

Walker Township Board of Supervisors

Minutes of February 13, 2024 Regular Meeting

The Walker Township Board of Supervisors held its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at the Walker Township Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order by Joseph Harford at 6:00p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dale Myers.

Present: Joseph Harford, Matt Johnson, James Morris, Kirk States, Julie E. Johns, Sec/Treas.

Absent: Larry Lashinsky

Guests Present: Jacob Mann with Sun Directed, Jennifer Bellis and Jayme Reck with Huntingdon County Planning Office, Shawn Magill, Chris Linn, Tim Furlong & James Grissinger with HRFr, Mike Lang, Belinda Morris, William Leidy, Steve Quinn, and Rebecca Berdar (TDN).

Public Comment on Agenda Items: No public comment on agenda items

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the January 16th & 25th meetings were reviewed. *A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented. (Morris/Johnson, motion carried).*

Treasurer's Report/Payment of Bills:

Treasurer's Report and monthly bills were reviewed, *A motion was made to approve and pay invoices (Johnson/Morris motion carried)*

Guests:

Jacob Mann attended representing Sun Directed and the Huntingdon Country Club is their application to put solar panels on the roof of their building. He offered to answer any questions the Board might have concerning the project and to work with them as they develop the solar application and address issues with the current ordinance.

Jennifer Bellis & Jayme Reck attended to talk to the Supervisors about CDBG money that might be available to them for the demolition of several homes that fit the dangerous structure definition in our ordinance. They explained that there were some questions that would need to be answered before they could go further, but once the Supervisors decided what they wanted to do, they would work with them to get the grant application in place. Applications are due in May.

HRFR:

Presented Board with report of activities in January and expenses for the month. Attached to meeting packet. Tim Furlong told the Supervisors they are working to get the Central District Fireman's convention in 2028.

The advisory board meets on 2/21/24, and Joe will be representing Walker Township at that meeting.

Planning Commission: meeting isn't until Feb. 19th.

Park & Rec Committee:

Chris Linn reported that they are working to formalize their meetings. They found DCNR guide for the committee and are working to establish goals for the board and establish board member officers. They have scheduled an April meeting to work on their plans.

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Park & Rec committee (con't.):

Shawn Magill representing the Huntingdon Little League has been in contact with Chris regarding getting some clay mix soil to work on the fields prior to them starting to practice in March. The mix costs \$45/ton, and bases for the field run \$130 per set.

January Progress Reports:

- Kirk reported that they have been having emission issues with the Ford F-550 dump truck. They feel that it is not run hard enough/for a length of time. They have reprogrammed the system and cleaned the screens. If this does not work, they may have to do more work on the computer system.
- Kirk mentioned that the no parking signs on Bouquet Street are not being obeyed. They have issues during snow events, and at times there are residents parked on both sides of the road making it hard to get a larger vehicle down the road. The office sent out their annual letter asking people to move off the street during a snow event, but it didn't seem to work. There are also garbage receptacles being stored on the side of the road. Asked about possibly ticketing the cars??
- Have been working on the maintenance garage – cleaning and starting to paint.
- Will be starting to work on sign inspections, replacing signs and reflectors that no longer have the proper required reflectivity.
- Gary Powell complained about stone from Iron Ore Rd getting in his yard. Kirk is supposed to meet with them and look at the situation, but the stone should be removed from the yard. It was from tailgating the stone to update the road surface last year.

Zoning Enforcement Officers report:

No one has been hired yet.

Julie mentioned that she has been dealing with a resident that had their home burn down a few years ago, and they have been trying unsuccessfully to get a trailer placed on the property for the last several years. She asked the Supervisors if they would be willing to extend the application they turned in and waive additional fees because they have been having trouble getting contractors. They plan to put the same size trailer on the site that the originally applied for in the same location as the burned down residence. The Board asked Julie to send them a letter telling them that they need to make sure to comply with the ordinance regulations, and that they need to have the permits in place before they start construction.

Building Committee:

Bill presented maps showing where they would need to place fencing and, for the short term, jersey barriers to help secure the new site. They also discussed no trespassing signs for the property as well. They will start on getting quotes for the fencing that will not need to be modified after the new building is put in place. New signs will be ordered for the perimeter.

Discussed the warranty email that was sent by Mount Union Lumber & Supply regarding the application of the epoxy flooring in the lunchroom and bathroom. The board is not happy with the wording in the email and wants more clarification specifically on what will be covered after installation. The installation is to be put on hold until they can come to some agreement.

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Old Business:

The 2024 budget, which was reopened at the January 16th meeting, was brought up for adoption. *A motion was made to adopt the 2024 budget with no changes from December 2023. (Johnson/Harford, Morris voted no, motion carried)*

The solar energy application was reviewed. *A motion was made to approve the permit application. (Morris/Johnson, motion carried)*

Larry's email was reviewed regarding having the RFP for codification ready to review for the March meeting.

New Business:

Stone bids were opened. Results are attached. *A motion was made to accept the bids except for Morgan's excavating, which was not bid properly, and award the bid to the low bidder for delivery of stone total, \$29,200.00, to Grannas Brothers.*

Clean up day was set for May 18 at the new property.

The Supervisors approved the labor crew attending the PennDOT symposium in Hershey being held in conjunction with the PSATS conference at a cost of \$88/person.

Personnel: The Supervisors asked Julie to post a job opening for secretary.

Miscellaneous:

A motion was made to purchase a bulletin board for the front of the office to place agendas and other pertinent public notifications. (Johnson/Morris, motion carried)

Public Comment on non-agenda items: None

Belinda Morris asked if they could set a date for the open house yet. Joe told her that they would try to have a date for the March meeting.

Steve Quinn asked what they planned to do with Orchard Rd – complained about its condition. Kirk explained to him that they were working to remove the tar & chip surface, and that they had applied for a grant to update the surface. Waiting to hear from that application.

Mike Lang asked again about the cost breakout for the new shed.

Discussed being able to distribute packets to attendees. It was decided to put the packet on the website when the agenda is posted. It was also mentioned that the Supervisor information needed updated.

Adjournment: With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. by Chairman Harford.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie E Johns
Secretary/Treasurer