

Warwick Township Board of Supervisors

Minutes

May 2, 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 were present as was Solicitor Crotty. Mr. Boulanger arrived late due to a prior work commitment. Mrs. Cameron announced that a Conditional Use Hearing was held on May 2, 2023 at 6:30 for Granite Valley Properties LLC. Mrs. Cameron made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from April 4, 2023; Mr. Brand second; all ayes.

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

Citizens Request / Comments:

Mr. Bob Gebhardt asked for additional consideration of the Act 172 credit to include residents who are fire police. Mrs. Cameron explained that the change will be made to the Resolution to include fire police and will be signed at the June 6 meeting of the Board of Supervisors. Twin Valley Fire Company will also provide monthly Fire Police reports.

Zoning Officer:

11 building permits and six certificates of occupancy were issued. Mr. Boulanger reminded the Board that the Civil Court case of Warwick Township v. Dreamwood Farms (Lloyd Esh) will be held on May 4, 2023.

Road Report:

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

Many limbs, vines and downed trees were removed from several Township Roads including Mt. Pleasant, Hill, Bethesda, Piersol, Northside and Warwick Furnace Roads. Catch bins, drainage pipes and washouts were cleaned out from debris following thunderstorms. The Township purchased two new traffic calming speed signs that will be placed on roads on a schedule to be determined. The older sign has been set up on Laurel road for the month of May. Various road signs were replaced throughout the Township including a stop sign at Rock Run and St. Peters Roads, and a school bus stop sign on Route 345. A street sign that was hit by a motorist at the corner of Warwick Furnace Road and Route 23 and was repaired and reinstalled.

Mowing season has begun with Hill, County Park, Mine Hole and Reading Furnace Roads being cut using the new "Big Blue" tractor. String trimming was completed on many roads, including Dampman, Grove, Mt. Pleasant, Warwick Furnace, County Park and Northside Roads. The

Township property along Route 23 was also mowed and string trimmed. Ditching and pothole repairs were completed along the dirt portions of Trythall and Mt. Pleasant Roads.

All vehicles and equipment were maintained, cleaned and road tested. Two recalls on the 2020 Chevy were serviced by Bob Fisher Chevrolet. The “Big Red” tractor was sold and the 1995 backhoe received the battery from Big Red. Nails were removed the front and back tires of the backhoe and the rims were removed of rust and repainted. Two new batteries were installed in the 2016 backhoe to replace seven year old batteries. Snow accessories were removed from 2005 Chevy and the 2016 Dodge snow plows. A mailbox was installed next to the front door of the Township Building and will be delivered daily.

Planning Commission:

The Planning Commission reviewed three applications: Conditional Use before the Board of Supervisors, and two applications for the Zoning Hearing Board.

Historical Commission:

The Historical Commission had a second meeting with Mr. Rick Oswald to discuss modifications to original drawings for a renovation to his home at 151 Hopewell Road, Elverson, PA. The Historical Commission accepted the revised application with the agreed recommended changes. These changes include lowering the roof ridge line, changing the large middle dormer to a straight window presentation instead of a bay window, and changing garage door windows from arched to straight.

Mr. Eric Borgstrom from 166 Warwick Road appeared before the Commission to inquire about modifications to a building on his property to include living quarters. He will return when he has more complete information at which point he will be referred to Zoning Officer Joe Boulanger.

HARB:

Mrs. Cameron made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-7 and 2023-8, Certificate of Appropriateness for The Snug, 3361 Saint Peters Road; Mr. Brand second; all ayes. Mrs. Cameron made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-8, Certificate of Appropriateness for Violet’s Flowers and Vintage Boutique, 3420 St. Peters Road; Mr. Sydlosky second; all ayes. Both properties are located in the St. Peters Historic District.

Correspondence

Elverson/Honeybrook EMS:

Reported 5 calls to the Township in April.

PA State Police:

Reported 34 calls to the Township in April.

Ridge Fire Company:

Reported 1 call to the Township in April.

Ridge Fire Police:

No report received for April.

TVFD:

Reported 5 calls to the Township in April.

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:

The property has been sold to owners Jenna Bless and Daniel Menna and the money due to the Township is in escrow. Solicitor Crotty will prepare a letter to withdraw the subdivision application.

Warwick Knoll:

Stormwater letter sent, no response.

New Business

61 Morningside Drive LLC: Mr. Eli Kahn submitted plans for a simple sub-division proposing a two house development plan. One home is proposed on an acre lot and the second on the remainder of the property. Mrs. Cameron made a motion to accept the plans for review. Mr. Sydlosky second; all ayes.

QSEHRA Insurance: Mrs. Cameron made a motion to increase the Township contribution to the employee health care reimbursement from \$350 to \$400 per month retroactive January, 2023. Mr. Brand second; all ayes.

Retention / Disposition: Mrs. Cameron made a motion to pass Resolution 2023-9, to dispose of outdated Township documents listed in the Resolution on file. Mr. Brand second; all ayes.

Recycling Collection Event: An electronics collection event is being held on Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at Warwick County Park from 9 am -1pm.

PenTeleData: Mrs. Cameron made a motion to approve the phone services quote of \$1642.35 for installation from PenTeleData provided the alarm systems are not effected with the change. Mr. Brand second; all ayes.

Resident Letter: Mr. Jason Griggs submitted a letter to the Board of Supervisors at the April meeting regarding dying and dead trees on Township roads and proposed hiring an arborist to evaluate. It was noted that the Roads Crew, as part of their weekly maintenance, identifies trees that will need attention. Mr. Brand would like them to continue to do what they currently do and all concur that the homeowner is responsible to care for the trees on his or her property. Mr. Crotty feels that a Township tree survey is not necessary.

The Board of Supervisors received an email from Mr. Wes Taylor who lives at 182 Trythall Road, Elverson, PA. He asked the Township for permission to pave, at his own expense, from Warwick Furnace Road to his driveway entrance on the dirt portion Trythall Road. The Board discussed that any paving must meet the specifications of PennDot and would require the Township Engineer to assist in addressing any potential issues that paving this portion of the road might create. The Board agreed to provide one hour of the Engineer's time, at the expense of the Township, and all other costs would be incurred by Mr. Taylor. The Township Engineer will be contacted to facilitate this meeting.

Mrs. Cameron made a motion to pay the bills; Mr. Sydlosky second; all ayes.
Mrs. Cameron made a motion to adjourn 7:40; Mr. Brand second; all ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colleen M. Patton
Administrator