



## **WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 17, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Warrington Township Board of Supervisors was held on December 17, 2013, 7:30 p.m., at the Township Building located at 852 Easton Road, Warrington, PA 18976. The members present were as follows:

### **ATTENDANCE:**

Gerald B. Anderson, Chairperson; John R. Paul, Vice Chairperson; Marianne Achenbach, Secretary/Treasurer; Matthew W. Hallowell, Sr., and Shirley A. Yannich, members. Staff present was Timothy J. Tieperman, Township Manager; William R. Casey, Esq., Township Solicitor; Thomas A. Gockowski, Township Engineer; Barry Luber, Chief Financial Officer and Barbara Livrone, Executive Assistant to the Township Manager.

### **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Mr. Anderson asked for a moment of silence.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting opened with a pledge to the flag.

### **SPECIAL RECOGNITION RESOLUTION FOR EARTHBORNE**

Mr. Anderson presented Rick Taylor, owner of Earthborne, with a Proclamation Resolution thanking Earthborne for exhibiting the "dancing diggers" at Warrington Community Day. The Township extended its gratitude not only for its Warrington Community Day contribution but also its many civic contributions to the Warrington Community.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT**

Mr. Anderson reported that the Board held a pre-meeting executive session to discuss a legal matter regarding Donald Lankford. He expects Board action on this matter at a future meeting.

### **APPROVAL OF BILL LIST:**

#### **1. December 10, 2013 – December 17, 2013      \$ 509,897.93**

Mrs. Achenbach motioned, seconded by Mr. Paul, to approve the bill list from December 10, 2013 through December 17, 2013 totaling \$509,897.93. By roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

#### **2. November 26, 2013**

Mr. Paul motioned, seconded by Mrs. Achenbach, to approve the November 26, 2013 Meeting Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

There was no public hearing.

**OLD BUSINESS:****3. Meeting with Hometown Press officials regarding renewal of 2014 *Link* contract**

Mr. Anderson welcomed the representatives from Hometown Press to discuss the renewal of the 2014 *Link* contract. He explained the reasons for the meeting request and asked for clarification on the company's advertisement policy and current rates. Some Board members had received inquiries about the rates but were unaware of the company's policies. Mr. Anderson commented that HP does a very good job and prints a quality publication.

Company President Henry Keller introduced himself and explained that HP has been in the publication business for over 25 year. The company's headquartered in Perkasio and has five (5) separate divisions, of which municipal publications services is one. He said the *Link* is HP's gold standard. He says it's their goal to be transparent regarding advertisement costs. He distributed a copy of the current rate schedule to all BOS members. He stated his philosophy is to keep the ad rates as low as possible.

Mr. Keller commented that he is still surprised at how many businesses are unaware of the Township newsletter. His Staff does make a concerted effort to notify new businesses are they open in Warrington. Mr. Anderson asked that Township Staff provide HP will all current permit information to ensure that all new businesses are contacted.

Mr. Anderson thanked Mr. Keller for his presentation. Based on the information provide, the Board gave its unanimous consent to Staff continue working with Hometown Press to publish 2014 quarterly editions of the *Link*.

**NEW BUSINESS (ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS):****4. Consider adoption of an ordinance amending Chapter 21, Part 4 of the Warrington Township Code to regulate rights-of-ways.**

Mr. Anderson reviewed briefly the Township's new Rights-of-Way Ordinance. Mr. Casey confirmed that the ordinance amendment was properly advertised. There being no further comments from the Board, upon the motion of Mr. Paul and seconded by Mr. Hollowell, the Ordinance passed unanimously 5-0.

**5. Consider award of Base Bid and Alternate A to Slatington, PA-based Dirt Works, Inc. in the amount of \$222,225.00 for the 2014 Bradford Greene Force Main reconstruction Project, being the lowest responsible bidder within budgetary limitations.**

Water/Sewer Manager Achenbach explained the circumstances requiring this time sensitive project. There was a breach in the force main connecting the Bradford Greene pump station. The heart of the breach lied within the PECO right-of-way, resulting in a DEP assessment against the Township. He said the bid specifications were carefully crafted to ensure that the new force main

was repaired correctly. He said there were 16 bidders and that Dirt Works was the lowest responsible bidder and was e-verified. Mr. Paul commented that he was impressed with Dirt Works' past municipal experience in these types of projects. There being no further questions, Mr. Anderson asked for a motion.

Mr. Paul motioned, seconded by Mrs. Achenbach, to award the Base Bid and Alternate A to Slatington, PA-based Dirt Works, Inc. in the amount of \$22,225.00 for the 2014 Bradford Greene Force Main Reconstruction Project, being the lowest responsible bidder within budgetary limitations. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

## 6. **MANAGER'S REPORT:**

### a. **Authorize advertisement to amend pension ordinances to allow for an alternative citizen member:**

Mr. Anderson explained the purpose for this minor amendment to the Police Pension Ordinance. There was a brief meeting with the police union president prior to the meeting, who confirmed that the WPBA members do not have an issue with this minor change. Mr. Casey was authorized to place the necessary legal for action at a future meeting.

## 7. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

### a. **Township Historical Plaques**

Mr. Anderson took some time to set the record straight in response to Historical Society allegations lodged at the November 24, 2013 meeting that the current Board does not support historical preservation. He distributed to all members a picture of the historical plaque that was part of a historical property recognition program that the Board of Supervisors adopted on March 14, 2000. Mr. Anderson stated that he was Chairman of the 2000 Board of Supervisors along with fellow members Wayne Bullock, John Paul, Doug Skinner and Kathy Watson. Since the program's founding, over 52 plaques have been awarded over the years. He noted further that many homes listed on the township registry are not even included on the State's list. Moreover, since 2010 the Historical Commission has recommended no additional plaques for the current Board's consideration.

### b. **Merry Christmas**

Mr. Anderson took the opportunity to wish his fellow Supervisors, advisory board members and Staff a Merry Christmas.

## 8. **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

There was no Engineer's Report.

## 9. **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

There was no Solicitor's Report.

## 10. **ESCROW AND MAINTENANCE BOND RELEASES**

There were no escrow and maintenance bond releases.

**11. EXTENSION REQUESTS**

There were no extension requests.

**12. DEDICATION REQUESTS**

There were no dedication requests.

**SUPERVISORS COMMENTS**

Mr. Anderson commented that southeastern Pennsylvania municipalities and Bucks County in particular is not well represented by the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS). Its *Township News* publication is dominated by township's from central and western Pennsylvania. He says more needs to be done among our local officials to get better representation within the organization.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Paul motioned, seconded by Mrs. Achenbach, to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By:



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Timothy J. Tieperman, Township Manager