

WAVERLY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

Minutes of the September 30, 2024, Meeting

Attending Supervisors:

	Drew Christian, Chairman
	Eric Parry, Vice Chairman
	Cheryl Murnin
Solicitor	Malcolm MacGregor
Twp. Manager/Secretary	Christine Capozzi
Dir. of Public Works	Thomas James
Township Engineer	Ned Slocum - Not in attendance
Police Chief	Kenneth James – Not in attendance
Planning Commission Solicitor	William Jones – Not in attendance

Guests: Robert Naegele, Florence Konosky, Atty Gregory Pascal, Dylan MacGregor, David Maddock, Tom Tulaney Jr., Patrick McDonald, Christine Maddock, Ashley McDonald, Gail Dickstein

SUPERVISOR MEETING

The Waverly Township Supervisors held their meeting in-person at the Waverly Township Building on September 30, 2024, at 6:00PM. The monthly meeting of the Waverly Township Supervisors was called to order at 6:00PM by Chairman Drew Christian.

On a motion by Eric Parry, seconded by Cheryl Murnin, the minutes of the August 26, 2024, meeting was approved as circulated, and all items recorded in the township records, all voting yes.

On a motion by Eric Parry, seconded Cheryl Murnin, the treasurer report, police report and all bills were reviewed, approved, and recorded in the township records, all voting yes.

ITEMS OF CONCERN FROM THE PUBLIC

SEWER OWNERSHIP AND PINE GROVE

- Attorney Greg Pascal inquired about the dedication of the sewer lines agreement for the Pine Grove Farms development. Township Solicitor Malcolm MacGregor explained that he is working with Planning Commission Solicitor Bill Jones to draft a Property Owners Association agreement addressing this issue.
- Attorney Malcolm MacGregor will send Attorney Greg Pascal a draft.

ESTATE DRIVE AND RETENTION POND FENCING

- Dr. McDonald represented neighbors regarding the retention pond fencing at Estate Drive and Oakford Road. Residents raised concerns about the chain link fence's impact on home values and requested more visually appealing alternatives. As a result, work on the fence was halted.
- A discussion addressed DEP requirements for stormwater management and safety reasons for the fence. Residents were encouraged to research and present alternative fencing options that would satisfy safety and height requirements.

- Chair Christian noted that safety risks associated with the pond had been communicated to supervisors, urging residents to find solutions that address these concerns for the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- Supervisor Cheryl Murnin raised a safety concern about the intersection of Waverly Road and Clinton Street. In response, Township Manager Christine Capozzi sent a letter to PennDOT requesting a traffic study. Christine will also include this item on the agenda for the next supervisors' meeting.

SUPERVISOR REPORT

DALTON FIRE COMPANY AND WORKERS COMP ISSUE

- Attorney Malcolm MacGregor spoke with Attorney Frank Bolock. Attorney Bolock confirmed that there will be no change to the Township's fire protection services. Attorney MacGregor received a formal written statement from Attorney Bolock.
- Township Manager Christine Capozzi requested a copy of Dalton Borough's July 25, 2024, meeting minutes where there was a discussion regarding Waverly Township's fire protection services.
- This item will be on the next supervisors meeting agenda.

WCH AND WAIVE CLAIMS

- A supervisor inquired why the Waverly Community House requires participants to sign a waiver to engage in the Waverly Community House to register for activities.
- Christine will send the language to Attorney Malcolm MacGregor and add this item to the agenda for the next supervisors' meeting.

SOLICITORS REPORT

EASEMENT ISSUE & RESIDENT

- Attorney Malcolm MacGregor sent Attorney May a letter regarding the encroachment issue in the Township's sewer easement in this resident's driveway.

NLMS/THE ORCHARDS LAND USE APPEAL

- Attorney Malcolm MacGregor mentioned that Judge Gibbons will decide soon on this land use appeal.

MAINTENANCE SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

PAVING CONTRACT

- DPW Director Tom James reported that the paving contract with H&K, originally \$85,800, came under budget at \$66,000 for the paving of Church and School Streets.

DEAD TREES

- On a motion by Drew Christian, seconded by Cheryl Murnin, supervisors approved Don Wells to remove dead trees on the Township's property for \$8,000, all voting yes.

MANAGERS REPORT

STEVENSON ROAD & NORTH ABINGTON ROAD PPL POLE

- Township Manager Christine Capozzi sent a letter to the resident informing her that the Township is moving forward with its decision to relocate the pole to address the potential danger and confusing traffic pattern. PPL will work closely with the Township and residents to minimize any impact on the residents' properties.

FEE SCHEDULE

- After a brief discussion about the township's fee schedule, Township Manager Christine Capozzi will revise the schedule for adoption during the Township's 2025 reorganization meeting.

HARB LETTERS UPDATE & ZONING ISSUES

- Attorney Malcolm MacGregor noted that the Jewish Discovery Center has not filed a zoning violation appeal.
- Township Manager Christine Capozzi was notified that a land development plan will be submitted to present the plan to PC members either in November or December.

ORDINANCE #100 BURNING AND OPEN FIRES/SOLAR AMENDMENT

- Township Manager Christine Capozzi found a sample Ordinance #100 concerning Burning and Open Fires and contractors. Christine will work with Township Zoning Consultant Mary Liz Donato.
- Township Manager Christine Capozzi reported that the Township's Zoning Ordinance needs to be amended to include a Solar amendment found in the Township's previous Zoning Ordinance.

LSA GRANT RESOLUTION

- On a motion by Drew Christian, seconded by Cheryl Murnin, supervisors authorized Township Manager Christine to apply for a Local Share Account (Monroe) (LSA) grant program for \$41,497, with an in-kind amount of \$4,150 for the Waverly Police Department equipment upgrades, all voting yes.

There being no other business to come before the Supervisors, the supervisors' meeting was again adjourned. The next meeting will be held on October 15, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. in the Waverly Township Municipal Building, Lake Henry Drive, Waverly, PA. Christine Capozzi, Township Manager/Secretary, transcribed the minutes of this meeting.