

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

In Attendance:

Chairman:	John Ford	Manager/Secretary:	Jenna Seesholtz
Vice Chairman:	David Thornton	Roadmaster:	Neil Stoltzfus
Member:	Dale Wissler	Zoning Officer:	Sara Service
Member:	Keith Kauffman		

Guests present: Galen Fisher of Farmersville Fire Company, Nate Stoltzfus of West Earl Fire Company, Phil Hursh of West Earl Fire Company, Earl Good of Farmersville Fire Company, Kris Pursel of West Earl Fire Company

Member Harold Keppley was not present.

Call to Order

Chairman Ford called the October 12, 2020 regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

**September 28, 2020** – Motion by Vice Chairman Thornton, second by Member Wissler to approve the September 28, 2020 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion approved unanimously.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Special Business

**LASA Settlement:** The Settlement for the sale of the sewer system is set for October 30, 2020. Vice Chairman Thornton and Manager/Secretary Seesholtz will attend the closing and are authorized to sign the documents on behalf of the Township.

**Resolution 2020-30 – Lease Purchase Agreement:** A motion by Member Wissler second by Vice Chairman Thornton to adopt Resolution 2020-30 Lease Purchase Agreement as submitted. Motion approved unanimously.

**Akron Police Agreement:** A motion by Chairman Ford second by Vice Chairman Thornton to authorize Township Solicitor Cleary to draft an agreement between Akron Borough and West Earl Township for West Earl Police Department to cover Akron Borough as submitted in a proposal submitted to Akron Borough. Motion approved unanimously.

Subdivision/Land Development Review - None

Old Business

1. **East Main Street Sidewalk Project update** – Roadmaster Stoltzfus and Manager Seesholtz met with staff from Rettew to review some details before Rettew submits to PennDOT for approvals. A draft set of plans were dropped off at the Township building for review. The West Earl Water Authority made a motion at their October 5, 2020 meeting approving the replacement of the water line through a portion of the East Main Street project area.
2. **Nolt Well Update** – Manager Seesholtz advised the Board that West Earl Township Water Authority requested 2 members of the Board of Supervisors attend the November 2, 2020 Water Authority meeting. Also in attendance will be staff members from the Water Department, Jimmy Dennis and Dale Kopp, both of ARRO engineering. Discussion on the future of the well will take place at that meeting.

New Business

1. **Transfer to Capital Reserve Approval (Rettew – East Main Street and Police Vehicle Purchase):** A motion by Vice Chairman Thornton, second by Member Kauffman to transfer \$75,000 from the Township General Fund to the Capital Reserve account. Motion approved unanimously.
1. **Anglesea Financial Security Release:** A motion by Vice Chairman Thornton, second by Member Wissler to approve the release of Letter of Credit No. 4273 for the Anglesea Development. The developer has submitted the required maintenance bond. Motion approved unanimously.
1. **Anglesea Agreement:** A motion by Vice Chairman Thornton, second by Member Kauffman to sign the presented Stormwater Management Agreements for Anglesea residents Valez. Motion approved unanimously.
2. **Eagle Disposal – Amendment to Contract:** A motion by Member Wissler, second by Member Kauffman to approve the Amendment to the contract between West Earl Township and Eagle Disposal. The amendment would allow Eagle Disposal to provide the residents of West Earl with 96-gallon totes at no cost to the Township. Motion approved unanimously.
3. **Library Contribution Approval:** A motion by Vice Chairman Thornton, second by Member Kauffman to approve a \$2,500 contribution to the Lancaster Library System. This contribution is provided for in the 2020 Township Budget. Motion approved unanimously.
4. **Fire Company Contributions Approval:** Member for the West Earl Fire Company and Farmersville Fire Company addresses the Board in regard to the shortfall in their fund-raising activities due to COVID-19. Both companies have had to cancel events that would normally bring in \$30,000 to each department. A motion by Vice Chairman Thornton, second by Member Kauffman to approve the contribution to the Fire Companies as provided for in the 2020 Township Budget. The total contribution will be \$14,000. Motion approved unanimously.
5. **LST Discussion:** Manager Seesholtz will get dates for the Quarterly Meeting between the Fire Companies and the Board of Supervisors to resume. Farmersville Fire Company was reminded to submit their financial report to the Township for review.
6. **Crossing Guards – New Hire:** A motion by Vice Chairman Thornton, second by Member Kauffman to approve hiring Dale Ebersole as a crossing guard at the current rate for a crossing guard and to permit current employee Brian Brandt to become an alternative crossing guard in the event that the Police Department cannot fill the position for the day. The Township will not charge the school district for Brandt's time. Motion approved unanimously.

Financials

1. **Payment of bills** – Motion by Member Wissler, second by Vice Chairman Thornton to pay the bills as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

Reports

1. **Zoning Officer's Report** – The Board would like the Zoning office to add information to clarify non-compliance reports. The date of the initial Zoning Hearing decision and how long the non-compliance has been occurring should be added to the report.
2. **Manager's Report** – No report given.
3. **Roadmaster's Report** –
  - a. **Engine Purchase correction:** At the last Board meeting, Roadmaster received approval to purchase a new engine for the compost turner not to exceed \$3,600. A motion by Vice Chairman Thornton, second by Kauffman to increase the engine purchase from \$3,600 not to exceed \$5,500. Motion approved unanimously.

Supervisors' Comments

**Keith Kauffman** – Member Kauffman noted that he was still working with Comcast and several residents to

clear up some issues with some Comcast installation.

**Dale Wissler** – Member Wissler inquired if Rahal was on the tax roll. Manager Seesholtz noted that once the building was complete, County would be informed and they would complete an assessment.

**Akron Borough – Police Coverage Agreement:** Chief Higgins noted that he attended the Akron Borough meeting that evening with Member Keppley. Chief Higgins advised Akron that they should have an agreement forwarded to the Borough shortly. Akron Borough would like to meet with some member of the Board of Supervisors to discuss some terms of the agreement.

Manager Seesholtz reviewed the action items from the meeting.

Adjournment

Moved by Member Wissler, second by Member Kauffman to adjourn the October 12, 2020 regular meeting at 8:40 p.m. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jenna Seesholtz  
Township Manager/Secretary