

Warwick Township Board of Supervisors
Minutes
February 7, 2023

Chairman Cameron called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order at 7:00 pm at the Township Municipal Building; Supervisor Brand, Solicitor Crotty and Mr. Boulanger were present. Mr. Sydlosky was absent. Mrs. Cameron made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from the December 6, 2022 minutes as submitted; Mr. Brand second; all ayes.

Mr. Brand made a motion to approve the Re-Organization Meeting minutes from January 3, 2023 as submitted; Mrs. Cameron second; two ayes.

Mrs. Cameron made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from January 3, 2023 as submitted; Mr. Brand second; two ayes.

Mr. Brand made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report of the General, Open Space and State and ARP Funds as submitted; Mrs. Cameron second; two ayes.

Citizens Request / Comments:

There were no public requests or comments.

Zoning Officer:

Mr. Boulanger reported that PolyCor, formerly PA Granite, is looking to clear land to quarry in a new location and that they will need to go before the Zoning Hearing Board to expand. He will work with Solicitor Crotty to explain the proper channel to proceed.

Mr. Boulanger sent a rental agreement letter to Lloyd Esh of Dreamwood Farms; a civil date has not been set for the civil hearing relating to his ordinance violation.

The property at 2412 Ridge Road has a renter but will continue to be monitored for box truck parking.

Mr. Boulanger issued three building permits and 0 Certificates of Occupancy.

Road Report:

The Township received a new Tractor / Mower on January 11, 2023 that will allow for greater productivity when working on the roads. All township roads were plowed and treated for a weather event on January 25. The Roads Crew removed downed trees and low hanging limbs and cleared catch basins and drainage pipes on several others as a result of excessive amounts of rain and wind throughout the month. The electronic speed sign was placed in storage for the remainder of the season. Vehicles were road tested and maintained; a hydraulic leak was repaired on the John Deere Tractor; a speed sensor was installed on the 2016 Backhoe; the 1994 Backhoe received a new backup alarm, horn, and belt assembly; a fuel line was repaired on the 2005 Chevy. Potholes were repaired on dirt Mount Pleasant Road along with additional grading, ditching and leveling. Work was completed with installation of delineators to keep vehicles from

entering the newly repaired areas. The “Big Red” tractor is in need of major repairs and will attempt to be fixed.

PennDot will begin minor paving repairs on St. Peters Road outside of the Village proper.

Planning Commission:

The Commission held the Reorganizational Meeting on January 3, 2023 at 6:30. Commission member appointments were made as follows: Fred Reisser, Chairman; Jim Tevis, Vice-Chairman; Olga Karkalas, Secretary. The Regular Meeting Schedule was set for 2023. At the January 18, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Commission, no revised plans were submitted for review. The Commission drafted a recommendation letter to the Zoning Hearing Board for an application from James and Shelley Siciliano at 271 Hill Road.

Historical Commission:

The Commission met with Mr. Kai Vial representing Wyndsor Farm Properties LLC at 2540 Ridge Road to review plans to rebuild a bank barn damaged by fire. The barn will retain the original footprint with a re-build from the joists up using timber framed rough beams, a concrete floor finished with yellow pine tongue and groove flooring and yellow pine interior siding. Exterior finishes may include board and batten or Hardie Board lapp siding in Caramel color; standing seam roof in Dark Bronze color; and windows are to be single hung Azek true divided light sashes. Six inch gutters and four inch downspouts will be installed and the stone gables will be rebuilt and repointed. The Commission recommends approval to the Zoning Officer.

The Commission then held the 2023 Reorganizational Meeting on January 3, 2023 at 7:35. Commission member appointments were made as follows: David Lignore, Chairman; Karl Snyder, Vice-Chairman; Janet Gebhardt, Secretary. The Regular Meeting Schedule was set for 2023.

Zoning Hearing Board:

The Zoning Hearing Board convened on January 30, 2023 to hear the application James and Shelley Sicilano to give riding lessons and have pony parties at their home at 271 Hill Road. Their decision included the merging of their two parcels to one that would allow for riding lessons only. If the lots are not combined, lessons are not permitted. The special exception request for special events at the property was denied.

Correspondence

Elverson/Honeybrook EMS:

Reported 11 calls to Warwick Township for the month of January. They submitted their 2022 yearly end financial report.

PA State Police:

Reported 18 calls to the Township in January.

Ridge Fire Company:

Reported 1 call to the Township in January.

Ridge Fire Police:

Received zero calls to the Township for January.

TVFD:

Received two calls in January.

Mrs. Cameron made a motion to approve two Township residents to receive Act 172 tax credits; Mr. Brand second; two ayes. The motion was approved. The Emergency Services Contract with Twin Valley Fire Company was approved for \$65, 897.00 and will be adopted at the March meeting.

St. Peters/Black Granite Village:

PHASE I Approved, Final approved with conditions. Conditions not met; no one was present.

St. Peters Train Station Land Development:

Approved with conditions; conditions not met. No one was present.

Iron Ridge:

Waiting for DEP approval. No one was present.

545 Rock Run Road:

Extended until 12/31/2024; Mrs. Cameron made a motion to accept the extension; Mr. Sydlosky second; all ayes. No revised plans submitted.

Winters:

Extended until June 30, 2023. No revised plans were submitted; no one present.

Warwick Knoll:

Stormwater letter sent, no response.

New Business

Twin Valley correspondence addressed above.

The French Creek Iron Tour Cycling event is being held on June 11, 2023. We will need a revised list of Township Roads to be utilized as well as the Insurance Certificate to indemnify the Township.

Elverson EMS financial information was addressed above under correspondence.

Mrs. Cameron made a motion to amend Resolution #2001-4, appointing Colleen Patton as the Pension Chief Administration Officer; Mr. Brand second; two ayes. Resolution #2023-5 was adopted.

Mrs. Cameron made a motion to accept the resignation letter from Joan Grimley as written. Mr. Brand second; two ayes.

The Township will remove many trees along Township property at 1941 Ridge Road along Route 23. Three estimates were received as follows: The Tree Connection \$21,500.00, Clean Cut Tree and Lawn, LLC \$48,500.00, and Martin Tree Service \$29,000.00. Mrs. Cameron made a motion to award the contract to The Tree Connection with restrictions; Mr. Brand second; two ayes. Mrs. Cameron made a motion to approve logs to be cut in fireplace length if equitable; Mr. Brand second; two ayes.

Mrs. Cameron made a motion to approve a conservation open space easement between Brown / Shire and Natural Lands Trust. Mr. Brand second; two ayes.

Mrs. Cameron made a motion to appoint Lynn O'Leary as a Township Auditor to fulfill the unfulfilled term of Judy Donaldson for the remainder of the term; Mr. Brand second; two ayes. It was noted that Ms. O'Leary will have to run for the office in the next election.

Old Business:

Mrs. Cameron made a motion to pay the bills; Mr. Brand second; two ayes.

Mrs. Cameron made a motion to adjourn at 8:13 pm; Mr. Brand second; two ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colleen Patton
Warwick Township Administrator