West Marlborough Township

1300 Doe Run Road

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William W. Wylie, Chairman Hugh Lofting II, Roadmaster

Joseph Chalfin, V. Chairman Michael R. Conrad P.E.

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September 3, 2024, Meeting

Minutes of the September 3 2024, Meeting of the Board of Supervisors

The Public Meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:10 pm. on 09/03/2024 by Chairman Bill Wylie. In attendance were Township Supervisors William Wylie and Emery Taylor. Jacob Chalfin was not in attendance. Bill announced that West Marlborough Township has hired a new employee, Cody Haher, for the road crew, who will be obtaining his CDL license within the first year.

Bill Wylie moved to approve the August 6, 2024, minutes. Emery Taylor seconded the motion; minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

The financial report was given showing a balance of $12,055.07 in the Payroll account, $81,686.81 in General Funds, $8,480.82 in State Funds, and the Equipment Funds account has been closed at Truist and all funds are with PLGIT(Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust). The PLGIT accounts show totals of $373,742.42 in General Funds, $161,392.06 in State Funds, and $94,142 in Equipment Funds.

Guy Swift from Avondale Fire Company gave his second quarter report. The fire company is working on 2025 budget and may ask for a small increase, due to having more personnel on duty during the night shift. EMS may ask for an increase as well. Guy explained the fire company received a $75,000 grant from John Kane’s office. He also explained that most of the emergency calls come from New Garden Township. Bill Wylie asked about the process of budgeting for capital expenses. Guy said he will provide an audit at the next township meeting on October 1, 2024.

Resident Tom Martin would like West Marlborough Township to consider allowing a second residence to be built on qualifying farms for relatives or hired farm workers. He brought up West Caln Township’s conditional use as an example of how this could work. He recommended asking the Planning Commission to look into this as a viable option instead of subdividing property. Bill brought up the Comprehensive Plan with Newlin and East Marlborough Townships which holds a public hearing and is reviewed every ten years. Subsequent to the approval of the updated regional comprehensive plan, West Marlborough Township will be reviewing its Zoning Ordinance. He thought this might be a good time to review the idea and the zoning ordinance and also for Tom to present his idea.

A resident brought up “open space tax” and asked if this is something the township is considering. Bill explained that there was a work session with Brandywine Conservancy to discuss the concept but that there are no plans to pursue at this time. The question was also asked if the supervisors re-visit Earned Income Tax as she pointed out once a tax is in place it rarely gets re-visited. Bill assured her that EIT has been re-visited in budget meetings.

The roadmaster, Hugh Lofting met with property owner Frank Lordi, Mike Conrad and Kevin Boyle of Yerkes to discuss driveway run-off on Byrd Road and storm water at jobsite. The runoff situation has been fixed. The road crew has been cleaning up after the August 7 & 9 storms and continues to mow sides of roads.

The zoning report was read by Bill and there were 3 permits issued during the month of August.

Bill stated that having a cell phone tower on the township property (which was gifted to the township by Nancy Truitt) would be allowed by the zoning ordinance but not by the easement held by the Brandywine Conservancy.

With no further business to attend, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Next meeting will be on October 1, 2024, at 7:30 PM or immediately following the Planning Commission meeting at the Township garage.

Respectfully Submitted

Elliot Blake,

Secretary/Treasurer