

West Lakeland Township

June 10, 2019

7:00 p.m.

St Lucas Church

Present: Chairman Dan Kylo, Supervisor Steven Ebner, Supervisor Dave Schultz; Carrie Seifert, Clerk; Jennifer Samec, Deputy Clerk; Ms. Marsha Olson, Treasurer; Ms. Viet Hanh Winchell, Township Attorney, Duane Stensland, Building Inspector

Public Hearing, Home Occupation Permit, 13887 17th St N, Contracting Business

Chairman Kylo called to order a public hearing to consider a Home Occupation Permit requested by Joseph Kiesling, 13887 17th Street N, for a proposed contracting business, continued from May 6, 2019 at 7:13 PM. At this time, the property dispute that was pending at the May 6, 2019 meeting has not yet been resolved. Mr. Kiesling presented a proposal to build the privacy fence on the undisputed property and continue the screening once the dispute has been resolved. Mr. and Mrs. Bond, the neighbor with whom the property is in dispute, indicated there has been no contact on conversation since the May meeting to work to resolution. How the property dispute is resolved will influence the terms of the permit, if issued, particularly how equipment is to be stored. Ms. Winchell indicated the board can make a decision on the permit without resolution, but that may not be in the best interest of the town. Supervisor Ebner noted that the location and size of the building, which could be impacted by the resolution of the property dispute, would impact how and where equipment could be stored, which is a key component of the permit. Chairman Kylo voted to continue the public hearing until August 12, and to extend the timeline for consideration of the application by 60 days. Seconded by Supervisor Ebner, the motion carried.

Call to Order

Chairman Kylo called to order the regular meeting of the West Lakeland Town Board at 7:23 PM.

Approval of the Minutes

Supervisor Ebner moved to accept the minutes of the May 6, 2019 meeting with minor corrections. Seconded by Chairman Kylo, the motion carried.

Supervisor Ebner moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting on the Proposed 22nd Street Transfer to Washington County held May 30, 2019. Seconded by Supervisor Schultz, the motion carried.

Call to Order

Chairman Kylo called to order the regular meeting of the West Lakeland Town Board at 7:23 PM.

Treasurer's Report

Ms. Olsen presented the report for May 2019, reflecting \$21,418 in receipts and \$63,357 in expenses. The current assets of the township are \$1,982,043. Supervisor Schultz moved to approve the report and pay the invoices presented by the clerk. Seconded by Supervisor Schultz, the motion carried.

Public Comment

Mr. Ray Luxinger, 12775 5th St N, asked about cutting of thistles on the Mogren property. Chairman Kylo will contact Mr. Mogren. When asked about the activity on the bike trail, Supervisor Schultz indicated the asphalt is being replaced by MnDoT. Once complete, the trail will be turned over to Washington County for maintenance.

Concern was raised about the traffic and speed on 12th Street. The speed control sign by the church is obstructed and should be cleared. Mr. Matt Schmidt agreed to clear the sign. Speed control is

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the responsibility of the Washington County Sheriff. Supervisor Schultz responded to the request for additional stop signs, indicating that the additional signs may not bring any additional compliance.

Ms. Mary Vierling, 2825 Neal Ave N, asked about the status of repair of 30th Street, and the status of the rerouting of 30th Street. She asked if there was a request for grant money to work to oppose the airport expansion. Supervisor Schultz indicated that the contract for maintenance on 30th Street is pending signature by Baytown. Chairman Kylo will reach out to Baytown officials. Supervisor Schultz responded that the timeline for the reroute of 30th Street is pending funding at MAC, and preparation work would begin at the end of the year at the soonest. Actual construction would be in 2020. The township engineer is reviewing the boring results for the proposed reroute and will be involved in ensuring the road is built to current MNDOT standards. Valley Branch Watershed District will also need to approve the plans to ensure appropriate ground water management. Detailed plans for the road construction have not been approved. Chairman Kylo noted that Baytown has indicated willingness to continue to share the cost of the maintenance of the road. A town meeting regarding the airport expansion may be an appropriate step in keeping the community informed.

Annual Insurance Review

Mr. Chris Sauro, Country Financial Insurance, presented the annual review of the insurance coverage maintained by the township. No needs for additional coverage for property or staff were identified.

Conditional Use Permit for Ground Mounted Solar Panels

Mr. Joseph Wenzel, 93 Midwest Ave N, presented a request for a conditional use permit to install ground mounted solar panels. The location recommended by the installer is in front of the house. A ground mounted system was requested as it being more efficient and more cost effective. A variance would also be needed to install in the desired location, as it is in front of the primary residence. The request was referred to the planning commission for review.

Valley Branch Watershed District Project 1007

Ms. Rebecca Higgins and Mr. Darryl Beck, presented a summary of the Valley Branch Watershed District Project 1007. The purpose of the project is to determine the impact of this project and the relationship to the PFAS groundwater contamination.

Planning Commission Report

The draft of the Right of Way Maintenance Ordinance was reviewed. Supervisor Schultz requested reconsideration of allowing sprinkler heads in the right of way. It was suggested that additional text be added to clarify that such installation would be entirely at the owner's risk and expense.

The draft addition to the Ordinance with regard to domestic fowl was reviewed. The board received a letter from Mr. CJ Walsh, requesting that the prohibition of roosters be reconsidered, as the rooster can be integral to the flock.

The planning commission has benchmarked ordinances of various communities, regarding short term vacation rentals. The conclusion of the planning commission is that the township is best served if the use is prohibited.

The Comprehensive Plan is before the Met Council for review on June 17 and June 26.

Stillwater Township is coordinating a workshop for Planning Commission members. Three townships, including West Lakeland, expressed interest in participating. Each participating township has been asked to share in the cost.

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Road Construction Projects

A meeting with Baytown to review the post reconstruction activity of 30th Street will be delayed until the reconstruction plans are move firm.

Supervisor Schultz reported that 131 trees were removed, and 136 trees trimmed in advance of the 4th and 6th Street reclaim project.

Sealcoating is scheduled to start July 15.

Additional Business

A dispute of potential trespass was reported to the board which raised the issue of ownership of the Township right of way. Ms. Winchell was asked to research ownership, and if walking a dog in the right of way can be prohibited by the adjacent landowner.

Chairman Kylo moved to donate \$100 to St Lucas Church in appreciation for the use of the meeting facilities at short notice. Seconded by Supervisor Ebner, the motion carried.

Supervisor Schultz noted he has received an invoice for \$580 from Dowling, Foley and Tinker for a review of the appraisal of 30th Street. It is not clear to the board that professional services were rendered, and charges approved ahead of the work. Supervisor Schultz will dispute the charge.

Adjourn

Having no further business, Supervisor Schultz moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Supervisor Ebner, the motion carried. Chairman Kylo adjourned the meeting at 10:23 PM

Respectfully Submitted,



Elizabeth A. Vance