

Wolf Township Supervisors – Regular Meeting – November 11, 2019

The Wolf Township Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman, Dean Barto at the Township Building. Roll call was taken and a quorum was declared. Supervisors attending were Gregg Clayton, Dean Barto and David Thomas. Randy Sees-Solicitor, Michelle Sones-Court Reporter and Melanie McCoy-Secretary/Treasurer attended the meeting.

Announcement: “At this time the Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing concerning the addition of three parcels to the Ag Security Area in Wolf Township.”

Visitors: *Carl Schultz, Nancy DeWire, Carmen Shoemaker, Penny Booth, Caroline Hall, Sam Booth, Garry Burgard, Richard Henry, Justin Ross, Bill Edner and Rick Marsh. No comment.*

The hearing was conducted by Ag Security Area Advisory Committee Chairman, Gregg Clayton.

Statement of Reason for Hearing: “The purpose of the hearing is to receive written and oral comment from the public concerning the addition of three parcels to the Ag Security Area in Wolf Township.”

Statement of Advertising for Hearing: “Tonight’s hearing was advertised in the Williamsport Sun-Gazette on October 25th and October 31st, 2019, as required by the Sunshine Law. Property owners, which meet specific criteria may be included in the Ag Security Area by contacting the Township office. The Roadmaster posted notice of this hearing in different areas of the Township, including the Municipal Building.”

Recommendations: The Wolf Township Planning Commission recommended approval of the requests of Justin Gardner, 367 Beeber Drive, Muncy – 16.7 Acres, Garry W. & Nancy R. Burgard, 737 Sunrise Drive, Hughesville – 54.5 Acres and Harry and Diana Rogers, III, 60 Pine Run Rd., Hughesville – 35.97 Acres.

At this time Mr. Sees, entered into the record Exhibit A – Legal Notice of the Hearing, Exhibit B – Justin Gardner Application and Parcel Map, Exhibit C – Garry Burgard Application and Parcel Map, Exhibit D – Harry Rogers, III Application and Parcel Map, Exhibit E – Wolf Township 11/4/2019 Meeting Minutes and Exhibit F – Ag Security Landowner Roster.

Nancy DeWire, member of the Ag Security Area Advisory Committee, testified that the Ag Security area has not changed over the last seven years, as far as uses and soil orientation. The Rogers farm is actively farmed.

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Garry Burgard stated that his property is unchanged and a majority is used for crops and approximately 10 acres is woodland. He is enrolled in the CREP program administered by the County and works with them on a regular basis.

Garry stated the Gardner property has not experienced any changes and that the fields are planted in hay.

The BOS will take action on the renewal and addition to the Ag Security Area at the December 9th, 2019 meeting at 7pm.

There were no questions or comments from the public or the Board of Supervisors. The hearing was adjourned and the Regular Meeting was reconvened at 7:12pm.

Minutes: A MOTION was made by David Thomas and seconded by Gregg Clayton to approve the minutes from the Ag Security Hearing and Regular Meeting held October 14, 2019. Motion approved.

REPORTS OF OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEES

Code Enforcement: Monthly report distributed to the Board.

Planning Commission: Garry Burgard, PC member, explained that they granted preliminary approval with several conditions in October with hopes that Livic would return to their November meeting having obtained all items outstanding. At that point the PC could recommend approval to the Board of Supervisors.

Justin Ross, Livic Civil, was led to believe that he could come tonight with new plans and receive conditional approval from the Board of Supervisors. The PennDOT permit is still pending. David Thomas suggested that the plans be put on hold until December.

Solicitor: No report.

Roadmaster: Gregg, met with Raymond O'Brian about cleaning the ditch adjacent to his fields along Penn Drive. Ray has contacted several contractors and obtained quotes from \$8,600.00 to \$12,000.00. He is asking for the Township to participate. The Board will see that the ditch drains by using their own equipment and not contracting the job to a third party.

On October 31st, the Township experienced a major storm event that caused excessive damage in Muncy Creek along Penn Drive undermining the road. An emergency permit was obtained from DEP Friday morning. Three contractors were contacted and Nathan Kremser started repairs on November 6, 2019. The repairs are a permanent fix

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using R-8 rock for 300 feet. Gregg will contact the Conservation District to discuss the gravel bar.

Dave made a **MOTION**, seconded by Gregg to approve the Bridge Bundling Memorandum of Understanding and appoint Gregg to the Steering Committee. Motion carried.

Sewer Authority Report: Rick Marsh again discussed daycares moving into the Township and not reporting numbers to the authority. Codes reported that Little Bears Daycare numbers are 51 individuals and they pay for only one EDU. Their attorney is researching the situation.

Water Authority Report: Grouting at Pump Station 101. The County never scheduled a follow up meeting on the remainder of funds for Pump Station 102. The Borough has a small staff, they will try to finish the work on Reservoir Road waterline before leaf pick up.

OLD BUSINESS: Dave made a **MOTION** to adopt the 2020 Budget with no tax increase, seconded by Gregg. Motion carried.

The Board of Supervisors received comments and concerns from residents living on Lower Rynearson Road concerning the name change. It was a unanimous “no” due to the trouble and expense involved. The Board of Supervisors will look into naming the bridge on that road for Mr. Hall.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gregg made a **MOTION** to proclaim January 26 – February 1, 2020 as Wolf Township School Choice Week. The motion was seconded by Dave and unanimously passed by the Board.

The Planning Commission proposed that the BOS look into redistricting areas of the Residential-Suburban District due to Agricultural Uses and undevelopable ground having the incorrect zoning criteria. The Board will look into the request.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

FINANCIAL REPORT

A **MOTION** was made by Dave, seconded by Gregg to approve the Treasurer’s Report and Payment of Bills. Motion carried.

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A **MOTION** was made by Dave, seconded by Gregg to adjourn at 7:59PM. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie N. McCoy
Secretary/Treasurer