

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

In Attendance:

Chairman:	John Ford	Member:	Keith Kauffman
Member:	Richard Stover	Member:	Dave Thornton

Vice Chairman Harold Keppley, Manager Candie Johnson and Police Chief Brian Brandt were absent.

Call to Order

Chairman Ford called the January 22, 2018 regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Member Thornton noted a typo on page 3 under the "Quote from Rettew..." heading. Moved by Member Stover, second by Member Kauffman to approve the January 2, 2018 Organizational meeting minutes as corrected. Motion approved unanimously.

Public Comment/Guests

Scott Monger project waiver – Dave Mease, Diehm & Sons and Scott Monger were present. Mr. Monger proposes removing the existing improvements, including a mobile home, at 205 E. Main Street, subdividing the property into two lots and building 2 single family dwellings. Mr. Mease gave an overview of the project and said that Mr. Monger has received approval from the Zoning Hearing Board for variances of side yard setbacks and lot width requirements for the two proposed lots. Mr. Mease said they are seeking clarification and/or waivers of the Township Engineer's interpretation of sections of the stormwater management ordinance. The Township's Engineer has determined that this project does not qualify for the 1,000 square feet impervious surface coverage exemption for stormwater because the site is going to be redeveloped after the existing improvements are removed. The Planning Commission was not in favor of granting this request to extend the 1,000 square feet exemption for this project. The Board discussed their hesitation to set a precedent if this request is granted. Chairman Ford said he would like to see this project move forward but does not want to go against the Planning Commission's recommendation. The possibility of removing some of the proposed impervious driveway area was discussed. Chairman Ford asked Mr. Monger and Mr. Mease to revisit the Planning Commission to show them that some of the impervious square footage can be mitigated. Mr. Monger will attend the February Planning Commission meeting.

Old Business

Resolution 2018-11 – Appointing Curtis Miller to the Water Authority. Moved by Member Thornton, second by Member Kauffman to adopt Resolution 2018-11. Motion approved unanimously.

New Business

1. **Ordinance #240** – Update to the Noise Ordinance, Chapter 121 of the West Earl Code of Ordinances. Moved by Member Thornton, second by Member Stover to adopt Ordinance #240. Motion approved unanimously.
2. **90-day extension for Stone Barn Place** – Moved by Chairman Ford, second by Member Kauffman to accept the 90-day extension for the Stone Barn Place Plan. Motion approved unanimously.
3. **90-day extension for M.M. Weaver** – Moved by Member Kauffman, second by Member Thornton to accept the 90-day extension for the M.M. Weaver Plan. Motion approved unanimously.

4. **90-day extension for Bobby Rahal Automotive Group** – Moved by Member Kauffman, second by Member Thornton to accept the 90-day extension for the Bobby Rahal Automotive Group Plan. Motion approved unanimously.
5. **Authorize the certification of the uncollected Real Estate Taxes and interims** – Moved by Chairman Ford, second by Member Thornton to sign the certification forms for uncollected real estate taxes and interims for 2017. Motion approved unanimously.
6. **Sign the Edmund's & Associates software contract** - Moved by Member Thornton, second by Member Kauffman to authorize Chairman John Ford to sign the Edmund's & Associates software contract. Motion approved unanimously.
7. **Small project stormwater management agreement** – 99 Rosewood Drive. Moved by Member Kauffman, second by Member Thornton to sign the small project stormwater management agreement for 99 Rosewood Drive. Motion approved unanimously.

Public Comment

Larry Schwilk, 88 Buchland Road – Mr. Schwilk asked the Board when the roads in the West Earl Heights development will be fixed. He said the surfaces are cracking and they need to be repaved. Chairman Ford said he will have the Township Manager look into this and get back to Mr. Schwilk.

Manager's Report

The Manager was absent but provided her written report for the Board's review.

- **Liens report** – provided for the Board's review.
- **Workers' Compensation insurance discount** – The Township is receiving a 5% credit on workers' compensation insurance for having a Certified Safety Committee.
- **PSATS convention** – Will be held April 22 – 25.
- **LCSWMA Breakfast** – Member Thornton will attend.
- **Senator Aument thank you letter** – The Board received a thank-you letter from Senator Ryan Aument for opting out of hosting a mini casino in its jurisdiction.
- **Zoning Officer's December report** – Provided for the Board's review.
- **Fairmount Homes event** – Member Thornton will attend.
- **Police Contract Negotiations** – The Manager would like two Board members to attend the Police Contract negotiations. Chairman Ford & Member Thornton will attend.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Brandt was not present.

Payment of Bills

Moved by Member Thornton, second by Member Kauffman to pay the bills as presented. Motion approved

unanimously.

Supervisors' Comments

Dave Thornton – Member Thornton requested an executive session at the end of the regular session to discuss a personnel matter.

John Ford – Chairman Ford said the Manager provided ethics forms for the Board members to fill-out. Discussed Senator Aument's breakfast that's scheduled for February 15th.

The Board took a brief recess at 8:12 p.m. and entered executive session at 8:16 p.m.

The Board returned to their regular session at 8:35 p.m.

Adjournment

Moved by Member Thornton, second by Member Kauffman to adjourn the January 22, 2018 regular meeting at 8:36 p.m. Motion approved unanimously.