

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

In Attendance:

Chairman:	David Thornton	Manager/Secretary:	Jenna Seesholtz
Vice Chairman:	John Ford	Roadmaster:	Neil Stoltzfus
Member:	Keith Kauffman	Police Chief:	Eric Higgins

Members Harold Keppley and Dale Wissler were absent.

Others present: Jill Kaufman, Sally Kaufman, Brenden Curry, LNP/Lancaster Online, Lisa Eckel-Exton, PA, Mike Reed-Leola, PA, Sherry Ditzler-Denver, PA, Josh Mertz-WEPD, Fred Riccelli-WEPD, Jake Waltz-WEPD, Mitch Rogers-WEPD, Ryan Blessing-WEPD, Peter Wertz-McNees Wallace & Nurick, Tom Schaller-Brecknock Builders, Arthur Hoover-Leola Produce Auction, Mike Snyder-Leola Produce Auction, Wilmer Hoover-Leola Produce Auction.

Call to Order

Chairman Thornton called the October 25, 2021 regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

October 11, 2021 regular meeting minutes – Moved by Vice Chairman Ford, second by Member Kauffman to approve the October 11, 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

Public Comment

None

Special Business

- West Earl Sewer Authority members recognition** – The Board of Supervisors presented plaques to the West Earl Sewer Authority members and the Authority's Administrator in recognition of their many years of service.
 - **Mike Reed** – 12 years of service
 - **Dave Noyes** – 10 years of service
 - **Teresa Beever** – 27 years of service as the Authority's Administrator
 - **Donald Eckel** – 10 years of service. Posthumously accepted by his daughter, Lisa Eckel.
- Swearing-in of new police officers** – Officer Craig Johnson and Officer Samantha Heise were sworn-in by Chairman Dave Thornton as Police Officers for West Earl Township and Akron Borough.
- Leola Produce Auction text amendment petition discussion** – Peter Wertz from McNees, Wallace and Nurick addressed the Board. He said he and representatives from Leola Produce Auction were at the meeting to resume conversations on the possible text amendment petition submission for the Leola Produce Auction property at 135 Brethren Church Road. The text amendment would allow a produce auction as a use by right in the AG district. The proposed language for the text amendment was provided for the Board's review. The 40-mile radius provision for sales was discussed. Vice Chairman Ford pointed out that a 40-mile radius would take them into Maryland. Mr. Wertz said 90% of sellers are coming from within Lancaster County. Chairman Thornton asked if they have talked to the Planning Commission yet. Mr. Wertz stated no. Vice Chairman Ford brought up concerns about this being spot zoning. Vice Chairman Ford and Chairman Thornton both commented that they are not necessarily opposed to this but are uneasy. There was a consensus among the Board members to allow Leola Produce Auction to move forward with the text amendment petition process.
- Resolution 2021-21 ARPA spending approval** – Moved by Vice Chairman Ford, second by Member Kauffman to adopt Resolution 2021-21. Motion approved unanimously.

Subdivision/Land Development Review

- Transition to Community** – Release of financial security. Moved by Member Kauffman, second by Vice Chairman Ford to release the financial security for the Transition to Community project. Motion approved unanimously.

New Business

Municibid Approval – Roadmaster Stoltzfus would like to post some ADS drainage pipe that the Township isn't using on Municibid. Moved by Member Kauffman, second by Vice Chairman Ford to approve selling ADS drainage pipe on Municibid. Motion approved unanimously.

Financials

1. **Payment of Bills** – Moved by Vice Chairman Ford, second by Member Kauffman to pay the bills as presented. Motion approved unanimously.
2. **Treasurer's Report** – None
3. **Budget vs. Actual** - None

Reports

1. **Zoning Officer's Report** – None
2. **Manager's Report** – Nothing additional to report.
3. **Code Enforcement Officer's Report** – None
4. **Police Chief's Report** – Chief Higgins thanked the Board Members for swearing-in the Township's two new Police Officers.
5. **Roadmaster's Report** – The schedule for thermo striping has changed due to the rain. Leaf collection is going well.

Public Comment

Brenden Curry, LNP – Mr. Curry asked about the Township's ARPA funds spending. Chairman Thornton explained how much the Township is receiving and listed some of the items on which the funds can be spent. Chairman Thornton highlighted the Township's new website that's being developed.

Supervisors' Comments

John Ford – Asked about the electronic documents for the new account at Pershing that the Township will be opening. Manager Seesholtz said she will be signing the documents.

Action Items

None

Adjournment

Moved by Vice Chairman Ford, second by Member Kauffman to adjourn the October 25, 2021 regular meeting at 7:59 p.m. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Sara Service
Zoning Officer