

**GIRARD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 12, 2021**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Lindy Platz at approximately 7:00PM.

Present: Supervisors Lindy Platz, Clay Brocious and Pete Dion; Zoning Administrator Tiffany Kramer, Solicitor Christine McClure, Engineer Ashley Porter, Jim Mattson, Jack Reinhardt, Jeff Gadley, Nora Platz, Brian Link, Peter Bruno, Sandy Anderson, Wilbur Nass, Justin Mason and Dennis Olesnanik

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA – None

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA WHICH INCLUDES:

**The MEETING MINUTES from 09/28/21;
The TREASURER’S REPORT dated 09/30/21;
The INVOICES from 09/28/21 through 10/12/21;
The PAYROLLS ending 10/02/21 and 10/09/21**

Motion by C. Brocious, second by P. Dion to approve the Consent Agenda, motion carried (3-0).

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES/AGREEMENTS - None

OLD BUSINESS

Before approval of the Erie Solar, LLC. Land development, Chairperson Platz asked if there was any public comment: Brian Link and Peter Bruno, representatives for the development answered questions: Nora Platz asked the benefits of having the solar farm, Justin Mason of the PA Land & Liberty Coalition said the bee feeders around the area benefit farms, Peter Bruno explained that there is benefit to the tax base as it doesn’t use Township services but does use local labor. Sandy Anderson asked when the Township would be notified when the farm was ceased being used, which they replied when it stopped operating. Jeff Gadley asked about fire or police services that would be needed. Training would need to be done. Wilbur Nass asked about how we are getting taxes on the development. L. Platz explained that the County would assess it based on the revenue generated.

Motion by C. Brocious, second by L. Platz to conditionally approve the land development for Erie Solar, LLC, Erie County Index #24-005-034.0-001.00, motion carried (3-0). The following needs completed before the plans will be signed by the Supervisors:

1. The Decommissioning Agreement will need to be finalized, and the Township would need to have the final acceptable document in hand prior to release of signed plans.
2. The NPDES permit and E&S Plan approval have not yet been issued by the County Conservation District, and without said permit issuance, a land development approval may not be made by the municipality (*ref: SWMO 166-19.B(3)©, 25 Pa Code, Chapter 102, §102.43 & PCE review letter dated August 9, 2021*).
3. They must put into place with the Township a “developer’s Surety” for \$388,014.00 to cover the stormwater management facility construction (*ref: SWMO 166-27.A. & PCE review letter dated August 9, 2021*).
4. They need to provide the Township with the executed Stormwater Management Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Agreement (*ref: SWMO 166-43.A.(1) & PCE review letter dated August 9, 2021*).
5. Decommissioning surety must be an AM Best A rated bonding company that does business in Pennsylvania.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by L. Platz, second by C. Brocious to approve the roadcrew to use the arm mower to cut brush along the fence line at Elk Valley Elementary for the Girard School District per the letter received from Brandon Chabola, Maintenance Supervisor, motion carried (3-0).

Motion by P. Dion, second by C. Brocious to approve the advertising to go out for bid to sell the 1990 Ford Cargo 7000 Sweeper truck, motion carried (3-0).

Motion by C. Brocious, second by P. Dion to approve the purchase of a 4-shelf First Aid cabinet from Cintas for \$272.14, motion carried (3-0).

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Ashley Porter reported that he has been working on Stormwater Reviews for Country Gardens and El's Dog School, he received the full bridge inspection report for Gudgeonville, he started discussions with John Puline again regarding his sewers, a study was done on Williams Road and it meets the conditions to post it at 25MPH and we can put yellow 15 MHP warnings on the curve. Ms. McClure mentioned that we would need to amend our traffic ordinance.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT - None

COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERVISORS

C. Brocious mentioned that Senator Laughlin came to a meeting with the Supervisors and our fire departments. P. Dion mentioned that there are issues with the catch basins in Westgate. L. Platz said the ECATO convention had been cancelled due to lack of participation. She also reviewed important resolutions that were being voted upon at the PSATS convention that she would be attending.

COMMENTS FROM THE STAFF

T. Kramer said that the end of pavilion rentals is this coming weekend. She also said that the training she was supposed to attend in Pittsburgh on October 21st has been switched to virtual.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jack Reinhardt had questions on various roads in the Township as to why they haven't been repaired or why they were paved.

Sandy Anderson gave the Supervisors a report on Music in the Park. The income was \$5,600 and the expenses were \$4,816.01 leaving a profit of \$783.99. The Supervisors thanked her for her continued work on the music series. She also mentioned that she was working on getting a bigger sponsor that would bring in more people. The Supervisors asked her to bring the information to them when she got more details.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by C. Brocious, second by P. Dion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM, motion carried (3-0).

Respectfully submitted.

Lindy Platz, Secretary