement Project carrying T-453 (Mill Creek Road) and T-414 (Steelville Mill Road) over the East Branch Octorara Creek to be in conformance with the West Fallowfield Township Floodplain and Stormwater Regulations. The motion was seconded by Anne Deffenderfer and passed.

Solicitor Crotty presented a copy of a proposed Ordinance Amendment to Accessory AG Buildings. Duane Hershey made the motion to have the Planning Commission review the proposed Ordinance Amendment at their next meeting. The motion was seconded by Anne Deffenderfer and passed. The item will be tabled until the next Board of Supervisors meeting.

Discussion was given to the heavy trucks using the township roads/bridges as a means to by-pass the Route 896 bridge that PADOT has recently weight restricted. No Thru Truck signs would be the least expensive. The item is tabled until the next meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

The Board of Supervisors will meet with Robert Hall of Francis Hall Insurance Agency on Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at 5:30 PM to review the 2019 Insurance Quotes.

The following correspondence was read:

- Damage Assessment Report was made available from Chester County Emergency Operations Center for the August 13, 2018 storm.
- Information was received on PECO's Open Space Program Grant Opportunities.
- Information was received on a U.S. Dollar LIBOR-Based Instrument Between August 2007 and May 2010 Lawsuits and Settlements.
- The July SCCEMS monthly report was received.
- Proof of Publication was received from 21st Century Media for the Notice to Bid for Road Materials and the Notice to Bid for Dumpsters.
- The monthly report was received from Cochranville Fire Company. In the month of July there were 27 calls; 6 were in West Fallowfield Township.
- A donation request was received from Union Fire Co. #1
- A Thank You note was received from Parkesburg Library for the Township's annual contribution.
- A funding request for the year 2019 was received from SCCEMS.
- Various training information was received.
- Sales flyers and information of services offered were received from several businesses.
- The Oxford Senior Center newsletter was received.

Duane Hershey asked for comments from the floor. Jerome Liss asked if the township has any responsibility for the Rattlesnake Run Road property that was discussed during the meeting. The township is responsible for what is in the road right-of-way, anything past the road right-of-way would be the responsibility of the property owner.

Glen Carlson stated he gets flooding from nearby farms. Glen also reported that the vacant lots on Village Drive need to be mowed. The Secretary will contact the Zoning Officer regarding the vacant lots needing mowed.

Steve Dempsey stated he hopes the stone in the memorial will be incorporated in the renovation or be returned to the Girl Scouts, the totem pole as well. Steve stated he hopes the township can work something out with the SPCA.

After reviewing the invoices, Anne Deffenderfer made the motion to approve payment of the bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Duane Hershey and passed.

Duane Hershey announced the Board will have an executive session to discuss legal matters. The Board went into Executive Session at 8:05 PM

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Duane Hershey re-opened the meeting at 8:40 PM

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gina M. Wheeler, Township Secretary

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