

January 5, 2009

The Walker Township Supervisors met on Monday, January 5, 2009 for their annual organizational meeting as mandated by law. Harry Shearer, by motion of Mr. Casner, seconded by Mr. Dreibelbis, was appointed as temporary chairman. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. The Board organized in the following manner: Chairman – Harry Shearer, Vice Chairman – Martin Dreibelbis, Secretary/Treasurer – Nancy Baillie, Road masters – All Supervisors, Township Solicitor – Randall Zimmerman, Engineering Firm – Bucharth Horn, Inc., Zoning Hearing Board – George King, Solid Waste/Recycling Coordinator – Steve Casner, Emergency Management Coordinator – Harry Shearer, Planning Commission – Glenn Supplee and Vacancy Board – Shirley Saner. This was done by motion of Mr. Dreibelbis, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried. By motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Casner and carried it was resolved to adjourn at 7:05 pm.

The Walker Township Supervisors met on Monday, January 5, 2009 at the Walker Township Municipal Building for their monthly meeting. Harry Shearer called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Supervisors Casner and Dreibelbis were also present. The minutes of the December 1, 2008 meeting were read by the Secretary and approved with the correction of reporting the estimated budgeted revenues to be \$475,234, not \$4,475,234.

By motion of Mr. Casner, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried it was resolved to appoint Nancy Baillie as the Open Records Officer, This position is a new position mandated by law. The officer is responsible for researching information when a request has been made.

Visitors present: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Becker, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Davis, Mrs. Connie Eaton, and Mr. Andrew Winder. Mr. and Mrs. Becker were visiting. Mr. and Mrs. Davis and Mr. Winder were present to discuss building a campground on the Davis property located in Mexico. The area is zoned Single Family Residential. This use is not a permitted use nor is it a special exception use. A copy of the zoning was given to Mr. Winder. Mrs. Connie Eaton, representing Thompsontown Volunteer Fire Company, was present to request money from the Fire Fund. They are purchasing a new fire truck. By motion of Mr. Dreibelbis, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried it was resolved to give Thompsontown Volunteer Fire Co. a check for \$12,000 which is less than their share of the fund.

PERMITS: By motion of Mr. Casner, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried it was resolved to approve the following permits as issued by Shirley Saner: Ken Deamer. Discussion concerning the set backs for Single Family Residential and Low Density Residential zones ensued. Mr. Dreibelbis will contact Mr. Zimmerman concerning changes as follows: Single Family Residential – 125 ft lot width and 25 ft side yard. Low Density Residential – 30 ft side yard and the accessory building requirement to be 12 ft.

By motion of Mr. Casner, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried it was resolved to approve the Page SEO, Inc. contract (Resolution 2009-1). This contract sets the services offered and the fees to the residents of the Township.

By motion of Mr. Dreibelbis, seconded by Mr. Casner and carried it was resolved to approve the Bucharth Horn contract (Resolution 2008-2). This contract sets the fees to the Township for their services.

By motion of Mr. Dreibelbis, seconded by Mr. Casner and carried it was resolved to set the following wages and meeting dates: Lawn mowing (twp bldg) - \$20 per mowing, Secretary/Treasurer - \$11,220 annually, Zoning Hearing Board - \$40 per meeting, Laborers - \$13 per hour, Operators - \$15 per hour, Planning Commission - \$30 per meeting, Zoning/Building Permit Officer - \$365.00 monthly plus \$5 per permit, Park mowing \$10 per hour. Permit fees: Building/Zoning - \$65, Driveway - \$25 and Land Use - \$45. Meetings will be held the first Monday of the month except September at 7 pm and the Planning Commission will meet at 7:30 pm. Both will meet at the Municipal Building. The Depository will remain Juniata Valley Bank.

PARK UPDATE: Mr. Dreibelbis and Mr. Baker met with Mr. Fernsler to discuss the electrical and plumbing plans for the concession building.

SUBDIVISIONS: By motion of Mr. Dreibelbis, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried it was resolved to approve the following lot addition: Loretta Ranck.

By motion of Mr. Dreibelbis, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried it was resolved to reimburse health insurance “out of pocket” costs up to \$495.00 per month for the Supervisors and Secretary/Treasurer.

By motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Casner and carried it was resolved to change the name of “Front Street” to “Landis Street” due to a conflict caused by the 911 addressing.

By motion of Mr. Dreibelbis, seconded by Mr. Casner and carried it was resolved to approve the monthly bills with checks 9431 through 9453 and 566 from Mexico Street Light fund. An EFT for \$740.72 was approved for payroll taxes. By motion of Mr. Dreibelbis, seconded by Mr. Casner and carried it was resolved to open a certificate of deposit in the amount of \$50,000 for 90 days.

By motion of Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Casner and carried it was resolved to adjourn at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Baillie, Secretary

