

Meeting Minutes
Washington Township,
Lehigh County
Emerald, PA
March 5th, 2024

Chairman Josh Friebolin called the monthly meeting for Washington Township, Lehigh County Board of Supervisors to order at 7:30 PM at the Washington Township Building, 7951 Center St. Emerald, PA.

Members Present – Shawn Wanamaker, Tom Dengler, Josh Friebolin

Roll Call: Shawn Wanamaker- Yes; Tom Dengler- Yes; Josh Friebolin- Yes

Also present were Manager Wade Marlatt, Zoning Officer Alberta Scarfaro, Secretary/Treasurer Brooke Lichtenwalter, and Attorney John Ashley

Motion to approve the 3/5/2024 workshop minutes was made by Shawn Wanamaker and seconded by Tom Dengler.

Roll call: Shawn Wanamaker- Yes; Tom Dengler- Yes; Josh Friebolin- Yes.

Motion to approve the 2/6/2024 minutes of the Board of Supervisors meeting was made by Shawn Wanamaker and seconded by Tom Dengler.

Roll call: Shawn Wanamaker- Yes; Tom Dengler- Yes; Josh Friebolin- Yes.

Motion to approve the January 2024 Treasurer's Report was made by Shawn Wanamaker and seconded by Tom Dengler.

Roll call: Shawn Wanamaker- Yes; Tom Dengler- Yes; Josh Friebolin- Yes.

Comments on the agenda items:

SUBDIVISIONS:

Grant Street Townes-Engineer Mark Leuthe gave a high-level overview regarding the project at Grant Street Townes. There are three main components to the project that he feels are a safer alternative to what is in place today. A proposed modification to the improvements from the previous plan pertaining to Grant Street, curbing, widening, and sewer. Spring Lane would have traffic going one way Northbound headed to Grant Street, and East Lane would have traffic going one way Southbound heading to Main Street.

1. A motion was made by Shawn Wanamaker for the approval to make Spring Lane traffic going one way Northbound (with Penn Dot studies and approvals) and seconded by Tom Dengler.

Roll call: Shawn Wanamaker- Yes; Tom Dengler- Yes; Josh Friebolin- Yes.

2. A motion was made by Shawn Wanamaker to approve the modifications to the improvements from the previous plan pertaining to Grant Street, curbing, widening, and

sewer. Following the requirements of SALDO, and the comments from the townships engineer letter and seconded by Tom Dengler.
Roll call: Shawn Wanamaker- Yes; Tom Dengler- Yes; Josh Friebolin- Yes.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT:

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Thank you letter from the Slatington Public Library
2. Thank you letter from the Slatington History Preservation Society

SUPERVISOR COMMENT: Chairman Josh Friebolin mentioned that the Slatington History Preservation Society is looking for a building to store artifacts. This building would have to be able to accommodate guests about once or twice a month to speak about the area and items.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A motion was made by Shawn Wanamaker for the release of the budgeted \$28,000.00 donation to Friedens Fire Company and seconded by Tom Dengler.
Roll call: Shawn Wanamaker- Yes; Tom Dengler- Yes; Josh Friebolin- Yes.

2. A motion was made by Shawn Wanamaker to appoint Emergency Management Coordinator Joe Mead and seconded by Tom Dengler.
Roll call: Shawn Wanamaker- Yes; Tom Dengler- Yes; Josh Friebolin- Yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Fire Chief Robert Schramel of Slatedale had a comment about the Grant Street Townhomes project. He was concerned that with the extra traffic in the area, water runoff would damage East Lane. Mark Leuthe said they are working on the water run off to be mitigated on the property.

Kristie Wentling of NOVA gave an update for 2024. Printed reports were given to the Supervisors so that they can go over numbers and percentage rates. NOVA is working on a few grants to help with the deficit in their current budget. Coming up are the Shoo-Fly Pie and Paska Bread fundraisers.

Ellen Bigley commented that the neighbors within the vicinity of Grant Street Townes were not notified of the possible project. It was also explained that letters are not sent to nearby residents for Planning Commission Meetings. The letters are only sent to residents within 300 feet of the property going before the Zoning Hearing Board. Alberta Scarfaro explained that this project has been in the works for the last fifteen years.

Gary Mohr stated that his development located by Fury Court has been having ongoing issues with the developer, regarding the condition of the roads and the installation of streetlights. He would like to start a petition with the residents in the area. Attorney John Ashley mentioned this petition does not have to be notarized. Gary also mentioned that people have been riding four wheelers in the area and are not abiding by the laws. The Supervisors agreed that if time frames are noted, it can be very helpful for the police department.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 3/5/2024 at 8:11 PM

A motion was made by Shawn Wanamaker for adjournment and seconded by Tom Dengler.
Roll Call: Shawn Wanamaker- Yes; Tom Dengler- Yes; Josh Friebolin-Yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Brooke Lichtenwalter

Secretary/Treasurer
Washington Township, Lehigh County

