

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
WARRIORS MARK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WARRIORS MARK FIRE HALL
September 5, 2023**

The September 5, 2023 meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Warriors Mark Township was called to order at approximately 6:30 pm, with Chairman Neff, Supervisors Hockenberry and Liese, Solicitor Stants, Engineer Haefner, Secretary/Treasurer Brenneman and Sewage/Zoning Officer David Piper all being present. Emergency Management Coordinator, Kyle Seeger was absent due to a work commitment.

Public Comment:

- Carolyn Hoyne addressed those in attendance in regards to her discussions with the post master regarding landscaping at the Warriors Mark Post Office. The cost would be \$450 to remove four shrubs and replace with three shrubs. The Post Office is privately owned.
- Josh Wagner addressed the Board of Supervisors for a number of reasons including:
 - A registered letter that he received from the Township’s solicitor for placing fill in a flood plain. Wondered why someone didn’t stop to discuss rather than involving a registered letter from the Township Attorney
 - Township Building below town – would like the opportunity to purchase the building if no longer used.
 - Questioned whether or not the Township is in receipt of a permit for demolition at the old Durbin property. Agriculture buildings are exempt.
 - Noted that a lot of materials were moved from the Durbin property to the property adjacent to his seemingly “junking” up the property and stating it is a safety hazzard.

Public Hearing for Ordinance 2023-02 Amending the Zoning Ordinance to set forth requirements for Solar Energy Systems

- Solicitor Stants provided information to those in attendance in regards Ordinance 2023-023.
- No public comments
- Pursuant to a motion made by Supervisor Liese, seconded by Supervisor Hockenberry and approved unanimously with the vote of Chairman Neff, Ordinance 2023-02 Amending the Zoning Ordinance to set forth requirements for Solar Energy Systems was approved.

EMC Report:

- Many large-scale severe storms over the past month.
- Fire Incidents:
 - Tree/wires down: 0
 - Motor vehicle crash: 0
 - Medical assists: 0
 - Specialized rescue: 1
 - Dwelling fires: 0

Zoning Officer’s Report:

- No zoning permits were issued during August 2023
- Reviewed Bible Baptist Church plans
- Held office hours and attended meetings

- Responded to telephone calls and questions from citizens

SEO Report:

- No septic permits were issued during August 2023
- No soil testing was done during August 2023
- 33 systems were inspected over the past month
- Chairman Neff noted that he would like to discuss criteria for waivers with SEO Piper

Solicitor's Report:

- Presented Resolution 2023-06 “A Resolution of the Township Board of Supervisors Approving the Preliminary/Final Lot Consolidation Plan of Lands of Bible Baptist Church of Centre County.” Pursuant to a motion made by Supervisor Hockenberry, seconded by the vote of Supervisor Liese and passed unanimously with the vote of Chairman Neff, Resolution 2023-06 was approved as presented.
- A Developer’s Agreement, which is a condition of plan approval, goes along with the Resolution. Township Officials need to sign and then the Developer will need to accept the conditions and return.

Engineer’s Report:

- The Birmingham East Project received an easement through another property for electricity. No further information has been provided to the Planning Commission nor to the Township.
- Fred Henry requested approval for a Non-Building Waiver for the Bible Baptist Church. Pursuant to a motion made by Supervisor Liese, seconded by Supervisor Hockenberry and approved unanimously with the vote of Chairman Neff the Non-Building Waiver for the Bible Baptist Church.

Fire Company Report:

- Security System has been installed and has been activated
- Upcoming events include:
 - Wing Night
 - Chicken Bar-B-Que
 - Trunk or Treat with the church
 - Cash Party
 - Craft Show

Historical Society:

- September 11 – Wayne Harpster will be the guest speaker
- Five new members in the last month
- Removed trees surrounding the Historical Society Building.

Warriors Mark General Authority:

- Have begun a slow drain on tank for repairs to take place (new seals and bolts)
- Ideas for ARPA money for future consideration
 - Automation of the meter reading system for all customers – 250 units
 - Replacement lines for those that have not yet broken

Secretaries Report:

- Pursuant to a motion made by Supervisor Hockenberry, seconded by Supervisor Liese and approved unanimously with the vote of Chairman Neff, the minutes from the August 1, 2023 meeting of the Board were approved.
- Pursuant to a motion made by Supervisor Liese, seconded by Supervisor Hockenberry and approved unanimously with the vote of Chairman Neff, the expenditures presented on September 5, 2023, in the amount of \$66,883.57 from the general account and \$50,371.76 from the State “Liquid Fuels” account were approved for payment. Receipts for August totaled \$5,275.75.
- Discussion around a Fireworks Application Permit for Mr. Terry Branstetter then took place. The application was received from Brumbaugh Fireworks Display Inc. for a detonation date of September 16, 2023. Pursuant to a motion made by Supervisor Hockenberry, seconded by Supervisor Liese and approved unanimously with the vote of Chairman Neff, for the Fireworks permit was approved as all requirements were met.
- 2023 Donations to be paid from the general funds for the Tyrone Library, the Warriors Mark Fire Company the Warriors Mark Grange and the Historical Society. No donation to be given to Home Nursing.

Board Comments:

- Sixteen months remaining to spend ARPA monies
- Pursuant to a motion made by Supervisor Hockenberry, seconded by Supervisor Liese and approved unanimously with the vote of Chairman Neff the Assistant Secretary wage was increased to \$16/hour effective September 1.
- 2022 non-compliant septic pumping property owners – Solicitor Stants to reach out and proceed with enforcement
- Fred Henry will be submitting a plan, most likely, in October for the relocation of the property line at the Simondale/Durbin/Warriors Mark Township property.
- Josh Wagner asked what he needs to do so that he can legally construct a building behind his home on his second tract of land. Zoning Officer Piper responded that he should meet with Mr. Wagner to discuss. Office hours are Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 pm.
- Update on Durbin property - Wood has been removed from all buildings except the trusses. Bees have been treated.
- Supervisor Hockenberry noted that the Township did receive monies for the metal at the Durbin Property and suggested having a dumpster just for metal at next year’s clean up days.
- Salt and anti-skid have been ordered for the winter.
- Three way stop signs have been installed at the intersection of Station and Neff Roads. Solicitor to prepare an ordinance.
- A letter has been prepared for review by Solicitor Stants to send to the owner/occupants of the home along Ballfield Alley in regards to boat parking and dumpster locations.
- The Board of Supervisors plans to develop the 2024 budget following the business portion of the October Board of Supervisors Meeting.

Public Comment:

- Josh Wagner asked if there was anything the Township could do to get the State to repave Hundred Springs Road.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. with the motion being made by Supervisor Hockenberry, seconded by Supervisor Liese and passed unanimously with the vote of Chairman Neff.

Julie Brenneman, Secretary