

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	Manager:	Candie Johnson
Member:	Richard Stover		

Member Dave Thornton was absent.

Call to Order

Chairman Ford called the April 22, 2019 regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Member Kauffman noted that the motion for #4 under New Business is incorrect. The motion was made by Member Stover and seconded by Member Thornton. Moved by Member Kauffman, second by Member Stover to approve the April 8, 2019 regular meeting minutes as corrected. Motion approved unanimously.

Public Comment/Guests

Barry Smith, 136 Zook's Mill Road – Mr. Smith asked what the status is of the property at the corner of Zook's Mill and Brian Drive. Manager Johnson said that the Code Enforcement officer inspected the property and reported that it had been cleaned up.

New Business

1. **Ordinance #247** – Proposed amendments to the Solid Waste Ordinance. Vice Chairman Keppley noted some items that should be clarified. These include what residents should do with grass clippings and what happens when there's a new property owner and the former owner was locked-in to using the Township's hauler until the end of the contract. Also, trash customers should be informed about the changes in the trash program so they have the option to opt out of the service. Moved by Member Kauffman, second by Chairman Ford to table this matter until all items discussed are clarified. Motion approved unanimously. Ms. Johnson will do work on the items that were discussed.
2. **Hire Zachary Crills to the Road Crew** – Ms. Johnson said that Zachary will be a fit for the road crew position. Moved by Member Stover, second by Vice Chairman Keppley to hire Zachary Crills as a road crew worker. Motion approved unanimously.
3. **COG bids for 2019** – Moved by Vice Chairman Keppley, second by Member Stover to approve the bids as presented by the COG for 2019. Motion approved unanimously.
4. **Purchase leaf collection equipment** – Moved by Vice Chairman Keppley, second by Member Kauffman to purchase leaf collection equipment with the \$350,000 grant funding the Township received from the DEP. Motion approved unanimously.
5. **Bids for improvements to SR272 and New Burkholder Drive** - Ms. Johnson reminded the Board that the Township has no financial obligation as a result of these improvements. The improvements are being paid for with grant money. Moved by Vice Chairman Keppley, second by Member Kauffman to approve the bid from HRG for the improvements to SR272 and New Burkholder Drive. Motion approved unanimously.

6. **Lancaster Civil Engineering** – Moved by Member Kauffman, second by Member Stover to approve Ben Craddock, Lancaster Civil Engineering for Engineering services. Motion approved unanimously.
7. **Service Agreement with Land Studies** – Moved by Vice Chairman Keppley, second by Member Stover to sign the service agreement with Land Studies for the John Hoover Project. Motion approved unanimously.

Manager's Report

- Ms. Johnson reported that Josh Mertz passed the core pesticide application test and she would like to give him his annual wage increase a little early.
- The sidewalk letters to East Main Street residents were mailed.
- Ms. Johnson provided updated liens and past dues lists for the Board's review. Chairman Ford suggested having the Township's attorney send out the next round of past due letters. Ms. Johnson will work with the attorney and Missy on the letters.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Brandt was absent, however, Vice Chairman Keppley had two items to mention relating to the Police Department.

- Vice Chairman Keppley said that the Chief is working on getting the speed sign set up on Zook's Mill Road.
- The Lions' Club request help from the West Earl Fire Police for their chicken bbq on June 21, 2019. Motion by Member Stover, second by Vice Chairman Keppley to approve the use of the fire police at the June 21, 2019 Lions' Club chicken bbq. Motion approved unanimously.

Payment of Bills

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

Supervisors' Comments

John Ford – Chairman Ford will absent at the next Supervisors' meeting.

Adjournment

Vice Chairman Keppley, second by Member Kauffman to adjourn the April 22, 2019 regular meeting at 7:55 p.m. Motion approved unanimously.