

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

In Attendance:

Chairman:	David Thornton	Member:	Keith Kauffman
Vice Chairman:	John Ford	Manager/Secretary:	Jenna Seesholtz
Member:	Harold Keppley, Jr.	Police Chief:	Eric Higgins
Member:	Dale Wissler		

Others present: John Stauffer-151 Pleasant Valley Road, Brendan Curry-LNP, Ben Voran-West Earl Fire Company, Tom Schaller-Brecknock Builders, Esch McCombie-McNees, Wallace & Nurrick, Mike Snyder-Leola Produce, Arthur Hoover-Leola Produce, Wilmer Hoover-Leola Produce, Tom Murray, John Taylor, Kleon Zimmerman, Paul Swangren, John McBeth-Mayor of Akron Borough, Daryl & Dianna Stoltzfus, Susan Davidson, Elvin High, Nathan Imhoff, Josh Mertz.

#### Call to Order

Chairman Thornton called the December 20, 2021 regular meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

#### Approval of Minutes

**December 6, 2021 Regular Meeting** – Moved by Vice Chairman Ford second by Member Kauffman to approve the December 6, 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

#### Public Comment

None

#### Special Business

1. **Officer Dawn Ray Promotion** – Chairman Thornton announced that Officer Dawn Ray is being promoted to Sergeant. Chairman Thornton thanked the Akron Borough Council members and Mayor for attending. Sergeant Ray was sworn-in by Chairman Thornton.
2. **Adoption of 2022 Budget** – Moved by Vice Chairman Ford, second by Member Kauffman to adopt the 2022 Budget. Motion approved unanimously. Vice Chairman Ford noted that there is no tax increase for 2022.
3. **Leola Produce Auction text amendment petition** – Moved by Vice Chairman Ford, second by Member Keppley to receive the Leola Produce Auction text amendment petition and forward it to the West Earl Planning Commission for review. Motion approved unanimously.
4. **Resolution 2021-25** – 2022 Special Hydrant Assessment. Moved by Member Keppley, second by Member Wissler to adopt Resolution 2021-25. Motion approved unanimously.
5. **Resolution 2021-26** – 2022 Street Light Assessment. Manager Seesholtz noted that the Burkholder Drive streetlights have been added to the Resolution. Moved by Vice Chairman Ford, second by Member Kauffman to adopt Resolution 2021-26. Motion approved unanimously.
6. **Resolution 2021-27** – 2022 Fee Schedule. Moved by Member Kauffman, second by Chairman Thornton to adopt Resolution 2021-27. Motion approved unanimously.
7. **Resolution 2021-28** – Tax Collection Committee Delegate Appointment. Moved by Member Wissler, second by Member Kauffman to adopt Resolution 2021-28. Motion approved unanimously.
8. **Resolution 2021-29** – 2022 Tax Rate. Vice Chairman Ford noted there is no increase for 2022. Moved by Vice Chairman Ford, second by Chairman Thornton to adopt Resolution 2021-29. Motion approved unanimously.
9. **Resolution 2021-30** – 2021 Revision of Street Light Assessment. Adding Burkholder Drive streetlights to the 2021 street light assessment. Moved by Member Keppley, second by Vice Chairman Ford to adopt Resolution 2021-30. Motion approved unanimously.

#### Subdivision/Land Development Review

1. **Mark Martin Motors time extension** - Moved by Vice Chairman Ford, second by Member Kauffman to accept the plan review extension for the Mark Martin Motors plan. Motion approved unanimously.
2. **MM Weaver time extension** – Moved by Member Keppley, second by Member Wissler to accept the plan review extension for the MM Weaver plan. Motion approved unanimously.

New Business

1. **Compost Site Agreement** – Upper Leacock Township. Moved by Member Kauffman, second by Vice Chairman Ford to sign the Upper Leacock Township Compost Site Agreement. Motion approved unanimously.
2. **Commitment to Police Department Radio Purchase** – Manager Seesholtz reported that the County will be bidding-out the new radio systems and a commitment from West Earl is needed to purchase the new radios at a reduced cost. Moved by Member Keppley, second by Vice Chairman Ford to approve the commitment to the Police Department Radio Purchase. Motion approved unanimously.

Financials

1. **Payment of Bills** - Moved by Member Keppley, second by Member Wissler to pay the bills as presented. Motion approved unanimously.
2. **Treasurer's Report** – Moved by Vice Chairman Ford, second by Chairman Thornton to accept the treasurer's report. Motion approved unanimously.
3. **Budget vs. Actual** – Provided for the Board's review.

Reports

1. **Zoning Officer** – None
2. **Manager** – Manager Seesholtz reported that members of the road crew responded quickly to help a coworker who was choking by performing the Heimlich maneuver to save his life.
3. **Code Enforcement Officer** - None
4. **Police Chief** – Chief Higgins reported that the Police Department is back to being fully-staffed. He also reported that he applied for the accreditation grant which is oversee by the PA Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission. He said the West Earl Police Department should be accredited by 2023.

Public Comment

**Ben Voran, President of the West Earl Fire Co.** – Thanked the Board for their support and updated the Board on several items.

**Brendan Curry, LNP** – Mr. Curry asked Chief Higgins what the brand, model and cost of the new police radios will be. The Chief stated they would be the APX 6000 Motorola and APX 4500 Motorola (mobile radios). Chief Higgins said the cost will be \$98,468.28 which is lower than it would be normally because the County is bidding-out the radios.

Supervisors' Comments

**Dale Wissler** – Member Wissler said the handicapped ramps at the intersection of 772 and W. Main Street need to be fixed. He said water collects, freezes, and creates a hazard. He said PennDot was supposed to fix it but hasn't. Manager Seesholtz said she will mention this to the Roadmaster.

**John Ford** – Vice Chairman Ford asked the Manager if she would give the Board an idea of how much money the Township can commit to CDs in January.

Action Items

1. Speak to the Roadmaster about the issue at the intersection of 772 and W. Main Street.
2. Give the Board and idea of how much money the Township can invest in CDs.

Adjournment

Moved by Vice Chairman Ford, second by Member Kauffman to adjourn the December 20, 2021 regular meeting at 7:40 p.m. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Sara Service  
Zoning Officer