

Warwick Township Board of Supervisors

Minutes

November 8, 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, Mr. Paul Verducci Esq. representing Siana Law, and Mr. Boulanger were present. Mr. Sydlosky made a motion to approve the August 1, 2023 regular meeting minutes; Mr. Brand second; two ayes. Mrs. Cameron made a motion to approve the September 5, 2023 regular meeting minutes; Mr. Sydlosky second; two ayes. Mrs. Cameron made a motion to approve the October 3, 2023 regular meeting minutes; Mr. Brand second; three ayes.

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

Mrs. Cameron made a motion to open a 13 month 4.06% APY Certificate of Deposit with Ephrata National Bank in the amount of \$240,000; Mr. Brand second; two ayes.

Citizens Request / Comments:

No public comment.

Zoning Officer:

Mr. Boulanger reported five Building Permits and three Certificates of Occupancy for the month of August.

A Temporary Event permit was issued for the St. Peters Village Fall Fest to be held on October 22, 2023 from 10 am - 6 pm. The Township will allow them to use our barriers for traffic control.

Road Report:

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

Limb and Tree Removal: Trythall, Northside, Warwick, County Park, Dampman, Laurel Mt. Pleasant, Grove, and Rock Run Roads.

Catch Basins and Drainage Pipes: Many Roads were checked and cleared of debris this month after two Tropical Storm events.

Mowing: Warwick Furnace, Hill, Valley Way, Rock Run and County Park Roads. Ditching was done on Mount Pleasant Road.

String Trimming: Completed on the corner of Trythall Road and Route 23 as well as both upper and lower portions of the Wall.

Vehicles and Equipment: Maintained through fluid checks, test drives, and cleaning- both inside and out. The 1995 Backhoe needed repair on a hydraulic cylinder and was sent out for repair; the John Deere mower was also sent out for the same repair of a leaking hydraulic cylinder. Oil and filter were changed in the 2019 Utility vehicle; 2015 Terra Starr received two new batteries and new brakes and rotors are being installed on all four wheels for inspection; 2000 International is having a muffler and rusted clamps replaced to pass inspection.

Road Checks / Maintenance / Repair: Performed on a daily basis for debris, especially after weather events.

Speed / Road Signs: Speed sign #1 was moved from County Park Road to Trythall Road; sign #2 was moved from Route 23 to S. Hill Camp Road. Signs will be moved to new locations mid-October.

Township: An escaped convict was spotted in the southeast portion of the Township on September 11 and State Police requested our crew to set up Road Closed signs to secure the area. Calvacante was captured on September 13 at 8:14 am.

Fire extinguishers were inspected and new batteries were installed in the smoke detectors. Mouse traps were baited throughout the shop.

Planning Commission:

Kim and Greg Manorek inquired about purchasing .60 acres of land from their neighbor to incorporate their well into their lot. They were advised to hire a planning consultant and submit a preliminary/final subdivision plan.

A Planning Commission Workshop is being coordinated with PSATS; date to be determined.

Historical Commission:

The Historical Commission reviewed a letter from Mr. Ed Rosen, 800 Warwick Furnace Road, Glenmoore, PA. They approved exterior painting of the stable in the color "Sailcloth", previously outlined in the HARB application. The Commission also reviewed correspondence from Mr. Chris Dilworth regarding re-painting the long white building in St. Peters Village the existing color to cover graffiti. The Commission did not see a reason to convene HARB to make this decision.

Zoning Hearing Board:

The Zoning Hearing Board convened on May 30, 2023 to hear the applications of two residents, for whom reduced fees were charged. Mr. Scott Richards and Mrs. Joan Grimley questioned why the fees were reduced. Mr. Brand and Mrs. Cameron discussed the permit fee schedule and potential changes but tabled the matter until the November meeting.

Correspondence

Elverson/Honeybrook EMS:

Received 14 calls in September.

PA State Police:

No report for September.

Ridge Fire Company:

Received one call in September.

Ridge Fire Police:

No report for September.

TVFD:

Reported five calls for September. Mr. Brand shared topics of discussion at the TVFD Budget Meeting. Mrs. Cameron made a motion to approve \$65,897.00 per the 2023 Emergency Services Contract with the Fire Company. Mr. Brand second; two ayes.

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; no revised plans submitted.

Winters:

A restitution payment was received by the Township in the amount of \$29,803.50. A 30 day appeal process from Jason Winters is being observed.

61 Morningside Drive LLC:

Minor Subdivision and Land Development approved with conditions; waiver request approved. More extensive planning needed with the DEP.

New Business

Mr. Wayne Bohannon: Mr. Bohannon did not attend the meeting; will add him to the November agenda.

Chester County Tax Collection Committee: The Committee will hold its annual meeting on November 14, 2023 at 1:30.

2023 MMO Valuation: The Township pension MMO (Minimum Municipal Obligation) requires funding under Act 205; Mrs. Cameron made a motion to contribute \$1107 for 2022, and budget \$905 for 2024 and 2025. Mr. Brand second; two ayes.

Owen J. Roberts Library: The school district completed its renovation of the High School library and invited the Township to the grand reopening on Friday, October 13.

ARP Funds: Mrs. Cameron made a motion to purchase two defibrillators with wall box; Mr. Brand second; two ayes. Mr. Brand will research specific brands and suggested training.

Mrs. Cameron made a motion to approve DeMarco Land Clearing to remove a tree on Laurel Road using ARP Funds in the amount of \$2900; Mr. Brand second; two ayes.

The Board discussed additional projects using ARP funds. The Township must commitment to projects by December 2024 with completion by December 2026.

Mr. Ron Palmer inquired about work to restore the trail from St. Peters to Elverson, which is a County trail. The Township will look into the Friends of Warwick Park and the Friends of Horseshoe Trail to contribute a donation.

Drumheller Construction to begin work at the end of October / early November on Saddlewood Drive and then the Trythall Road Bridge.

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

Mrs. Cameron made a motion to adjourn at 8:26; Mr. Brand second; two ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colleen M. Patton