

MINUTES OF THE OLEY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING HELD AUGUST 12, 2024

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Oley Township Municipal Building by Jeffrey Spatz with Supervisors Lisa Schaeffer and Edwin Pollock in attendance. Solicitor Kenneth Picardi and Engineer Jessica Adams were also in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was observed.

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.

There being no changes to the July 8, 2024 minutes, a motion was made by Lisa Schaeffer and seconded by Edwin Pollock to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2024 meeting as presented. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock - yes. All in favor....motion carried.

The police department report for the month of July 2024 was read indicating 169 calls for the month.

The road department report for the month of July 2024 was read. The contractor will begin the Reider Road Culvert/Mill Road Bank Stabilization Project within the next two weeks and should be completed by September 30, 2024.

The Fire Chief's report for the month of July 2024 was reading indicating a total of 29 calls.

The Ambulance Chief's report for the month of July 2024 was read indicating a total of 89 calls.

The Allen & Susan Standhardt property located at 15 Rose Virginia Road is in violation of unsafe structures and equipment, sanitation, weeds, and chimney repairs, citation issued and hearing to be held August 19, 2024. 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disposal of rubbish or garbage, electrical facilities, and electrical equipment, obtained permit for shed, citations withdrawn and fine paid. The Gary R. Gift properties located at 3282 Friedensburg Road is in violation of sanitation, accumulation of rubbish or garbage, disposal of rubbish, check if any new legislation developed that we could pursue this issue, Mr. Spatz said we could ask Mr. Gift if there would be anything we could help him with in order to clean up the property. The Corey Williamson property located at 104 Main Street is in violation of sanitation, unsafe conditions, weeds, vegetation and rubbish have been cleaned up. The Stuart M. Snyder property located at 118 Mill Road is in violation of sanitation, motor vehicles, accumulation of rubbish or garbage, disposal of rubbish, and illegal burning, Duane Howard suggested that LTL Consultants investigate the stormwater runoff from this property. Notice of violation issued to Matthew J. & Marisa M. Horne for property located at 711 Main Street for sanitation, weeds, accumulation of rubbish or garbage, and disposal of

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rubbish. Notice of violation issued to Vernon N. & Elsie Z. Burkholder for property located at 317 Water Street for demolition of portion of residence.

Received letter dated July 31, 2024 from HARB recommending that the Board of Supervisors of Oley Township issue an amended Certificate of Appropriateness to Michael D. Shirk for property located at 30 Hafer Road to remove dormers, all hardi cement siding will be replaced with Diamond Kote composite with a six inch reveal, fiberglass garage doors will be replaced with American Tradition steel doors simple vertical panels with glass at top, windows will be changed to Viwinco vinyl simulated divided light six over six as per sample presented for front exposure only, side and rear exposure windows also to be vinyl with single sash and no divided light, red brick between garage doors will be replaced with existing on-site field stone to match existing stone on original house, refer to revised plans for details. This application was reviewed and discussed. A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Edwin Pollock to issue an amended Certificate of Appropriateness to Michael D. Shirk for property located at 30 Hafer Road to remove dormers, all hardi cement siding will be replaced with Diamond Kote composite with a six inch reveal, fiberglass garage doors will be replaced with American Tradition steel doors simple vertical panels with glass at top, windows will be changed to Viwinco vinyl simulated divided light six over six as per sample presented for front exposure only, side and rear exposure windows also to be vinyl with single sash and no divided light, red brick between garage doors will be replaced with existing on-site field stone to match existing stone on original house, refer to revised plans for details. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

Received letter dated August 6, 2024 from Oley Township Planning Commission recommending that the Board of Supervisors of Oley Township approve the Oley Township Municipal Authority New Water Storage Tank Land Development Final Plan, plan number 4656.008, dated July 18, 2024, considering both the water main extension and water storage tank construction to be one project with a supplement of fifteen (15) pages being added to the overall plan and that there be no escrow costs associated with this project. Kerry Good presented this evening a corrected plan dated August 9, 2024 and this plan was reviewed. A motion was made by Lisa Schaeffer and seconded by Edwin Pollock to adopt Resolution #653-24 to approve the Oley Township Municipal Authority New Water Storage Tank Land Development Final Plan, plan number 4656.008, dated August 9, 2024, subject to the certificate of ownership being signed by the owner of the property and be notarized. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried. Atty. Picardi will look at the Land Development Agreement to determine if it requires an additional amendment since the township will not require a Financial Security Agreement for either part of this project. Kim Seidel, Chairman of Oley Township Municipal Authority, provided an update on this project as follows: (1) pre-bid meeting held August 9, 2024 with ten contractors attending; (2) bids are due by August 30, 2024; (3) construction is slated to begin October 28, 2024; (4) tank installation by Spring 2025; and (5) anticipate project completion by May 30, 2025.

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Received letter dated August 6, 2024 from Oley Township Planning Commission recommending that the Board of Supervisors of Oley Township reject the Zook Lot Subdivision Sketch Plan of Record, plan number L24-0213, dated July 17, 2024, for all the reasons as listed in the July 30, 2024 review letter from LTL Consultants unless a request for waiver extending the review time period beyond the date of August 15, 2024 is received. Received August 12, 2024 from Lloyd & Ruthann Zook a request form extending the review period of this plan until November 11, 2024.

Incoming communications:

1. Application received July 17, 2024 from Berks County Bicycle Club requesting permission to hold the Shoo-Fly Invitational Bike Ride on September 28, 2024 from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. beginning and ending at the Oley Fire Company grounds at 26 Jefferson Street. Alan Fineman was in attendance and explained the route, he also indicated that they recently provided a \$400 donation to the township from last year's ride. A motion was made by Lisa Schaeffer and seconded by Edwin Pollock to allow the Berks County Bicycle Club to hold the Shoo-Fly Invitational Bike Ride on September 28, 2024 as per the designated route in our township. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

2. Application received July 29, 2024 from Breakthrough Bike Challenge requesting permission to hold a fundraising bike ride on September 15, 2024 from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. beginning and ending at Daniel Boone Homestead. It was indicated that we have not received a certificate of insurance naming Oley Township as an additional insured on the insurance policy. A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Lisa Schaeffer to allow the Breakthrough Challenge to hold the Breakthrough Challenge Bike Ride on September 15, 2024 as per the designated route in our township subject to receiving a certificate of insurance naming Oley Township as an additional insured on the insurance policy and accompanied by an appropriate endorsement by no later than September 6, 2024. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Edwin Pollock to recess the meeting at 7:29 p.m. in order to conduct a public hearing on the modification of the Agricultural Security Area to include an application. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried. A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Edwin Pollock to reconvene the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

3. Letter dated August 7, 2024 from Jamie & Rose Willman requesting a waiver from the stormwater rate/volume control requirements and only be required to obtain a minor permit for a proposed addition and garage at 757 Manatawny Road. Jamie & Rose Willman were in attendance and explained that they need to make much needed improvements to this longtime family home. Ms. Adams said she had reviewed this plan and they are requesting

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waiver of a fully engineered plan and just do a minor permit, they are still addressing stormwater management. A motion was made by Lisa Schaeffer and seconded by Edwin Pollock to waive Section 22A-401 of the Stormwater Management Ordinance for Jamie & Rose Willman for property located at 757 Manatawny Road and only require a minor permit. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Ed Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

4. Letter dated July 17, 2024 from PennDOT informing us they conducted a traffic study of the speed limit on Route 662 in the area of the intersections of Mine Lane and Bertolet Mill Road and there is no one factor or combination of factors that warrants the lowering of the existing 55 mph speed limit.

A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Edwin Pollock to adopt Resolution #654-24 to include the Kimberly Kline property located in Exeter Township in the Agricultural Security Area of Oley Township. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

Mrs. Schaeffer would like to meet in executive session to discuss the personnel policy amendment.

Atty. Picardi provided us with the Second Agreement to Modify Deed Restrictions for the Matthew Walker property on Reiff Road, under Enforcement Section A eliminate “any property owner with property adjoining the Property” and under Home and Accessory Building Construction Section A add “metal, vinyl or aluminum as well as any other material approved by the Township with the recommendation of the Historical Architectural Review Board” and eliminate “There shall be no vinyl or aluminum siding placed on any structure.” A motion was made by Lisa Schaeffer and seconded by Edwin Pollock to approved the Second Agreement to Modify Deed Restrictions for the Matthew Walker property on Reiff Road by eliminating enforcement by an adjoining property owner and add approved construction material of metal, vinyl or aluminum as well as any other material approved by the Township with the recommendation of the Historical Architectural Review Board. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

The request from Randall & Melissa Bortz to modify or eliminate some of the deed restrictions or language on their Reiff Road and Old State Road parcels will be tabled until next month.

The parking restrictions and traffic patterns during the Oley Fair were discussed. A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Lisa Schaeffer to authorize no parking on either side of Main Street between Friedensburg Road and Lynx Drive from 8:00 a.m. Thursday, September 19, 2024 to 11:00 p.m. Saturday, September 21, 2024, no left turn from the Oley Fire Company as needed, Main Street and Jefferson Street up to the fairgrounds entrance to be made one way when necessary, and all traffic to exit north on Jefferson Street as necessary. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock – 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 Edwin Pollock to accept the financial report and pay all the bills and salaries. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

No public comment was heard.

The next regular meeting will be held Monday, September 9, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.

A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Lisa Schaeffer to retire to executive session at 8:00 p.m. relative to personnel. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried. A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Lisa Schaeffer to reconvene the meeting at 8:14 p.m. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

Mrs. Schaeffer said our current Personnel Policy is presently being reviewed and they are looking to move to paid time off rather than vacation, sick, and personal days, but until this amendment is adopted they discussed to grant Trey Miller an additional five (5) vacation days for the remainder of this year. A motion was made by Lisa Schaeffer and seconded by Edwin Pollock to grant Trey Miller an additional five (5) vacation days for 2024. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Lisa Schaeffer to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock - 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