

West Earl Township Board of Supervisors, 157 West Metzler Road, Brownstown, PA 17508

In Attendance:

Chairman:	John Ford	Manager/Secretary:	Jenna Reigle
Vice Chairman:	Keith Kauffman	Roadmaster:	Neil Stoltzfus
Member:	Harold Keppley, Jr.	Police Chief:	Eric Higgins
Member:	Jennifer Prunoske		

Member David Thornton was absent.

Others present: Jason DeChristopher-45 N Church Street, Diane DeChristopher-45 N Church Street, Dale Peachy-136 Cornerstone Way, Ray Yecker-19 Cedar Avenue, John Stauffer-151 Pleasant Valley Road, Peter Wertz-McNees, Wallace & Nurick, Brenden Curry-LNP.

Call to Order

Chairman Ford called the January 22, 2024 regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

January 2, 2024 Reorganizational Meeting Minutes – Chairman Ford noted several changes that should be made to the re-organizational meeting minutes. Moved by Vice Chairman Kauffman, second by Member Keppley to approve the January 2, 2024 reorganizational meeting minutes as corrected. Motion approved unanimously.

January 2, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes – Chairman Ford noted that Alexander Reed's first name should be added to the minutes. Moved by Vice Chairman Kauffman, second by Member Prunoske to approve the January 2, 2024 regular meeting minutes as corrected. Motion approved unanimously.

Public Comment

Raymond Yecker, 19 Cedar Avenue – Mr. Yecker addressed the Board regarding the usage of brake retarders on Rt. 222, trucks idling along the Rt. 222 on-ramp and the condition of a neighbor's fence. Chief Higgins urged Mr. Yecker to call the Police when he notices the trucks idling or using brake retarders. He said the Police Department has been doing all they can.

Special Business

1. **Swearing in of Police Officer Alexander Reed** – Alexander Reed was sworn-in by Chairman Ford as a Police Officer for West Earl Township and Akron Borough.

Subdivision/Land Development Review

1. **328 Akron Road, LLC** – Zoning Ordinance amendment petition. The Board of Supervisors will schedule the public hearing for March 11, 2024. Moved by Member Keppley, second by Vice Chairman Kauffman to advertise the 328 Akron Road, LLC Zoning amendment petition hearing for March 11, 2024. Motion approved unanimously. Manager Reigle will advertise the hearing.

Old Business

None

New Business

1. **Eagle Scout Project** – Jason DeChristopher presented his Eagle Scout Project plan to the Board. His plan includes power washing the playground, fitness trail, and signs, and painting the picnic tables in the pavilion. Mr. DeChristopher said he is looking to get all the supplies donated but is asking the Township to pay for any supplies that are not donated. The cost for the supplies is approximately \$380. Moved by Vice Chairman Kauffman, second by Member Prunoske to authorize Jason DeChristopher to proceed with his proposed Eagle Scout Project as presented to the Board. Motion approved unanimously.

2. **Purchase and upfit 2024 Ford F550 Truck** – Roadmaster Stoltzfus is asking the Board to approve the purchase and upfit a new 2024 Ford F550 truck as was budgeted. Moved by Vice Chairman Kauffman, second by Member Prunoske to authorize the purchase and upfit of the 2024 Ford F550 truck, not to exceed a cost of \$133,902. Motion approved unanimously.
3. **Part-time Snowplow Driver** – Moved by Member Keppley, second by Vice Chairman Kauffman to hire Todd Stauffer as a part-time snowplow driver. Motion approved unanimously.

Financials

1. **Payment of Bills** – Moved by Member Keppley, second by Member Prunoske to pay the bills as presented. Motion approved unanimously.
2. **Budget vs. Actual** – For the Board's review.
3. **Treasurer's Report** – None.

Reports

1. **Zoning Officer's Report** – Provided written report for the Board's review.
2. **Code Enforcement Officer's Report** – Provided written report for the Board's review.
3. **Roadmaster's Report** –
 - Roadmaster Stoltzfus reported that he is having another issue with the 2020 MAC truck. The bed of the truck ended up on the roadway. He said there is only 10,000 miles on the truck, and it should not have failed. He is meeting with the company that upfitted the truck on Tuesday.
 - \$7,000 bill from Rettew – Roadmaster Stoltzfus spoke to Rettew about the bill. He said the charges were for survey work that was done as a result of field changes he made during the culvert project. He said the changes needed to be made but he didn't realize the Township would be billed that much by Rettew.
4. **Police Chief's Report** – Chief Higgins said he appreciated Mr. Yecker coming to the meeting and reiterated that the Police Department has been doing everything they can about the issues discussed.
5. **Manager's Report** –
 - Manager Reigle reported that the Township has been receiving many annual payments for trash and residents seem to appreciate the discount being offered.
 - Good's Disposal has been providing a list of addresses where trash/recycling was not out at the curb for pick-up or where there were other issues.
 - Manager Reigle's graduation for the Command & Leadership program is on February 5th in East Brunswick, New Jersey.

Supervisors' Comments

None

Action Items

Advertise the public hearing for the 328 Akron Road, LLC zoning amendment petition to be held on March 11th.

Adjournment

Moved by Member Prunoske, second by Vice Chairman Kauffman to adjourn the January 22, 2024 regular meeting at 8:02 p.m. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Sara Service
Zoning Officer