

Watts Township
March 7, 2018

Present: Secretary Nancy Cangoli, Chairman Karl Raudensky, Supervisor Dr. Pat Gutheil, Supervisor Glenn Smithgall, Zoning Officer Bob Hart, Engineer Jerry Spease and 23 residents.

The Watts Township Board of Supervisors regular business meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at the Watts-Buffalo Community Center by Chairman Raudensky with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the February 7, 2018 meeting were tabled due to the township computer power failure.

Cody Jones from Burget & Associates presented the Snyder-Bell subdivision plan to the Board. This is a lot addition from Snyder to Bell. A motion was made to approve the waivers from Section 304/305 Preliminary Plat Procedures/Specifications, Section 307.1 Sheet Size and Scale, Section 307.1.i Lot Number Identification, Section 307.1.k Parent Tract Scale, Section 307.2.d ESC Plan; Gutheil/Smithgall. Motion carried.

A motion was made to approve the plan; Gutheil/Raudensky. Motion carried.

SECRETARY

5 Right to know requests have been submitted-1 fulfilled.

SOLICITOR

The Auditors have appealed the Andrews and Gutheil cases to the Commonwealth Court.

ZONING OFFICER

2 permits were issued; 1 for a pole building and 1 for a garage addition.

ENGINEER

Jerry reported he is still working on the General Permit for Morris Rd and the stream at the firehouse needs to be restored to its original condition. Tony Trost from Third Mountain Surveying reviewed the revised Farhat Excavating LLC Land Development Plan with the Board. By letter dated December 19, 2017 the revisions are outlined as to Mr. Farhat's use of the site and future plans and the plan reflects those. The revised E & S report has been submitted to the Engineer and the Conservation District. It has been approved by them. Engineer Spease stated the conditions for approval are an Engineering Estimate for the improvements not completed, developer to provide improvement guarantee bond, recording of plan within 90 days of this meeting and the improvements to be completed within 6 months. After much discussion additional conditions of bollards are to added, the fuel tanks must be in a cradle with a roof over them. A motion was made to approve the additional stipulations; Gutheil/Raudensky. Motion carried.

FIRE COMPANY

The financial report dated February 1, 2018 was submitted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Status of SALDO-The Planning Commission is working on again

Sale of the broom and roller-Will advertise in the spring

Brian Reifsnyder Zoning letter-Bob Hart is working on

Hill Cemetery request-A motion was made that Hill Cemetery Association provide a financial accounting and let the Board see the books before a decision is made; Raudensky/Smithgall. Motion carried.

Comment letter on the Act 537 plan have been received and responses will be sent out

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made to authorize the purchase a tape recorder for the Secretary of the Planning Commission; Smithgall/Gutheil. Motion carried.

The New Buffalo Alliance Church is asking for a reduction or elimination of the Zoning Hearing Board fee. They are applying for a special exception for a new sign they want to erect. The Board denied their request due to the fact the fee covers the cost of the hearing.

Chuck Huggins addressed the Board regarding tractor trailers missing the correct exit on RT 11/15 for RT 322/22 and can't turn around on Amity Rd. they proceed up Huggins Rd which causes a disturbance at all hours of the night. Penn Dot will be contacted to discuss the problem.

ROAD MASTER

Bids will be gotten to blacktop the area at the township building.

PLANNING COMMISSION- No new plans have been submitted.

Jerry will contact Kellers Auto Body regarding their plan.

<u>Plan</u>	<u>Date Submitted</u>	<u>Date Approval/Disapprove</u>
Farhat Excavating		Conditional 8/3/16
Keller Auto Body	5/10/17	Conditional 6/7/17

A motion was made to send DEP our now prepared Act 537 On Lot Sewage Management plan without our now completed proposed ACT 537 On Lot Sewage Management ordinance to be accompanied by a letter from the Township Supervisors explaining that the Watts Township Supervisors as well as the majority of our Township constituents feel that passing our now completed proposed Act 537 On Lot Sewage Management ordinance is not warranted at this time in Watts Township given the results of our potable water testing that strongly indicated Watts Township is not experiencing a significant on lot sewage system failure rate necessitating the enactment of a sewage pumping ordinance at this time. The letter is to include the fact that Watts Township's population to square mile ratio is extremely low as well as the fact that our building ordinance mandates a minimum 2 acre residential building lot for new residential construction which greatly diminishes the chance of cross-contamination of on lot sewage systems to wells; Guthil/Smithgall. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Several residents had questions regarding the proposed Act 537 ordinance and plan. Answers were provided by the Board.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution 2018-05 for adoption of the Act 537 Plan; Gutheil/Raudensky. Motion carried.

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

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m.; Gutheil/Smithgall. Motion carried.