

MINUTES OF THE OLEY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING HELD JANUARY 8, 2024

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Oley Township Municipal Building by Jeffrey Spatz (virtually via Teams Meeting) with Supervisor Lisa Schaeffer in attendance. Solicitor Kenneth Picardi was also in attendance. Due to a partial virtual meeting, we dispensed with the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Mr. Spatz welcomed Lisa Schaeffer to the board as a new Supervisor.

The meeting agenda was posted in the meeting room and the township website twenty-four hours prior to the start of the meeting. No public comment was heard on any of the listed agenda items.

Action will be tabled on the December 11, 2023 and December 29, 2023 minutes due to not enough members being present from those meetings to act on them. There being no changes to the January 2, 2024 minutes, a motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Lisa Schaeffer to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2024 meeting as presented. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

The police department report for the month of December 2023 was read indicating 156 calls for the month. Chief Ray Serafin said there have been vehicle break-ins occurring in the early evening by a white van with two occupants.

The road department report for the month of December 2023 was read. A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Lisa Schaeffer to authorize the purchase of an Alamo Roadmaster 190S Votex seventy-two inch flail mower in the amount of \$18,300.22 from Messick's through the Co-Stars contract. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

The Fire Chief's report for the month of December 2023 was read indicating a total of 29 calls and the year end report for 2023 was read indicating a total of 387 calls. Michael Kline suggested to schedule a workshop meeting in either February or March 2024 to discuss the Emergency Management Coordinator position.

The following Ambulance Chief's reports were read: October 2023 – 92 calls; November 2023 – 78 calls; December 2023 – 85 calls; year end for 2023 1,031. Todd Kegerise presented us with a 2023 year end report.

The Allen & Susan Standhardt property located at 15 Rose Virginia Road is in violation of unsafe structures and equipment, sanitation, and weeds. The Kevin S. Mitchell property located at 3339A Friedensburg Road is in violation of unsafe structures and equipment, temporary safeguards, sanitation, accumulation and disposal of rubbish or garbage, electrical facilities, and electrical equipment, citations issued and DEP given all information regarding outdoor storage of chemicals. The Richard Hartline property located at 336 Main Street is in violation of failing to call for final inspection on a building permit, filed citation. The Francisco

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Pantoja-Gusman property located at 274 Wiest School Road is in violation for failure to obtain demolition permit, meeting with zoning officer and getting permits together for building. The Diane Searfoss property located at 3047 Friedensburg Road is in violation of sanitation, accumulation of rubbish or garbage, and disposal of rubbish. Notice of violation issued to Perry R. Good, Jr. for property located at 71 Carriage Circle for unsafe structure and equipment, sanitation, accumulation of rubbish or garbage, disposal of rubbish. Notice of violation issued to Cro-Arms, LLC for property located at 959 Memorial Highway for failure to obtain driveway permit, building permit, zoning permit, drainage plan submission. Notice of violation issued to Cro-Arms, LLC for property located at 959 Memorial Highway for failure to obtain sign permit.

Received letter dated January 2, 2024 from Oley Township Planning Commission recommending that the Board of Supervisors of Oley Township reject the Yoder Subdivision Sketch Plan of Record, plan number L23-1015, dated October 5, 2023, for all the reasons as listed in the November 3, 2023 review letter from LTL Consultants, Ltd., unless a request for waiver extending the review time period beyond the date of February 3, 2024 is received. A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Lisa Schaeffer to reject the Yoder Subdivision Sketch Plan of Record, plan number L23-1015, dated October 5, 2023, for all the reasons as listed in the November 3, 2023 review letter from LTL Consultants, Ltd., unless a request for waiver extending the review time period beyond the date of February 3, 2024 is received. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

Received Zoning Hearing Board decision for Scott & Jean Degler granting a variance to Section 27-1606A to construct a new two car detached garage.

Received variance application from Yaakov Schwartzman for property located at 2837 West Philadelphia Avenue from Sections 27-602, 27-1609, and 27-1903 for a special event tent to accommodate wedding, birthday, and holiday events. Received letter dated January 2, 2024 from Oley Township Planning Commission recommending to the Board of Supervisors of Oley Township to have legal representation attend the Zoning Hearing of the Yaakov Schwartzman variance application and oppose this proposal based upon the concerns raised in letters dated June 30, 2023 and January 2, 2024 from the township engineering firm of LTL Consultants, Ltd. and that this requested use is provided for in other zoning districts within Oley Township. Possible hearing dates for this application is January 24, 2024 or January 29, 2024. A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Lisa Schaeffer to authorize the Township Solicitor to attend the Yaakov Schwartzman Zoning Hearing representing Oley Township and oppose this proposal based upon the concerns raised in letters dated June 30, 2023 and January 2, 2024 from the township engineering firm of LTL Consultants, Ltd. and that this requested use is provided for in other zoning districts within Oley Township. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Lisa Schaeffer to appoint Barry W. Angstadt as a member of the Oley Township Municipal Authority to complete the unexpired term of Amandus B. Reichert ending on December 31, 2025. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

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Incoming communications:

1. Letter dated December 21, 2023 from Oley Valley Community Education Foundation requesting to conduct a 5K Run/Walk on April 20, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. beginning on Jefferson Street onto Main Street, Oley Furnace Road, Lake Road, Water Street, Main Street, and back to Jefferson Street. We have received a certificate of insurance naming Oley Township as additional insured on the policy, Atty. Picardi reviewed this certificate and it is satisfactory. Mrs. Schaeffer said she is a board member of this organization but she derives no financial benefits. A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Lisa Schaeffer to permit the Oley Valley Community Education Foundation to hold a 5K Run/Walk on April 20, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. beginning and ending at the Oley Valley High School. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

Mr. Spatz said that since the Traffic Calming Policy has been adopted, the Local Traffic Advisory Committee will need to schedule a meeting.

We received responses from Robert A. Noll and Joshua E. Noll that they agree to pay for the costs associated with the process to include their properties located in Alsace Township into the Oley Township Agricultural Security Area. The township acknowledged receipt of these two applications on January 2, 2024 and will advertise and post a notice that we received these applications.

The diesel fuel pump replacement will be tabled until we receive more information.

A motion was made by Lisa Schaeffer and seconded by Jeffrey Spatz to adopt Resolution #645-24 to repeal Resolution #542-17 and all amendments of the consolidated fee schedule and adopt a new fee schedule. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

Atty. Picardi prepared the Installation, Operation and Maintenance Agreement for Commercial (Church) Sewage Disposal Holding Tank for the Louis A. Carambot & Maria M. Reuda Lugo property located at 5813 Oley Turnpike Road. Mr. Carambot & Ms. Reuda Lugo have executed this agreement and paid the \$850 fee. A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Lisa Schaeffer to authorize the Chairman and Secretary to execute the Installation, Operation and Maintenance Agreement for Commercial (Church) Sewage Disposal Holding Tank for the Louis A. Carambot & Maria M. Reuda Lugo property located at 5813 Oley Turnpike Road. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

Received proposal from Bartlett Tree Experts for a health care program for 2024 for the Sacred Oak Tree as follows: root invigoration \$3,132.00; soil treatment \$513.00; and pest management \$429.00. A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Lisa Schaeffer to authorize Bartlett Tree Experts to perform the root invigoration, soil treatment, and pest management for the Sacred Oak Tree at a total cost of \$4,074.00. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

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The financial report was called for and read. A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Lisa Schaeffer to accept the financial report and pay all the bills and salaries. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

The following public comment was heard:

1. Todd Kegerise – Since the Emergency Management Coordinator position is currently vacant, he will take on the responsibility in the event of an emergency until we can fill this position. Michael Kline said we need to meet with Earl Township about the regional emergency management concept.

The next regular meeting will be held Monday, February 12, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.

A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Lisa Schaeffer to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley M. Moyer
Secretary/Treasurer

Cc: J. Spatz
L. Schaeffer
E. Pollock
K. Picardi
D. Allebach
N. Ulrich