

The monthly meeting of the West Fallowfield Township Board of Supervisors was held on February 16, 2022 in the township meeting room. Chairman Hershey called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Duane Hershey, Secretary Wheeler, Anne Deffenderfer, Richard Sprenkle, Solicitor Crotty, Jerome Liss, Chief Hughes, Hannah LeVasseur, Charlotte Sprenkle, Kathy Hutton, Robin McCormick, Phillips Thompson and four other residents were 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 asked for comments on the agenda items. Charlotte Sprenkle, President of the West Fallowfield Township Zoning Hearing Board thanked the Board of Supervisors for their letter regarding the Benjamin K. Lapp Zoning Hearing Board Hearing. The Zoning Hearing Board found the letter extremely helpful in making their decision.

Duane Hershey made the motion to approve the January 3, 2022 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Anne Deffenderfer and passed. Duane Hershey made the motion to amend the January 19, 2022 minutes as follows, Richard Sprenkle was not listed as being in attendance of the meeting. Richard Sprenkle asked for the January 19, 2022 minutes to be amended to clarify the meeting schedule change to read: The Board of Supervisors will meet on the third Wednesday of every month in 2022 as there is no longer a need to change the meeting dates for the months of June, August and October. The meeting schedule was advertised for the third Wednesday of each month of 2022. The motion was seconded by Anne Deffenderfer and passed.

Richard Sprenkle made the motion to adopt Ordinance #89 Ordinance To Establish Regulations For Disturbances Of The Peace By Barking Dogs. The motion was seconded by Duane Hershey and passed.

Solicitor Crotty provided an update from Spencer Andress in regards to public water/sewer. Mr. Andress is in the process of preparing a survey for the property owners within the village district that would be able to connect to public water and or sewer. The survey would poll the property owners to obtain information on the interest level of homeowners to obtain public water and or sewer. Solicitor Crotty informed the Board that a letter was received from Londonderry Township and they have declined to allow West Fallowfield Township to access their sewage facilities at Honeycroft Villages.

Secretary Wheeler read the Zoning Hearing Board written decision for the Benjamin K. Lapp Zoning Hearing Board Hearing.

Secretary Wheeler reported that as part of Zoning Hearing Board decision for Benjamin K. Lapp, he must provide to the township a list of all activities currently taking place on his property. A letter was received from Adam Mowery, Mowery Environmental, LLC listing all the current uses on Mr. Lapp's property.

Anne Deffenderfer made the motion to release the AR-JOY Farms line of credit in the amount of \$71,735.80. The motion was seconded by Richard Sprenkle and passed. Duane Hershey abstained from voting.

Duane Hershey made the motion to release partial escrow funds in the amount of \$11,670.56 to Amos S. Beiler for the work that has been completed. The remaining funds will remain in escrow until the project is completed and all inspections have been finalized and approved. The motion was seconded by Richard Sprenkle and passed.

Secretary Wheeler reported the Board of Auditors will meet on February 22, February 23 and February 24, 2022 at 8:30 am to perform the 2021 Annual Municipal Financial Audit.

Richard Sprenkle asked where things stand with the Bryson Road Bridge closing. Since a tractor trailer tried to cross the bridge and got stuck on the huge pile of stones, the township has placed large cement barriers on both sides of the bridge. Secretary Wheeler and Roadmaster Thompson attended a Zoom meeting with PEMA earlier this morning to discuss the damages incurred from Hurricane Ida. Richard Sprenkle stated he would like the Township Engineer to start the process of drawing plans for repair of the bridge. Duane Hershey will contact the Township Engineer.

Chief Hughes gave the regular monthly report. Both officers have completed their legal updates.

Roadmaster Thompson reported they have been busy with the snow and ice. They have replaced some signs.

Tax Collector LeVasseur reported that she is working with Robin McCormick to learn the processes. The transition of the software should be completed next week and she should be ready next month to take over.

Duane Hershey made the motion to confirm Paul LeVasseur as Auditor. The motion was seconded by Richard Sprenkle and passed. Secretary Wheeler reported a signed and notarized Oath of Office/Loyalty Oath was received from Mr. LeVasseur.

Duane Hershey made the motion to exonerate the Tax Collector from collecting the 2021 Per Capita tax from the individuals on the additional list provided to the Board. The motion was seconded by Richard Sprenkle and passed.

Duane Hershey made the motion to enter into the COSTARS Salt Contract for the 2022-2023 Season for 125 Tons of salt. The motion was seconded by Richard Sprenkle and passed. Roadmaster Thompson commented that many of the neighboring townships have complaints with the quality of salt they are receiving with the current COSTARS road salt provider. West Fallowfield Township has not yet taken delivery of any salt from the provider, however we are required to take delivery of 60% of our contracted 125 tons.

Duane Hershey made the motion to have Secretary Wheeler send a letter to the residents with unpaid Street Light Charges. The motion was seconded by Anne Deffenderfer.

The following correspondence was read:

- Statements of Financial Interest were received from Duane Hershey, Anne Deffenderfer, Neil Land, Gina Wheeler, Mark Deimler and Doug Engle.
- Notice was received from State Rep. John Lawrence that paper tax forms are available at his office in Jennersville.
- Proof of Publication was received from Daily Local News for the Dog Barking Ordinance, Budget Adoptions and 2022 Meeting Schedules.
- Oath of Office/Loyalty Oath was received from Matthew Walton as a member of the West Fallowfield Township Planning Commission.
- Notice was received from Scotch Hill Solutions in accordance with PA Act 14 notification requirements of the proposed permit renewal of the PA DEP General Permit WMGO42 for AR-JOY Farms.
- Information was received on the PA Local Share Account Program.
- Notice was received from Solicitor Neil Land the Zoning Hearing Board met prior to the Benjamin K. Lapp hearing to re-organize. President- Charlotte Sprenkle, Secretary- Charles Smallwood and Member- Allen Reynolds.
- A letter was received requesting help by sending a letter to PA State Legislators requesting their opposition to legislation that would increase truck size or weight.

- Notice was received from LCTCB of the West Fallowfield Township levied Local Service Tax.
- Notice was received from Chester County Court of Common Pleas, the Stellalou, LLC vs. Chester County Board of Assessment Appeals is listed for trial February 14, 2022 to March 1, 2022.
- The January 2022 month report was received from SCCEMS. There were 278 incidents.
- Sales flyers and information of services offered were received from various area businesses.
- Octoraro Watershed Association Newsletter was received.
- PSATS News Bulletin was received.
- The Oxford Senior Center Newsletter was received.

Duane Hershey asked for comments from the floor. Charlotte Sprenkle on behalf of the Octoraro Watershed Association thanked the Board of Supervisors for accommodating the needs with the new office space. On March 23, 2022 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm they will hold an Open House for their members.

Charlotte Sprenkle requested permission for the Octorara Democrats to use the township parking lot for a three hour period to hold a drive-thru petition signing for candidates. It is a bipartisan event and Republicans are welcome to have a drive-thru petition signing at the same time. The Board has no issue with the parking lot being used for this event, as long as they coordinate with the township secretary to make sure there are no other events at the building during the date and time they are requesting to use the parking lot.

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

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gina M. Wheeler, Township Secretary