

BOS Meeting Minutes
Washington Township,
Lehigh County
Emerald, PA
May 7th, 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, Secretary/Treasurer Brooke Lichtenwalter, and Attorney John Ashley

Motion to approve the 5/7/2024 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 4/2/2024 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 March 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: None

SUBDIVISIONS: None

LEHIGH COUNTY UPDATE: Phil Armstrong, Lehigh County Executive

Phil gave a high level overview of how Lehigh County is doing. The county is in very good shape with lots of new programs that have been very successful.

He gave a brief introduction to Adrianna Calderon who is the Public Relations Manager and has now taken on the role of the Public Information Officer as well.

The fireman tax rebate has been a success with 270 fireman taking advantage of this program, and it seems to attract new recruits.

Emergency digital radios will be purchased in a bulk order to keep pricing down. The county has reached out to Congresswoman Susan Wild for assistance.

The county has also started the Pardon Project which has a success rate of 98%. It helps lower level offenders obtain a public defender and gives assistance to being responsible and contributing to society in positive ways.

Cedarbrook Nursing home project has been going well. There are a lot of jobs available at this location. It has been named one of the top nursing homes in the area.

Lastly, there were no tax increases in Lehigh county for this past year.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT: Joe Mead has been working on many different tasks.

He did mention for hikers with dogs to be careful on the trails. There were dog treats stuffed with fish hooks last week.

He has been attending classes, and at the beginning of June will start for basic certification.

Joe handed out flyers for the Lehigh Emergency Services Training Academy at LCCC on May 22nd from 8:30 AM until 12:30 PM. It is for class G-402 NIMS Overview for Senior Officials.

Our current Emergency Operations Plan needs to be updated. There are several items that are lacking. Joe is working on updating the plan.

Lastly, there are 170 brand new followers on the Facebook emergency management page.

CORRESPONDENCE: Thank you letter from Joanne Ahner and family.

SUPERVISOR COMMENT: Tom Dengler asked for an update on finding a person to open and close the bathrooms at Slatedale Park. He also asked about the pricing of the digital radios for the firemen. Phil said they run about \$6,000 to \$7,000 per unit.

Shawn Wanamaker brought up that Northern Lehigh School District is a place that would be available for displaced families in case of an emergency. The Junior High School has showers facilities available. Bus transportation could be provided depending on the situation.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A motion was made by Shawn Wanamaker for the release of the budgeted \$1,000.00 to the Frieden's Athletic Association 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 advertise for the 2024 summer help laborer position and seconded by Tom Dengler.
Roll call: Shawn Wanamaker- Yes; Tom Dengler- Yes; Josh Friebolin- Yes.

3. A motion was made by Shawn Wanamaker to approve the proposal from S&G to fix the cracks in the tennis court using acrylic patching for \$2,185.00 and use COVID money and seconded by Tom Dengler.

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

4. A motion was made by Shawn Wanamaker to approve the proposal from S&G for \$1,920.00 to repaint the lines for the two tennis courts and also paint lines for pickle ball on one of the courts using COVID money and seconded by Tom Dengler.

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

5. A motion was made by Shawn Wanamaker to participate in the Hero Banner project with certain conditions (see attached) and seconded by Tom Dengler.

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

6. A motion was made by Shawn Wanamaker to approve the use of the outfield of the baseball field at Eagle's Nest for a field hockey clinic for the dates of May 20th-May 24th 2024, from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM, once proper insurance and liability has been established, and seconded by Tom Dengler.

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

7. A motion was made by Shawn Wanamaker to reverse the voided transaction and journal entry for check #1006, as it was previously found and cashed and seconded by Tom Dengler.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Bob Schramel needs more Road Closed signs for after hours emergencies. He also needs more No Trespassing signs for the quarry by the trail (Big 60). It seems the signs have been removed.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 5/7/2024 at 8:00 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

