

MINUTES OF THE OLEY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 11, 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 Norman Ulrich were also in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was observed. Mr. Spatz thanked any veteran in the audience for their service to our country.

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 October 14, 2024 minutes, a motion was made by Lisa Schaeffer and seconded by Edwin Pollock to approve the minutes of the October 14, 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 October 2024 was read indicating 233 calls for the month. Chief Ray Serafin said there is movement on the Truist ATM building damage.

The road department report for the month of October 2024 was read. A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Edwin Pollock to approve purchase order number 173 for corrugated plastic double wall pipe at a cost of \$1,510.80. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried. Duane Howard said the snow fence is getting brittle and the farmers do not like when it is in alfalfa fields since pieces of the fence get into the feed for animals, there has not been a significant amount of snow in the past several years, he will still install the snow fence at certain areas that tend to drift heavily. Mr. Spatz would be agreeable to not install snow fence in the alfalfa fields but to install it at all other places that it is normally installed. The small (ten foot by fourteen foot) storage shed shingle roof needs to be repaired, Mr. Howard will obtain estimates for this repair. Received letter dated October 31, 2024 from LTL Consultants recommending final payment in amount of \$195,990.10 to Sacks & Sons, Inc. for the Reider Road Culvert/Mill Road Bank Stabilization Project. Mr. Ulrich explained that the rip-rap material came in under the estimated amount, he will now process the paperwork to receive the remainder of the grant funding from Berks County Conservation District. A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Lisa Schaeffer to approve payment to Sacks & Sons, Inc. in amount of \$195,990.10 for the Reider Road Culvert/Mill Road Bank Stabilization Project. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried. Dorothy Wagner thanked the road crew for a good job on mowing alongside the roadways in the township.

There was no Fire Chief's report for the month of October 2024.

The Ambulance Chief's report for the month of October 2024 was read indicating a total of 109 calls but only transported 64 patients so we cannot recover the costs on most of these calls.

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The Allen & Susan Standhardt property located at 15 Rose Virginia Road is in violation of weeds, currently clearing and trimming vegetation on lot. The Matthew J. & Marisa M. Horne property located at 711 Main Street is in violation of sanitation, weeds, accumulation of rubbish or garbage, and disposal of rubbish, citations issued and hearing scheduled for November 19, 2024 but grass has been cut. The John, Renald & Lorraine Bertolami property located at 10 Hoch Road is in violation of weeds and grass and weed removal, vegetation mostly trimmed and property meets most of weed height requirements, it was agreed that we need clarification from the zoning officer whether it meets the requirements or not.

Received letter dated November 1, 2024 from HARB recommending that the Board of Supervisors of Oley Township issue a Certificate of Appropriateness to John Glick – LCR Renovations (Ruth Ann Kershaw Estate, owner) for property located at 52 Hafer Road to add LP Smart Side siding over existing wood siding with a seven inch or smaller board over the entire structure, roof on main house already completed and front porch roof and side addition roof will match with architectural shingles, existing window trim to be replaced with like-in-kind with LP Smart Side trim, Azek to be used for fascia board and soffit on gable ends, gutters to be metal K-gutters, two doors on front exposure to be replaced with steel single panel with half glass on upper portion similar to what is shown on plan, front and rear soffits enclosed and covered with Azek (rafter tails previously trimmed), refer to plans for all additional details. This application was reviewed and discussed. A motion was made by Lisa Schaeffer and seconded by Jeffrey Spatz to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness to John Glick – LCR Renovations (Ruth Ann Kershaw Estate, owner) for property located at 52 Hafer Road to add LP Smart Side siding over existing wood siding with a seven inch or smaller board over the entire structure, roof on main house already completed and front porch roof and side addition roof will match with architectural shingles, existing window trim to be replaced with like-in-kind with LP Smart Side trim, Azek to be used for fascia board and soffit on gable ends, gutters to be metal K-gutters, two doors on front exposure to be replaced with steel single panel with half glass on upper portion similar to what is shown on plan, front and rear soffits enclosed and covered with Azek (rafter tails previously trimmed), refer to plans for all additional details. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock - yes. All in favor....motion carried.

Received letter dated November 1, 2024 from HARB recommending that the Board of Supervisors of Oley Township issue a Certificate of Appropriateness to Lindsay Schwegmann for property located at 69 Bertolet Mill Road to replace windows on entire house with Renewal by Andersen which will be double-hung simulated divided light Fibrex window, refer to specification package with the exception of windows 301 – 304 to be two over two instead of four over four. This application was reviewed and discussed. A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Edwin Pollock to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness to Lindsay Schwegmann for property located at 69 Bertolet Mill Road to replace windows on entire house with Renewal by Andersen which will be double-hung simulated divided light Fibrex window, refer to specification package with the exception of windows 301 – 304 to be two over two instead of four over four. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock - yes. All in favor....motion carried.

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Received letter dated November 1, 2024 from HARB recommending that the Board of Supervisors of Oley Township issue a Certificate of Appropriateness to Christopher Hartman for property located at 3098 Friedensburg Road to install solar system on barn standing seam metal roof using matte black panels to include snow guards also in matte black. This application was reviewed and discussed. Mr. Spatz said there is nothing in the Secretary of Interior guidelines on solar installation. A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Lisa Schaeffer to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness to Christopher Hartman for property located at 3098 Friedensburg Road to install solar system on barn standing seam metal roof using matte black panels to include snow guards also in matte black. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock - yes. All in favor....motion carried.

Received variance application from James & Nancy Smith for property located at 316 Bertolet Mill Road from Section 27-503 to construct attached garage that would extend into the front yard by ten feet. The Zoning Hearing on this application has been scheduled for November 27, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Incoming communications:

1. Email received October 11, 2024 from Windstream (Kinetic) informing us that they intend to apply for a Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment grant to expand fiber broadband service in our municipality.

2. Letter received October 21, 2024 from Christmas in the Valley Committee requesting “No Parking” designation on Main Street between Water Street and Lynx Drive and the closing of Main Street from Water Street to Jefferson Street and Friedensburg Road from Legion Drive to Main Street on December 21, 2024 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for the annual Christmas Caroling event. A motion was made by Lisa Schaeffer and seconded by Edwin Pollock to grant permission to Christmas in the Valley to hold the annual Christmas caroling event on December 21, 2024 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., authorize posting of no parking signs on Main Street between Water Street and Lynx Drive, authorize closing of Main Street from Water Street to Jefferson Street and Friedensburg Road from Legion Drive to Main Street, and authorize the use of Fire Police for this event. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

Atty. Picardi was asked to provide an estimate to perform a legal review of our personnel policy revisions, he said it would require approximately fifteen to twenty hours of review for a cost of between \$2,500 to \$5,000.

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, it was agreed to remove from this from the agenda since they have not shown up for several months.

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Atty. Picardi said he is in agreement with the opinion of the Meadow View Farms Solicitor in that the tree replacements would be the responsibility of the Homeowners Association to enforce and the property owners would need to pay for the tree replacements, the township cannot enforce this. Debra Wright asked what is required to have street lights installed in their development. Atty. Picardi said the township would not be responsible for the installation of the street lights, the Homeowners Association could have street lights installed and then everyone in the development would be assessed a street light tax to pay for the electric costs of these lights.

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.

Public comment:

1. John Prange – A farmer along Route 73 in the area of New Life Bible Fellowship Church has been spreading sewage biosolids on fields and he believes that the farmer should have a DEP permit in order to spread these biosolids. Mr. Spatz said we had in the past tried to intervene in the spreading of these biosolids and we were informed at that time that this is DEP regulated and the township could not become involved, he would suggest to Mr. Prange that he reach out to State Representative David Maloney or State Senator Judith Schwank regarding his concerns with the smells from this sewage biosolids, the only thing the township could do is check with DEP if the farmer is complying with their permit.

2. Richard Schlegel – Who is responsible to cleanup the oil mess on Mill Road that was left by the contractor working for Service Electric when one of their trucks developed a hydraulic fluid leak, the contractor had put oil dry down but they never came back to clean it up. Duane Howard said he had checked this right after it happened, he will contact our Service Electric contact to ask him to have this cleaned up or the township will clean it up and bill Service Electric. Mr. Schlegel said that Stuart Snyder is running a recycling container business at his property and also has unlicensed vehicles. Mr. Ulrich will have the zoning officer investigate this property for any violations.

3. Todd Kegerise – Announced that there is a county-wide burn ban in effect due to the dry conditions.

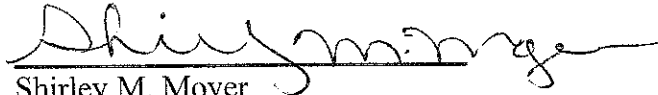
4. Kim Seidel – Asked what the fire hydrant funds are used for. Ms. Moyer explained that the Municipal Authority bills the township quarterly for the fire hydrants and this money is turned over to the Municipal Authority for the repair and maintenance of the fire hydrants on the water system.

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

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A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Lisa Schaeffer to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock - yes. All in favor....motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shirley M. Moyer", written over a horizontal line.

Shirley M. Moyer
Secretary/Treasurer

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