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The monthly meeting of the West Fallowfield Township Board of Supervisors was held on September 16, 2020 in the township building gym. Chairman Hershey called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Duane Hershey, Jeffrey Young, Richard Sprenkle, Solicitor Crotty, Secretary Wheeler, Corporal Hughes, Phillips Thompson, Jerome Liss, Robin McCormick, Theresa Dugan, Kathy Hutton, Moses Stoltzfus, Ruth Grayberg and several family members and Emil Brandt were in attendance.

Time was given to review the agenda that was available to all in attendance. Duane Hershey asked for comments on agenda items. Jerome Liss had comments on the Mervin Stoltzfus Zoning Hearing Board Hearing and the recommendations of the Planning Commission. Mr. Liss stated at the Planning Commission meeting, they made a motion to recommend the Supervisors should decide to take a stand or take no position on this variance request to the Zoning Hearing Board. The Commission has serious concerns regarding this request since this Land Development is in the "Steep Slope Conservation Overlay District as Amended 12/29/07 and requires an NPDES permit prior to the township granting approvals for Land Development. The Commission is also concerned that any land disturbance of the steep slope could impact the adjoining flood plain which is part of the PA State Designated scenic River System. DEP or DCNR would be responsible for requiring or denying the need for an NPDES permit and is out of the jurisdiction of the Township. The Zoning Officer will look at the submitted plans to see if there are any notes on the plans in regards to DEP review or NPDES permits.

After reviewing the minutes, Duane Hershey made the motion to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2020 meeting of the Board of Supervisors as presented by the secretary. The motion was seconded by Jeffrey Young and passed.

Duane Hershey made the motion to table action on the Crist Stoltzfus waiver requests until information is provided from West Sadsbury Township and Atglen Borough to the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Jeffrey Young and passed.

Duane Hershey made the motion to accept the granted 90 day extension in the allotted time for review of the Crist Stoltzfus project. The motion was seconded by Jeffrey Young and passed.

Duane Hershey made the motion to table any action on the Amos Beiler waiver request from Land Development until new Stormwater Management Plans are submitted to the township and the township engineer reviews the plans. The motion was seconded by Jeffrey Young and passed.

Duane Hershey made the motion to take no position on the Mervin Stoltzfus Zoning Hearing Board Hearing application for a variance. The motion was seconded by Jeffrey Young, Richard Sprenkle stated the township should have interest in preserving the PA State Designated Scenic River System. The vote was 2 yea and 1 nay and the motion passed.

Duane Hershey performed the Swearing in of Ruth Grayberg to the Cochranville Fire Company Fire Police.

Corporal Hughes gave the regular monthly report.

Roadmaster Thompson reported the Oil & Chip project has been completed and residents seem happy with the results. Maintenance was performed on the tractor and appears to be running well. Emil Brandt questioned the Roadmaster about Highpoint Road. The Roadmaster stated he was there twice to check the area and Mr. Brandt's son was not there either time. The Roadmaster looked at the area and necessary work will be completed in the next couple of weeks.

Tax Collector McCormick reported she was in the pavilion 3 mornings as scheduled to collect taxes and has met with those that requested. Mrs. McCormick inquired as to the in person tax collection regulations and requirements. People were not wearing masks as requested to do so and not maintaining social distancing. Solicitor Crotty will look into the regulations and requirements.

Duane Hershey made the motion promote Joshua Lowery to Full Time employment at the rate of \$23.00 per hour for the remained of the year 2020 and to appoint Eric Hughes as Chief at the contracted

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Chief Salary for the remainder of the year 2020. The motion was seconded by Jeffrey Young and passed. Duane Hershey stated the contract negotiations discussions with Corporal Hughes went very well.

As required by Act 205 of 1984, as amended, Secretary Wheeler provided to the Board of Supervisors the 2021 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the West Fallowfield Township Pension Plan in the amount of \$20, and the West Fallowfield Township Police Plan in the amount of \$17,040.00.

Duane Hershey made the motion to adopt Resolution 20-06 Resolution by the Board of Supervisors of West Fallowfield Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania Authorizing the Election of An Annual Contribution Increase Under the Terms of the Police Pension Plan of West Fallowfield Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania to the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System for the year 2020 and retroactive for the year 2019. The motion was seconded by Richard Sprenkle and passed.

Duane Hershey made the motion to adopt Resolution 20-07 A Policy of West Fallowfield Township, Chester County to Identify How Professional Services Will Be Chosen According To The Pension Contract Provisions of Pennsylvania Act 44 of 2009. The motion was seconded by Jeffrey Young and passed.

Ryan King who runs the Trash Drop Off site requested to purchase a Dump Ticket in the amount of \$84 to donate to the West Fallowfield Christian School for their annual auction. The Board of Supervisors had no issue with Mr. King purchasing the dump ticket to donate to the West Fallowfield Christian School annual auction.

Following a review of the proposed insurance quotes from Francis Hall Insurance and Risk Agency, Duane Hershey made the motion to renew the current policy with Zurich in the amount of \$18,193 for the year 2021. The motion was seconded by Jeffrey Young and passed.

The following correspondence was read:

- A Notice of Termination Approval letter was received from Chester County Conservation District for the Walton Farms, LLC Dairy Expansion.
- A letter was received from Christiana Community Ambulance Association regarding their discussions with three area ambulance associations to investigate emergency medical services sustainability for future generations in Lancaster County.
- Notice was received from the Law Offices of Lamb McErlane of an appeal filed by Stellalou, LLC v. Chester County Board of Assessment.
- Notice was received from PECO they will be doing routine tree trimming within the township in the near future.
- The August SCCEMS report was received. There were 262 incidents in the month of August.
- The August Christiana Ambulance report was received. There were 104 dispatches; 17 were in West Fallowfield Township.
- Notice was received the Governor has extended the Proclamation of Disaster Emergency for an additional 90 days from August 31, 2020.
- The August report was received from Cochranville Fire Company. There were 28 calls; 15 were in West Fallowfield Township.
- Notice was received from Zurich Insurance Company they are agreeable to renew our policy subject to an increase in premium.
- The PSATS News Bulletin was received.
- The PSATS Unemployment Compensation Group Trust 2020 Ballot for Election of Trustees was received.
- Sales flyers and information of services offered were received.
- The Oxford Senior Center newsletter was received.

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Duane Hershey asked for comments from the floor. There were no comments.

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

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gina M. Wheeler, Township Secretary