

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

In Attendance:

Chairman:	John Ford	Member:	Keith Kauffman
Vice Chairman:	Harold Keppley	Member:	Dave Thornton
Member:	Richard Stover		

Manager Candie Johnson was absent.

Call to Order

Chairman Ford called the October 8, 2018 regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Ford noted two omissions in the September 24, 2018 meeting minutes items 3 and 5 under the New Business heading. Moved by Member Thornton, second by Member Kauffman to approve the September 24, 2018 regular meeting minutes as corrected. Motion approved unanimously.

Public Comment/Guests

Matt Carper, Hooley Dance Studio – Mr. Carper was at the meeting to further discuss the financial security for his land development plan. Chairman Ford said the Township's attorney was consulted about opening a CD in the Township's name for Mr. Carper's financial security. Chairman Ford said if the Township did this for Mr. Carper that it would have to do it for all developers and the amount of accounting that would have to be done would be a large task to undertake. Chairman Ford suggested that Mr. Carper provide cash for an escrow account with the Township. Mr. Carper again asked the Board to consider releasing his financial security. He feels that the sidewalk ordinance is sufficient to require him to complete the sidewalks at his property at any time. Vice Chairman Keppley told Mr. Carper that part of the requirements for his plan include finishing the sidewalks which is why the Township is holding the financial security. Mr. Carper asked for some information about providing escrow. Chairman Ford directed Township staff to provide the information to Mr. Carper.

New Business

1. **Ordinance 246** – Traffic regulations for the Creek Hill Development. Chairman Ford asked if speed could be enforced on roads that haven't been dedicated. Moved by Chairman Ford, second by Vice Chairman Keppley to table this matter. Motion approved unanimously.
2. **Riparian Buffer Agreement for Laverne Hoover** – Vice Chairman Keppley said that he's had some concerns about this and would like to know how the Engineer arrived at the decision to require the riparian buffer. The Board reviewed minutes from previous meetings. Moved by Member Thornton, second by Vice Chairman Keppley to sign the Riparian buffer easement agreement for Laverne Hoover. Motion approved unanimously.
3. **2018 Halloween Parade road closures** – Moved by Member Stover, second by Member Thornton to close the entire length of Elizabeth Avenue, entire length of Marlou Avenue, Locust Street from N. Maple Avenue to S. State Street, School Lane Avenue from S. Church Street to S. State Street, the entire length of Cedar Avenue, N. Church Street from W. Metzler Road to E. Main Street and S. Church Street from E. Main Street to School Lane Avenue and to authorize the West Earl Fire Police to help with traffic control at the October 25th Halloween Parade. Motion approved unanimously.

4. **New Holland Borough compost agreement** – Moved by Chairman Ford, second by Vice Chairman Keppley to sign the compost site agreement with New Holland Borough. Motion approved unanimously.

Police Chief's Report

- **Substitute crossing guard** – Chief Brandt would like to hire Selena Furlong as a substitute school crossing guard at \$14.92 per hour. Moved by Member Kauffman, second by Vice Chairman Keppley. Motion approved unanimously.
- **Hazardous sidewalks** – Chief Brandt said he's concerned about the school children that meet at the State & Main street intersection when walking to school. He said the sidewalks are hazardous and some areas have no sidewalks. The Chief said that PennDot would do an engineering study on the sidewalks to determine whether they are hazardous but the school district would have to request the study. Moved by Chairman Ford, second by Member Kauffman to authorize Chief Brandt to discuss this matter with the Conestoga Valley School District. Motion approved unanimously.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Brandt said that he is currently working on four cases that need dire attention. He gave an overview of a few of the cases.

Payment of Bills

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

Supervisors' Comments

Dave Thornton – Member Thornton asked if the cameras have been installed at the compost site. He was informed that the cameras have been installed.

John Ford – Chairman Ford said that he will not be at the October 22nd meeting.

Adjournment

Moved by Chairman Ford, second by Member Thornton to adjourn the October 8, 2018 regular meeting at 7:50 p.m. Motion approved unanimously.