

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

In Attendance:

Vice Chairman:	John Ford	Member:	Russell Ressler, Jr.
Member:	Richard Stover	Manager/Secretary:	Candie Johnson
Member:	Harold Keppley, Jr.		

Chairman Dale Wissler was absent.

Call to Order

Vice Chairman Ford called the May 18, 2015 regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment/Guests

Brian Kane, 285 Willow Dell Lane – Mr. Kane has volunteered to serve on the West Earl Sewer Authority and was at the meeting to meet the Board members. Vice Chairman Ford thanked Mr. Kane for attending the meeting and for volunteering to fill the vacancy on the West Earl Sewer Authority. Moved by Member Keppley, second by Member Ressler to appoint Brian Kane to a term on the West Earl Township Sewer Authority. Motion approved unanimously.

Bob Sims, 120 Rose Hill Road – Mr. Sims was at the meeting to address the Board regarding the proposed Burning Ordinance. Mr. Sims suggested adding a height restriction and a time limit to the section on recreational fires. The Board noted that the Burning Ordinance has been advertised and will be up for adoption at the next meeting on June 8th. A lengthy discussion followed about the problems Mr. Sims has had with his neighbor's outdoor burning. Items discussed included the size of the fires, what materials are being burned and Police enforcement of the Burning Ordinance. Vice Chairman Ford noted that a lot of work has gone into drafting this Ordinance and he would like to see it adopted in June. If after it's adopted and there are still issues with burning then the Ordinance can be amended.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Member Keppley, second by Member Stover to approve the May 11, 2015 regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

Old Business

None

New Business

1. **2015 paving project bid** – Moved by Member Ressler, second by Member Stover to go out to bid for the 2015 paving project. Motion approved unanimously.
2. **Stormwater Management Ordinance enforcement** – Ms. Johnson and Member Keppley met with Art Moyer and his neighbors regarding the stormwater issues they've been having in the area of Bareview Drive in Leola. The property located at 287 Bareview Drive is the only one in the area with a stormwater easement. Letters have been sent to the homeowner of 287 Bareview Drive requesting that he clean out and repair the stormwater swale on his property. The homeowner has not responded. Ms. Johnson is seeking approval from the Board to start the enforcement process of the Township's Stormwater Management Ordinance by the Attorney. Moved by Member Keppley, second by Member Ressler to authorize the Township's Attorney to begin the enforcement process of West Earl's Stormwater Management Ordinance. Motion approved unanimously.

3. **Trash exemption at 296 Highview Drive** – Ms. Johnson has received complaints about trash from 296 Highview Drive blowing into neighbors' properties. There is also an accumulation of trash in the yard at 296 Highview Drive. Ms. Johnson reported that in 2009 the homeowner was approved for an exemption from using a trash hauler. The Zoning Officer has sent letters to the homeowner but has gotten no response. Member Keppley suggested that the homeowner be fined for littering rather than revoking the trash exemption. Ms. Johnson will talk to the Police Chief about this.

Manager's Report

Pension and Health Insurance Committees – Ms. Johnson requested that Board Members sit in on these committee meetings. Member Keppley will attend the health insurance committee meetings; Vice Chairman Ford will attend the pension committee meetings. Ms. Johnson will ask Township employees to join the committees as well.

Pubic Comment

None

Payment of Bills

Moved by Member Ressler, second by Member Keppley to pay the bills as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

Supervisors' Comments

Harold Keppley – Member Keppley commented about the Outdoor Furnaces section of the proposed Burning Ordinance. He said it probably doesn't apply to the few outdoor furnaces located within the Township.

Adjournment

Moved by Member Ressler, second by Member Keppley to adjourn the May 18, 2015 regular meeting at 8:10 p.m. Motion approved unanimously.