Warwick Township Board of Supervisors

Minutes
July 5, 2023

Chairman Cameron called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order at 7:00 pm at the Township Municipal Building. Supervisors Sydlosky and Brand, Solicitor Crotty and Mr. Boulanger were present. Mr. Sydlosky made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from June 6, 2023; Mrs. Cameron second; two ayes; Mr. Brand abstained. Mrs. Cameron made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report of the General, Open Space, State and ARP Funds as submitted; Mr. Brand second; all ayes.

Citizens Request / Comments:

Mr. Scott Richards inquired about Mr. Pyle serving on the voting committee citing that he was involved in personnel issues within the Township. Solicitor Crotty explained that the Township has no jurisdiction in his role as it is a Voter Services issue. A follow up into the "one vote to win" rule was advised.

Zoning Officer:

Mr. Boulanger reported that two Building Permits and three Certificates of Occupancy were issued in June.

As a follow up to letters sent to 2412 Ridge Road, Mr. Boulanger visited the residence after seeing vehicles present at the property. He addressed the concern of multiple box trucks being parked in the driveway. He spoke to a resident who explained that the family owns the building and the owner has a produce business that occasionally required two trucks to keep the produce fresh. She assured Mr. Boulanger that the property is being used as a residence that no business is being conducted from the home.

It was also noted that Brandywine Branch Distillery has changed its name to Botanery Barn; no communication regarding beer kiosks at the location has been presented to Kraft Municipal Group or the Township.

Road Report:

All Road Reports are available at each meeting on the table for the public to read in detail.

Many Township Roads were tended to this month including the following work:
Low hanging limbs, vines and downed trees were removed from James Mill, Route 23, Trythall, Warwick, Bethesda, Reading Furnace and Piersol Roads. Fallen trees were removed on Rock Run, Old Ridge, and dirt Trythall Roads as well as from under the Trythall Road Bridge. Catch basins and drainage pipes were checked and cleared of debris. Mowing was done on Valley Way, County Park, Grove, Hill, Dirt Mount Pleasant, Old Ridge, Keim, South Hill Camp, Warwick, Dirt Trythall, Green Lane, Laurel and Mauger Roads. Ditching was done on Dampman, Northside, Trythall, Warwick Furnace, Warwick Circle, and Dirt Trythall Roads.

All vehicles and equipment were maintained through fluid checks, test drives, and cleaning, both inside and out. The 2005 Chevy passed inspection and a flat tire was replaced on the 2019 Utility truck.

All Roads are checked on a daily basis for debris and recurring pot holes were repaired on dirt Mt. Pleasant Road. Paved Trythall was worked on to replace an under road drainage pipe that had rusted. A hot asphalt application is scheduled for July 3 to seal the pipe and mend the road using the new hotbox before the oil and chip in July. String trimming was done on Trythall, Iron Bridge, Grove, County Park, Mt. Pleasant, and Warwick Furnace Roads. The wall along Route 23 was also trimmed and mowed on both the upper and lower parts.

The speed sign was relocated from Mt. Pleasant to Hill Road and an additional sign was placed on Dirt Trythall for two weeks then moved to Warwick Road by the cemetery.

Planning Commission:

At the June 21, 2023 meeting of the Commission, the plans for the Morningside Drive LLC were reviewed and changes to the plan were requested.

Historical Commission:

The June 19, 2023 meeting was not held as there was no quorum.

Correspondence

Elverson/Honeybrook EMS:

Reported 11 calls to the Township for the month of June.

PA State Police:

No report provided for June.

Ridge Fire Company:

Reported two calls to the Township in the month of June.

Ridge Fire Police:

Reported zero calls to the Township in March.

TVFD:

Reported two calls in May and five calls in June.
The TV Fire Police reported this month with one call outside of the Township. They will provide reports calls on a regular basis.

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:

A restitution check is being sent to the Township in the amount of $29,803.50. A 30 day appeal process from Jason Winters is being observed.

Warwick Knoll:

Stormwater letter sent, no response. Potential work is being discussed to remove trees on Buck Run Drive.

New Business

61 Morningside Drive LLC: The plans submitted for review do not conform to SALDO requirements of the sewage system contained on the lot it services. Mrs. Cameron made a motion to deny the plans as submitted due to outstanding engineering issues unless a formal extension request is submitted. Mr. Sydlosky second; all ayes.

A discussion was held regarding a lot's gross versus net areas and the definitions found in the Zoning Ordinance and the SALDO. Zoning addresses specifically the conservation and public utility easements, while SALDO addresses all easements. The cemetery easement needs to be reviewed for gross and net area size, as well as for the septic easement. No graves are to be disturbed during any subdivision process and future any burial plots need to be confirmed. The Health Department will review the plans for the distance of the septic from the graves.

ARP Funds: With $275,321.00 in the American Relief Plan Fund, Township projects are being considered to use the monies before the allotted timeline expires in December 2024:

> The **Saddlewood Drive** cul-de-sac is being evaluated to repair and modify curbing to aid with storm water runoff. Adding a small bump and paving the first four feet of two driveways is being considered. Drumheller Construction, a CoStars member, submitted an estimate in the amount of $29,550.00 for the proposed work. Saddlewood Drive will be added to the oil and chip roads list for 2024.
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> **Buck Run Drive (Warwick Knoll)** is being evaluated for tree removal in a retention basin. DeMarco Land Clearing submitted an estimate for $8000.00 for this project.

The **Trythall Road Bridge** is being evaluated for repairs. A defined scope of work and additional estimates are needed before proceeding. Other uses of the funds include employee bonuses, the James Mill Bridge, HARB assistance and culverts on Victoria Chase.

Service Electric: Service Electric is reducing internet rates for customers while they continue to make fiber optic upgrades. Cable TV rates will increase due to rising programming costs from the owners of the channels.

Arro Consulting: Castle Valley Consultants has been acquired by Arro Consultants.

Mr. Wes Taylor: After several site meetings Township Engineer, Ryan Rhode, cites several concerns and advised that the road remain as is and not be paved. A letter will be sent to Mr. Taylor with this decision.

Retirement Plans: The deadline for plans has been extended to July 26, 2023. Four companies have reached out with interest, PSATS, FT Group, the W Group and Lincoln Financial. Plans will be discussed at the next Board meeting in August.

An anonymous letter was sent to PennDot and the Township regarding the condition of the south side of Morningside Drive. The state is responsible for the maintenance of section and it will be monitored for remediation.

Mrs. Cameron made a motion to pay the bills; Mr. Brand second; all ayes.
Mrs. Cameron made a motion to adjourn at 8:17; Mr. Sydlosky second; all ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colleen M. Patton