

MINUTES
Board of Supervisors of Williams Township
Monday, February 5, 2024/7:00 P.M.

The Board of Supervisors met for their regular monthly meeting. Board members: Ronald H. Paul, Thomas A. Shuttlesworth, Jack C. Schaeffer, Jr.; Township Secretary/Treasurer: Beth Ann Shuttlesworth; Solicitor: Joseph D. Kerwin, Esquire; Township residents: Jim Shuttlesworth, Jim Drum, Nichole Miller, Matthew Miller, Barbie Merwine, Howard Adams, and Brenda Jones; Borough residents: Derek Jones, Cheryl Schaffer, Kenneth Schaffer, and Brandon Bettinger.

Minutes from January's Board meeting and Treasurer's Report for January were approved.

RESIDENT/PROPERTY OWNER CONCERNS:

- Storm water/drainage issue between Walnut Street and Ray Street, starting at the corner of Walnut and Broad Streets -- several residents complained of property damage after heavy rain and snow storms the week of January 7, 2024, and that this has been a problem for many years and getting worse. **ACTION:** The Township committed to re-do the ditch along Walnut Street west to the alley; install an open, high culvert; clean out the swale and deepen the ditch to the rush to divert the water flow westward away from their properties.
- A resident on West Market & Orange Street expressed concern about property damage from storm water flow and asked if the Township has an "Erosion and Sediment Plan" of 2013 and would like to see it. Mr. Kerwin said we have no control over an "Act of God;" however, the Township will research this concern and contact the Borough for any input they may have.
- Derek Jones, on behalf of Howard Adams, expressed concern about the letter received from Light-Heigel Code Enforcement and the timeline on demolishing the structure owned by Mr. Adams and obtaining a permit. He also mentioned that he talked to the "county" about burning this structure as a training aide. **ACTION:** They need to apply for a "building/demolition permit" with the Township before anything is done. Of note, the Township is not in favor of burning structures. As long as the Township receives a commitment to the structure being demolished, the timeline will remain flexible based on planning purposes.
- Resident expressed concern about an alley/right-of-way being a public alley vice private property owned by the resident. **ACTION:** Further research needs to be done.
- Resident complaint of blocked culvert/pipe on South Street was addressed and restored.
- Complaint of property owner building structures without permits and unauthorized burning.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Discussed the request to adopt a Resolution supporting the Pennsylvania Commission for the United States Semi quincentennial (AMERICA250PA) celebration. Mr. Kerwin advised the Township to "hold off" as the Resolution is too open ended.
- Mr. Adam Kopenhagen's letter of interest in the Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC) position was discussed and the Township and Borough will collaborate for a decision.
- Received one bid for the 2001 F350 Truck advertised for sale in *The Citizen Standard*; however, the bid was not accepted. The Township will re-advertise the sale/bid in other venues.

Being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Ron Paul, seconded by Jack Schaeffer, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:25 P.M.