

Watts Township
October 3, 2018

Present: Secretary/Treasurer Nancy Cangoli, Chairman Karl Raudensky, Supervisor Dr. Pat Gutheil, Supervisor Glenn Smithgall, Zoning Office Robert Hart, Engineer Jerry Spease and 16 residents.

The Watts Township Board of Supervisors regular business meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 3, 2018 at the Watts-Buffalo Community Center by Chairman Raudensky with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of September 5, 2018, 2018 as read; Raudensky/Gutheil. Motion carried.

A motion was made to approve the September 24, 2018 as read; Raudensky/Gutheil. Motion carried.

Karen Anderson introduced herself as a candidate running for the State Representative for the 86th district. She talked about her qualifications, answered questions and encouraged everyone to vote in November.

SECRETARY:

8 RTK requests have been submitted-3 were fulfilled.

SOLICITOR

Nothing new to report

ZONING OFFICER

1 permit was issued to Virginia Roth for an elevated deck at 5 Scotch Circle. He asked the Board to consider looking ahead in possibly 3 years to update the Zoning Ordinance.

Brian Reifsnnyder asked how long a resident has between being notified of a zoning violation and complying before being fined. Bob stated it varies based upon what section of the Zoning Ordinance it falls under.

ENGINEER

Jerry Spease stated he is working on the GP for Morris Rd. The emergency permit for Hill Church Rd has been received. The work needs to be done in 60 days and will be done by the township. He is still trying to make contact with Chad Sheaffer regarding Keller's Auto Body.

FIRE COMPANY

Darren Miller stated everything is good.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Status of SALDO-The Planning Commission is working on again

Act 537 Plan-Supervisor Gutheil reported that DEP will not accept a 5 year pump out cycle and 4 options were given to the township 1) withdraw the plan by September 28th or risk the plan being rejected and a new plan would have to be submitted at a tremendous cost to the township , 2) give in to their demands and change the pump out cycle to 3 years and pass an ordinance within 6 months to a year, 3) quickly change the pump out cycle to a proposed compromise of 4 years and see what their response would be 4) temporarily withdraw the plan before their deadline of September 28, 2018 and seek the answers needed to see if DEP has the statutory authority to force the township to accept their demands for a 3 year pump out cycle and pass an ordinance codifying the plan within the 6 month to a year period of time. The Board chose to withdraw the plan by the deadline they gave us. There has never been a direct answer to where in the Act 537 that gives DEP the authority to insist that a pump out ordinance of 3 years has to be adopted. She submitted a list of questions to DEP at the meeting with them. There has been no response to

date. The Board is still looking for answers. A motion was made to resubmit the plan in 6 months; Smithgall/Raudensky. Motion carried.

Carol Zaita inquired if residents are not allowed to ask David Unger at the Perry County GIS questions. It was clarified that he is not qualified to answer questions regarding ordinances but residents are allowed to contact him.

A motion was made to give \$5,000 to the Watts-Buffalo Community Center for the year; Raudensky/Gutheil. Motion carried. Supervisor Gutheil will ask them to provide monthly financial statements.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made to hold a public hearing and advertise for Arthur Bruaw's request for a zoning map amendment on November 7, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. with the regular business meeting immediately following; Raudensky/Gutheil. Motion carried. Solicitor Fenicle will place the advertisement. A budget workshop will be held on October 17, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. at the township building.

ROAD MASTER

Karl, Jim and Larry will attend the Winter Partnership meeting on October 18th at the Little Buffalo State Park. There is no cost.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Charles Hurlbert had a complaint about Bob Snyder burning garbage. The township needs an ordinance speaking to this issue and people bringing garbage into the township. Secretary Cangioli will research if there is an ordinance in place already.

Brian Reifsnnyder commented on possible reclamation of roads instead of tar and chipping.

A motion was made to pay the bills and any bills that come due before the next meeting; Raudensky/Gutheil. Motion carried.

Ralph Rudy asked if someone was using the township tractor on Sunday from 1 to 3 at the sand pits. The Board has no knowledge of that. Karl announced that there is free firewood from the trees that were taken down on Taylor Rd.

Bob Hart thanked the Board for allowing him to attend and paying the expenses for the FEMA conference.

Scott Spearing addressed the Board regarding the work he is doing on his property on Motter Rd. There is an issue about the silt fence being in the township ROW and Engineer Spease has instructed him that an HOP permit is now needed. Jerry stated that according to the Driveway Ordinance when there is work done within the ROW a permit is needed and the silt fence is in the middle of the shoulder. Mr. Spearing is not willing to obtain the HOP due to the bonding requirement. Supervisor Smithgall stated the option is to either move the silt fence or get the permit. Engineer Spease will meet with Mr. Spearing at the property to work on a solution at a later date.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.; Smithgall/Raudensky. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted
Nancy Cangioli
Secretary