

Emerald, PA
March 7th, 2023

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

Members Present – Josh Friebolin, Tim O’Brian; Shawn Wanamaker – absence

Roll Call: Josh Friebolin-yes; Tim O’Brian-yes

Also present were Secretary/Treasurer Erin Stenger-Guth, Manager Wade Marlatt and Zoning officer Alberta Scarfaro, Atty., John Ashley

Motion to add the agenda to the agenda and advertise to website due to website issues was made by Tim O’Brian and seconded by Josh Friebolin.

Roll Call: Tim O’Brian – yes; Josh Friebolin - yes

Motion to approve the 3/7/2023 workshop minutes was made by Tim O’Brian and seconded by Josh Friebolin

Roll call: Tim O’Brian- yes; Josh Friebolin- yes

Motion to approve the 2/7/2023 minutes of the Board of Supervisors meeting was made by Tim O’Brian seconded by Josh Friebolin.

Roll call: Tim O’Brian – yes; Josh Friebolin – yes

Motion to approve January Treasurer’s Report was made by Josh Friebolin and seconded by Tim O’Brian.

Roll call: Tim O’Brian – yes; Josh Friebolin – yes

County Executive Phillips Armstrong Spoke:

It is that time of year to come out to municipalities to give updates. Volunteers for Fire Companies are down. The county is working on providing \$150 real estate tax rebate to qualified volunteers as an incentive. The county is not increasing taxes again. With the help of ARP money the county have helped local small businesses with \$10 million and helped 5000 families stay in their homes and helped with \$2.1 million for home repairs.

Comments on the agenda items: None

SUBDIVISIONS:

1. Motion was made by Tim O’Brian to approve resolution 2023-06 to accept the lot line adjustment for 6171 and 6175 Creek Road as long as the applicant complies with Township Engineer review letter dated February 23, 2023, Township Zoning Officer memo dated February 20, 2023 and all federal, state and local permits and/or approvals applicable for this site and seconded by Josh Friebolin

Roll call: Tim Obrian – yes; Josh Friebolin - yes

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

SUPERVISOR COMMENT: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion was made by Tim O'Brian to release the 2023 donation of \$1000.00 to Emerald Playground Association and seconded by Josh Friebolin
Roll call: Tim O'Brian – yes; Josh Friebolin - yes
2. Motion was made by Tim O'Brian to release the 2023 donation of \$1000.00 to Friedens Athletic Association and seconded by Josh Friebolin.
Roll call: Tim O'Brian – yes; Josh Friebolin - yes
3. Motion was made by Tim O'Brian to release the 2023 donation of \$26,000.00 to Friedens Fire Company and seconded by Josh Friebolin
Roll call: Tim Obrian – yes; Josh Friebolin - yes
4. Motion was made by Tim O'Brian to release the 2023 donation of \$26,0000.00 to Emerald Fire Company and seconded by Josh Friebolin
Roll call: Tim O'Brian – yes; Josh Friebolin - yes
5. Motion was made by Tim O'Brian to table the 2023-2028 Union Contract and seconded by Josh Friebolin
Roll call: Tim O'Brian – yes; Josh Friebolin - yes
6. Motion was made by Tim O'Brian to set a date for the Township cleanup day to June 3, 2023 – 8:00am – 12:00 pm and seconded by Josh Friebolin
Roll call: Tim O'Brian – yes; Josh Friebolin - yes
7. Motion was made by Tim O'Brian to appoint Shane Pepe as the alternate for the Zoning hearing board and seconded by Josh Friebolin.
Roll call: Tim O'Brian – yes; Josh Friebolin - yes

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tito Burgos: Representing Emerald, Friedens and Slatedale Fire Departments; requesting after hours code official to be able to respond to calls that require condemnation or that involve burning code violations.

Lynn Horn: concerned about storm water runoff from Grant Street Townes

Wayne Roth: concerned about the width of Spring Lane when Grant Street Townes is built

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:55pm 3/7/23

A motion was made by Tim O'Brian for adjournment and seconded by Josh Friebohn.

Roll Call: Tim O'Brian -yes; Josh Friebohn- yes

Respectfully submitted,

Wade Marlatt
Township Manager