

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

In Attendance:

Chairman:	John Ford (Via Zoom)	Manager/Secretary:	Jenna Seesholtz
Vice Chairman:	David Thornton	Police Chief:	Eric Higgins
Member:	Harold Keppley, Jr.	Roadmaster:	Neil Stoltzfus
Member:	Keith Kauffman	Zoning Officer:	Sara Service

Guests present: Mervin Zimmerman, Farmersville Parochial School board member, Eric Montgomery, 222 Dutch Lanes, Jay Hiester, 118 Countryside Lane.

Member Dale Wissler was absent.

Call to Order

Chairman Ford called the August 10, 2020 regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Ford turned the meeting over to Vice Chairman Thornton to conduct the proceedings.

Approval of Minutes

July 13, 2020 – Moved by Member Kauffman, second by Member Keppley to approve the July 13, 2020 regular meeting minutes as submitted. Motion approved unanimously.

Vice Chairman Thornton announced that the July 27, 2020 regular meeting was cancelled.

Public Comment

Mervin Zimmerman – Mr. Zimmerman is a member of the Farmersville Parochial School board. He said that there is no school zone signage in the area of the school and asked if a sign could be installed. The Roadmaster will reach out to PennDot about installing a school zone sign.

Special Business

Eric Montgomery, 222 Dutch Lanes – Mr. Montgomery, owner of 222 Dutch Lanes, would like to operate a drive-in type movie theater in the parking lot of his property at 4311 Oregon Pike. Mr. Montgomery said he is working with Illusion, Sound & Lighting. The Board asked the Manager to have the Township Solicitor weigh in on this matter. Moved by Member Keppley, second by Member Kauffman to conditionally approve the drive-in type movie theater use proposed by Eric Montgomery pending input from the Township Solicitor. Motion approved unanimously.

Subdivision/Land Development Review

- Anglesea dedication documents** – The Manager read through the punch list of items that are outstanding. Jay Hiester, 118 Countryside Lane, addressed the Board about concerns he has with stormwater runoff on his property. The Manager will contact Becker Engineering about Mr. Hiester's concerns. Moved by Chairman Ford, second by Member Keppley to authorize the Township's Solicitor to prepare and advertise the dedication documents for the Anglesea Development when all outstanding items are met. Motion approved unanimously.
- Creek Hill dedication documents** – Moved by Member Kauffman, second by Member Keppley to authorize the Township's Solicitor to prepare and advertise the dedication documents for the Creek Hill development. Motion approved unanimously.

3. **Delmas Fox stormwater management agreement** – Moved by Member Keppley, second by Chairman Ford to approve the Delmas Fox stormwater management agreement. Motion approved unanimously.
4. **Ovalle stormwater management agreement** – The Board would like to review the stormwater application before approving the agreement. Moved by Member Kauffman, second by Vice Chairman Thornton to table the Ovalle stormwater management agreement. Motion approved unanimously.

Old Business

1. **East Main Street sidewalk project update** – Member Keppley asked the Manager to get an updated timeline from Rettew for the East Main sidewalk project.
2. **WEWA Rules & Regulations** – Provided for the Board's review and will be discussed at the next meeting.

New Business

1. **272 project inspector approval** – Moved by Member Keppley, second by Member Kauffman to approve Rettew as the 272 project inspector at a cost of \$113,200. Motion approved unanimously.
2. **Road Department Equipment** – Moved by Member Kauffman, second by Member Keppley to authorize the Roadmaster to sell the John Deere bank mower and purchase two mower attachments. Motion approved unanimously.

Payment of Bills

Moved by Chairman Ford, second by Vice Chairman Thornton to pay the bills as presented. Motion passed with a 3 to 0 vote with Member Keppley abstaining.

Reports

1. **Township Manager**
 - a. Fee schedule amendments will be taken care of at the next meeting.
 - b. 2020 Budget – Township revenue will be down approximate 10% this year and not 30% as was originally thought.
 - c. Pension audit – There were 3 verbal findings issued. The items will be fixed.
 - d. MS4 program – The Township has an opportunity to partner with PennDot for grants for MS4 projects. The Township would receive 50% credit for the projects.
2. **Chief Higgins**
 - a. Officer Cruce is nearing completion of field training and is doing very well.
 - b. Critical incident counseling will be available for any officers who wish to participate.
 - c. The Akron Borough meeting to discuss Police Department matters is August 18, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Akron Borough building.
3. **Roadmaster**
 - a. Township items recently sold on Municibid for a total of \$7,415.
 - b. The work on Locust Street is finished.

Public Comment

None

Supervisors' Comments

Harold Keppley – Briefly discussed the WEWA Engineer's comments on the Akron Borough and WEWA

water interconnection.

Dave Thornton

- ZHB/BOS meeting – The Zoning Hearing Board members will be contacted to see who can attend.
- LASA agreement was briefly discussed.
- Compost site receipts – Vice Chairman Thornton asked how often the receipt paper is checked.

Keith Kauffman – Member Kauffman asked about the Youth Tennis Program. The Manager said the organizer did not have anyone sign up for the program.

Manager Seesholtz reviewed the action items from the meeting.

Adjournment

Moved by Member Kauffman, second by Chairman Ford to adjourn the August 10, 2020 regular meeting at 8:28 p.m. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Sara Service