

March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS  
P O BOX 56 93 JONES STREET  
LILLY, PA 15938

MONTHLY MEETING  
March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009 6 PM

**Regular meeting call to order:**

Chairman-Road master Raymond Guzic, Jr, Vice Chairman Leslie Devett, Supervisor Jaime Hartline, Engineer Richard Wray and Secretary Pamela Flis.

Solicitor Thomas Swope was unable to attend the meeting.

Stephanie and Kevin Eckenrode, Michelle Claar, Matt Pyo, Matt Myers, Dave Rambeau, John Pyo, Pat Shedlock and Justin Eger also attended the meeting.

**Salute to the Flag:**

**Public Participation:**

Pat Shedlock had questions about the property located at 461 Farmers Turnpike, Lilly, and discussed the terrible dilapidated condition in which the property has fallen into. Yes this property is in violation of Washington Township Ordinances; currently the Cresson Township Police are looking into the problem.

Michelle Claar questioned the Supervisors about the logo contest for the Township, added a counter to the Washington-CMSA website, to see how many people do visit the web site. Michelle has updated the web site with Washington Township/CMSA minutes, list of calendar events, the budget for 2009. Also discussed the quarterly newsletter and as to how often it would be printed and mailed to the Township residents, it was decided that it would be on an informational basis. Township Supervisors would like the web site updated on a monthly basis.

**Police Report:**

Officer Honeshell presented the Supervisors with the Police Log, 8 calls were logged in Washington Township thru February 1 -28th 2009.

Cresson Township Police Department will follow-up on 461 Farmers Turnpike for ordinance violations.

Township Supervisors to check with Galen DeCort in regards to if the Magistrates office will enforce delinquent sanitation accounts.

**Secretarial Report:**

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**Motion** made by Jaime Hartline 2<sup>nd</sup> Leslie Devett to accept the Minutes dated February 4<sup>th</sup> 2009, Treasure's Report, Unpaid Bill, and Additional Unpaid Bills as submitted in written form. Roll call of votes all in favor, motion passed.

A delinquent sanitation list was presented to the Supervisors as to the amount collected through this first mailing. Chairman Raymond Guzic, Jr. to check with Galen DeCort in regards to if the Magistrates office enforcing delinquent sanitation accounts. The local magistrate's office may find judgment on behalf of Washington Township, but will not order payment on Delinquent Sanitation Billing.

**Motion** made by Leslie Devett 2<sup>nd</sup> Jaime Hartline to send the second letter of delinquent notices to the delinquent sanitation customers. Roll call of votes all in favor, motion passed.

**Motion** made by Leslie Devett 2<sup>nd</sup> Jaime Hartline to sent the second letter certified mail. Roll call of votes all in favor, motion passed.

**Motion** made by Leslie Devett 2<sup>nd</sup> Jaime Hartline to automatically send delinquent letters to those customers whom are unpaid balances for two consecutive billing quarters. Roll call of votes all in favor, motion passed.

**Correspondence:**

Spring Clean-up Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009, article in the current newsletter, anyone wishing to participate should contact the Township Office.

**Motion** made by Jaime Hartline 2<sup>nd</sup> Leslie Devett to participate in the 2009 Great American Cleanup Program. Roll call of votes all in favor, motion passed.

Highlands 13.5 Miles of water line replacement  
Site improvements on Memorial Drive  
Sherriff's Sale March 13, 2009- Stumptown Lane  
Solicitor letter to Auditor

Another Pre-construction meeting will be held for The Memorial Drive Water Line Replacement, to all involved the selection of radio frequency meters and reviewing the work schedule.

Discussion of the mine collapse on Memorial Drive. Ways in which to have this mine repaired, with the minimal expense to Washington Township, including using fly ash to help fill the void.

Engineer Rich Wray has spoken with The D.E.P – Bureau of Mines representatives for a source of funding which will be denied because the roadway has not been physically compromised.

We are exploring other funding alternatives through the California, PA office for repairs of the mine, questions on whether there are pockets of water hidden in the mine and other

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relative issues related to abandoned mines need to be address before a final decision will be made.

If mine would collapse and compromised the road making it impassable, the funding would be available, possibility of liability to the Township, there is a noticeable difference in the road surface at the mine entrance. The California office of the D.E.P. will be contacting Engineer Rich Wray to schedule and on-site evaluation of Memorial Drive and the collapsing mine.

All correspondence is on file at the Washington Township Office.

### **Public Participation:**

Stephanie and Kevin Eckenrode, Matt and John Pyo and David Rambeau were invited to the Washington Township Meeting.

The Supervisors have approved three subdivisions for the above mentioned residents; the surveyor for Washington Township has alerted the Township of an error in surveying on the sub-division surveyed by CPS Surveyors. There may be a major problem with these subdivisions; all three residents plan to build new homes on these lots. The Supervisors would rather alert these residents to the possible problems before breaking ground. Washington Township Supervisors can do nothing to correct this problem but did want to alert the land owners involved by providing them with the correct information. The surveyor found this problem while surveying for the Regional Recreation Center and the 12 acres donated by Cooney Coal Company.

### **Road Masters Report:**

**Motion** made by Leslie Devett 2<sup>nd</sup> Jaime Hartline to enter into a Co-Stars Contract for the purchase of salt. Roll call of votes all in favor, motion passed.

**Motion** made by Leslie Devett 2<sup>nd</sup> Jaime Hartline to amend the previous motion by authorizing the appropriate officer to execute any and all documents necessary in applying for the Co-Stars contract. Roll call of votes all in favor, motion passed.

Ryan Street- The Dennis Dombrosky Family has given 17ft of their property to the Township, In addition to the existing 16ft, totaling 33feet, wide enough for an alley between Ryan and Blueberry Streets.

**Motion** made by Leslie Devett 2<sup>nd</sup> Jaime Hartline to allow Donald Lane to survey the properties located next to Ryan and Blueberry Street for the proposed alley, not to exceed \$300.00. Roll call of votes all in favor, motion passed.

As discussed the Jonathan Biter residence on Blueberry, there is a new house being built on Blueberry, Lilly Borough Water Company wanted this resident to tie into the water lines at the nearest fire hydrant. There is a water line replacement/repairs scheduled for

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this area with Lilly Borough Water Authority. Oscar Glessner would allow Mr. Biter to tap in to his private line for a minimal fee.

As discussed the water lines and replacement of these lines by Lilly Borough, and what is Washington Township role in the water line replacement and how the cost for repairs and labor cost. Chairman Ray Guzic, Jr would like to extend the line to Ryan Street for Washington Township residents, to improve the community and make it easier for future home builders and easier access to tap. This would be a good faith act on the behalf of the Washington Township.

Most of the homes located on Ryan Street are private lateral water lines, if there are problems with the water line; each homeowner is responsible for repairs.

More research is required by the Supervisors before any decisions can be made and asking the advice of the township solicitor.

Carmello Estates- Frank Sibis denied the township property for the planned cal-de-sac. The Albrano and Felus properties will be utilized by moving the cal-de-sac forward; these additional properties are required to meet the Liquid Fuels state minimum for the Cal-de-sac.

Ball field and Regional Recreation Center – Fred Brown was hired to complete the survey on the 12 acres donated by Cooney Brother Coal Company, an additional 2 acres will be required from Cooney’s to complete the planned project. Mr. Cooney has requested a map from the township showing the additional acreage required, before any decisions can be reached. Finalizing the property survey and appraisal, completion of the DCNR proposed grant.

**Motion** made by Jaime Hartline 2<sup>nd</sup> Leslie Devett to allow Ray Guzic, Jr. present Mr. Cooney a map for the additional acreage required for the Regional Recreation Center. Roll call of votes all in favor, motion passed.

As discussed the Roadmaster’s meeting with Mike Bowser is scheduled on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 at 9AM for the proposed paving contract for Washington Township. Paving bids should be placed soon, so that that may be opened in April and awarded in May 2009.

**Safety Committee:**

Nothing at this time.

**Solicitors Report:**

Nothing at this Time

**Engineers Report:**

Reviewed the Penn Dot Conversation w/ Bowser and shared services paving contract.

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Shared Services/ DCED letter- Police study- Letter of Intent for a Regional Police Study.

**Motion** made by Jaime Hartline 2<sup>nd</sup> Leslie Devett to send a Letter of Intent for Shared services Feasibility study for a Regional Police Protection. Roll call of votes, all in favor, motion passed.

**New Business:**

**Motion** made by Ray Guzic, Jr. 2<sup>nd</sup> Leslie Devett to provide a letter of recommendation for William Claar Jr., for a scholarship signed and created by Supervisor Jaime Hartline. Roll call of votes, all in favor, motion passed.

As discussed the Central Mainline Sewer Authority Sewer Line extension.

**Motion** made by Raymond Guzic, Jr 2<sup>nd</sup> Leslie Devett CMSA on possible line extensions, as required under Act 537, created by Jaime Hartline. Roll call of votes, all in favor, motion passed.

Deep Valley Lane as discussed the huge trees on the side of the road.

**Motion** made by Jaime Hartline 2<sup>nd</sup> Leslie Devett to enter into an agreement with Mike Kunko to drop two trees on Deep Valley Lane not to exceed \$300.00. Roll call of votes, all in favor, motion passed.

**Old Business:**

Update on David Fuchs fencing project at his junk yard on Farmers Turnpike.

**Motion** made by Raymond Guzic, Jr 2<sup>nd</sup> Leslie Devett to send a letter of correspondence to Mr. David Fuchs reminding him of his due dates on his fencing project around his junkyard on Farmers Turnpike. Roll call of votes, all in favor, motion passed.

Fred Brown is conducting the survey between Washington Township and Portage Township, this fall GIS mapping is going to re-shoot the Lilly mountain area and wind farms, turbine placement will easily be identifiable to all involved.

Codification for Washington Township is being updated by Solicitor Thomas Swope.

**Regional Recreation Center:**

DCNR Grant due April 22, 2009

Mr. Frank Calandra requested two large pipe sections be installed at the ball field on Park Avenue, for better drainage, funding to come from the donation to the Regional

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Recreation Center.

**Motion** made by Leslie Devett 2<sup>nd</sup> Jaime Hartline to allow Roadmaster Raymond Guzic, Jr. to purchase two 36” line extension pipes for the ball field. Roll call of votes, all in favor, motion passed.

As discussed the \$6,000.00 road bond due back to Gamesa for Phase II of the wind farm.

**Motion** made by Jaime Hartline 2<sup>nd</sup> Leslie Devett to send a letter to Gamesa Energy, requesting a donation to the Regional Recreation Center. Roll call of votes, all in favor, motion passed.

Larry Custer is helping to write the grant for the Regional Recreation Center, Appraisal will also be completed for the DCNR grant application.

**For The Good of the Township:**

**Motion** made by Jaime Hartline 2<sup>nd</sup> Leslie Devett to name the Dennis Dombrosky family as this month recipient of the Good of the Township Award for donating property to Washington Township for the alley way between Blueberry and Ryan Streets. Roll call of votes, all in favor, motion passed.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion** made by Leslie Devett 2<sup>nd</sup> Raymond Guzic, Jr. to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 PM. Roll call of votes, all in favor, motion passed.

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Chairman, Raymond Guzic

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Vice-Chairman, Leslie E. Devett

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Supervisor, Jaime Hartline