

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

**In Attendance:**

Vice Chairman:	David Thornton	Manager/Secretary:	Jenna Seesholtz
Member:	Harold Keppley, Jr.	Police Chief:	Eric Higgins
Member:	Dale Wissler	Township Engineer:	Ben Craddock
Member:	Keith Kauffman	Zoning Officer:	Sara Service

Others present: Todd Heidelbaugh – 475 Marlene Way, Kevin Halbfoerster – PA Game Commission, Melvin Hess – Gible, Kraybill & Hess, Bill Witman – Witman Engineering, Sylvan Fisher – 87 Locust Street, Stephen Stoltzfoos – 530 Snapper Drive, Matthew Stoltzfoos – 530 Snapper Drive, Dale Kopp – ARRO Consulting, Robert Buckwalter – West Earl Water Operator, Jeff Zimmerman – West Earl Water Authority.

Chairman John Ford was absent.

Call to Order

David Thornton called the February 24, 2020 regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Member Keppley, second by Member Wissler to approve the February 10, 2020 regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

Public Comment

**Todd Heidelbaugh, 475 Marlene Way, Creek Hill HOA** – Mr. Heidelbaugh talked about concerns he has about the installed signs in the Creek Hill Development and communications between the Creek Hill HOA and the Township.

Special Business

**Resolution 2020-20** – Grant signature authorization. Moved by Member Keppley, second by Member Kauffman to adopt Resolution 2020-20. Motion approved unanimously.

Subdivision/Land Development

**Oregon Pike Motors Preliminary/Final Subdivision & Land Development Plan**

- **Preliminary plan waiver** – Moved by Member Keppley, second by Member Wissler to grant a waiver of the preliminary plan requirements in Section 155-9 of the Subdivision & Land Development Ordinance. Motion approved unanimously.
- **Plan scale waiver** – Moved by Vice Chairman Thornton, second by Member Keppley to grant a waiver of plan scale requirements in Section 155-21.B of the Subdivision & Land Development Ordinance. Motion approved unanimously.
- **Defer right-of-way dedication** – Moved by Member Keppley, second by Vice Chairman Thornton, to defer the right-of-way requirements in Section 155-23.A(5) of the Subdivision & Land Development Ordinance. Motion approved unanimously.
- **Defer roadway improvements** – Moved by Member Keppley, second by Member Kauffman to defer the roadway improvement requirements in Section 155-23.C(1) of the Subdivision & Land Development Ordinance. Motion approved unanimously.
- **Defer sidewalks at street** – Moved by Member Wissler, second by Member Kauffman to defer the sidewalk requirements in Section 155-32.D of the Subdivision & Land Development Ordinance. Motion approved unanimously.
- **Conditional plan approval** – Moved by Member Keppley, second by Member Wissler to grant plan approval contingent upon all items in the Township Engineer's review letter dated January 14, 2020 being satisfied. Motion approved unanimously.

New Business

1. **Kevin Halboeforster, PA Game Commission** – Mr. Halboeforster presented an update on chronic wasting disease in deer. He said the disease management area has doubled and there have been 4 additional head bins placed throughout the area. Approximately 500 deer have been tested and there has been only one, found in Upper Leacock Township, that tested positive.

2. **Small watershed grant opportunity** – Member Keppley asked Manager Seesholtz to find out what it would cost to have Land Studies put together the application for the grant.
3. **Ride for Literacy** – Moved by Member Keppley, seconded by Member Kauffman to allow the painting of directional arrows on Township roads for the Ride for Literacy. Motion approved unanimously.
4. **Police cruiser purchase** – Chief Higgins said \$40,000 for the purchase of this vehicle is included in the 2020 Police Budget. The cost will be \$39,976. Moved by Member Keppley, second by Member Kauffman to approve the purchase of a new Police cruiser in the amount of \$39,976. Motion approved unanimously.

#### Old Business

1. **Nolt Well discussion** – Dale Kopp, ARRO Consulting, was present to discuss the Nolt Well rehabilitation project to reduce the amount of total dissolved solids. The work would consist of pulling the pump and taking video of the well. Air would then be pumped every 2 feet and allowed to drop. Video of the well would then be taken again. The Water Authority will be getting 3 quotes for this work. Mr. Kopp said there is a 50/50 chance that the rehab would work. Member Keppley said he wanted to make clear that the level of total dissolved solids is not a danger to the public. Mr. Kopp said that is correct. A brief discussion about the interconnection with Akron Borough followed. Jeff Zimmerman said EAJA supplies Akron with water which became a sticking point the last time the Water Authority checked on entering into an agreement with Akron Borough. There was a consensus among the Board members to approve the Nolt Well rehabilitation project. Vice Chairman Thornton said he would like to see the Water Authority pursue an agreement with Akron Borough.
2. **Employee Compensation** – The Board told Manager Seesholtz that she may execute employee raises as she sees fit as long as it is within the 2020 Township Budget.

#### Payment of Bills

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

#### Reports

- **Township Manager**
  - **Subdivision/Land Development Forms** – Manager Seesholtz said the old forms were lacking required information, so they've been updated.
  - **PennDot meeting** – Manager Seesholtz met with PennDot. The work SR772 in association with the Bobby Rahal project will begin in 4-6 weeks.
  - **LCSWMA** – West Earl has been chosen for the Recycling Bin Review program.
  - **Meet & Greet** – Thanked everyone for attending. Manager Seesholtz said about 50 residents attended.
  - **LASA** – The final draft of the agreement will be ready for the next Supervisors' meeting.
  - **Township meeting recordings** – Manager Seesholtz would like to start recording public meetings and will be putting a plan together for doing so. Member Wissler said he would like to see the Township start video recording as well.
- **Chief Eric Higgins** – D.A.R.E. America – Chief Higgins will be attending the meeting.

#### Supervisors' Comments

**David Thornton** – Vice Chairman Thornton requested that the Board be provided with a budget versus actual document.

Manager Seesholtz review the action items from the meeting.

#### Public Comment

**Stephen & Matthew Stoltzfoos, 530 Snapper Drive** – Stephen & Matthew Stoltzfoos were at the meeting as representatives for the PAWS organization. Stephen read through the code of ethics for the PAWS organization. He said the organization holds regular meetings and events and asked if the Township would like to get involved. The Board expressed interested in the organization and asked Mr. Stoltzfoos to provide whatever information he has for the Township to review.

#### Adjournment

Moved by Member Wissler, second by Member Kauffman to adjourn the February 24, 2020 regular meeting at 8:24 p.m. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by:

*Sara Service*

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Zoning Officer