# WOODWARD TOWNSHIP

**BOARD of SUPERVISORS**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**October 11, 2023 – Minutes**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Woodward Township Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, October 11, at the Township Building. Chairman, Jeff Stroehmann called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Supervisors: Joseph Bertin, III, and Wayne Robinson, Solicitor Marc Drier, others present: Charles Blanchard, Bob Brown, Dale Robinson, David Hubbard, Gina Campana, Bert Smeal, Nicole and Glenn Gough, Judy and Jim Carpenter, Daniel Vassallo, Steve Reeser, and Secretary, Pamela Musser.

**Recording the Meeting:** No one is recording the meeting except the Secretary.

**Minutes & Treasurer’s Report:** The minutes of September 13th meeting were presented and approved on a motion by Mr. Robinson and seconded by Mr. Bertin, III and unanimously approved. The Treasurer’s Report was approved on a motion by Mr. Bertin, III, and seconded by Mr. Robinson and unanimously approved.

**Planning Commission Report:** Gary Knarr – The Secretary received an email stating the Mr. Knarr was ill and will not be able to attend this evenings’ meeting. The email stated the he had no recommendations for either of the conditional use projects. No other report was received.

**Zoning Report:** Gary Knarr – see above.

**Solicitor Report**: Marc Drier – Solicitor Drier stated that he has been in contact with Gary regarding living in an RV year round as their house burn down. Marc sent an email pertaining to this to Woodward Township Zoning.

**Road Superintendent Report**: Wayne Robinson – mowing is completed for the year. Winter supplies have been received.

**Citizens Comments** – Mr. Reeser asked about trailer/camper being lived in as a permeant living structure This item is being addressed and will be discussed once the Zoning Officer is here.

Mr. Hubbard asked about the previous meeting regarding the Gough Enterprise, LLC plans. If the decrease in size of the buffer area, this would still be a Zoning Hearing item. Mrs. Campana spoke regarding the house south of Grandview Street. Asked about people living there and trash/garbage outside the property, broken windows and rodents/cats on the property. Will notify the Zoning Officer to look into this. Mr. Hubbard asked about a property maintenance ordinance. It was stated that Woodward Township does have one.

**Unfinished Business:**

1. Railroad crossing signage for Brown Lane and Antlers Lane. The signs and painting of lines have been completed.
2. Supplement funding for the US 220 Corridor Safety Study – we have not received any update regarding this funding for the traffic study.
3. Weight limit restrictions for Youngs Rd and the Village of Linden and limited traffic in the Village of Linden- A study was found with regards to the weight restriction on Youngs Road and it is limited to 10 tons. The signs have been ordered and will be installed once received. The limited traffic through the Village of Linden was discussed. It was stated that we wanted to wait for construction to be completed. Asked about a sign for local traffic only. Mr. Dale Robinson stated that there are problems with trucks that are using the village of Linden as a thruway. The Supervisors will continue to monitor/address this situation. Mr. Hubbard asked if we spoke to Mr. Scott Williams at the County office. It was stated that we have to get back on the 12 year plan for the I 99 planning. Mr. Stroehmann would like to have a work meeting regarding the Village of Linden. Mr. Reeser asked if the State Police have been contacted and Mr. Dale Robinson said they were.

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1. Highway lighting – Grandview and Youngs Rd jug handles are in the works but funding for this project is what is on hold, it was asked to add the fishhooks in front of the Woodward Township school to the list to be lit.

1. Contacted PPL regarding the removal of the lighting on Antlers Lane on both sides of the Railroad track. The lights will be turned off within a week’s time and the brackets and lights will be removed (this will take 6 to 8 weeks).
2. Conditional use – Barr Construction property on Back Street in Linden. It was stated that Mr. Knarr was to get information regarding the last church conversion to an apartment building. No representatives were present. Mr. Stroehmann asked for a continuance of this to the next meeting. Mr. Hubbard asked about if the conditional use have to go through the same SALDO/Zoning committees.
3. Conditional use – Gough Enterprise, LLC. 54 unit Recreational park on Antlers Lane. There was discussion regarding the sewage and the use of holding tanks. Mr. Stroehmann spoke regarding the 504 A. and 505 sections of the Subdivision and Land Development (SALDO) on the general requirements. Mr. Stroehmann called both DEP and SEO. DEP stated that the holding tank would be an interim solution and the SEO stated it was a no go for holding tanks. Mr. Stroehmann talked to the Williamsport Sewer Authority and asked the Developer to speak to them directly regarding the sewage for this property. Dan Vassello conceded that using a dump station, to get periodically pumped, is, at least for a project this size, intended to be only temporary, until a more favored system of sewage disposal is implemented; the engineer added that as a practical matter PA DEP does not follow up, when dump stations are permitted, to make sure they are truly only temporary. Mr. Hubbard spoke regarding a sewage treatment plant as long as there are backflow valves. On a motion by Mr. Stroehmann to deny the application and have them resubmit with a proposal to address the sewage from this property, seconded by Mr. Bertin, III and unanimously approved. Mr. Stroehmann stated that he will go with the Developer to the WWSA to discuss the sewer on this property.

 **New Business**:

1. Resolution 10.11.23.01 – RE: Capital Reserve Fund for drinking water. Mr. Blanchard asked if the residents will have a say in this. After some discussion regarding the wording, this will be tweaked and brought back to a meeting at a later day. Solicitor Drier stated that the 2nd paragraph says it is only for water. Joe stated that the word hardship is difficult to justify. Solicitor Drier stated that a time frame (within 10 years) then it could be used. Jeff stated that the statement regarding DEP and that sentence is miss leading. Gina Campana asked if there is a problem with drinking water. Mr. Hubbard stated that Penn State is doing a study on the drinking water.

**Registration of Property:**  Sharon I. Marshall to Caleb Hill and Melanie Painter, and Matthew McCoy and Jordan E. McCoy to Clark A. Thompson.

Correspondences were reviewed. Pending bills were reviewed and approved for payment. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary