
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gary Wall, Supervisor
Kim Markee, Clerk
Steve Thomas, Treasurer
Anthony Bartolotta, Trustee
Marie Hauswirth, Trustee
Janet Matsura Trustee
Mark Monohon, Trustee

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jeffrey Polkowski

Agenda included:

1. Community Center Bond
2. Cigar Lounge Discussion
3. Lansdowne Speed Reader Sign
4. Township Road Safety Funding
5. Public Comments

Supervisor Wall asked the Trustees what they thought about offering a bond proposal to the Voters in 2024 for a Community Center. He communicated that it was turned down in 2018 by all precincts. Clerk Markee said we should give the residents of Waterford the opportunity to vote on it because the current recreation center is getting to the point that, in a few years, it may not be feasible to use. Maintenance costs continue to increase, and the structure and safety may become an issue, possibly leaving us without a recreation center in Waterford Township. Therefore, the voters and residents can choose if the question is on the ballot.

The Trustees had numerous ideas and suggestions for different locations, such as the Township Campus, because this location is paid for. OCC Highland and the Bingo Hall on Dixie were other suggestions for possible areas because these areas may bring in additional development. Supervisor Wall said when the previous Board visited six different municipalities and toured their respective recreation centers, the respective municipalities said they did not build enough storage, and the ones with a swimming pool said they wished they did not have the swimming pool. Treasure Thomas mentioned the storage closets are the first items cut when they try to stay within a budget, and we already have a high school with a swimming pool that our residents can use.

The Cigar Lounge question was raised by Mr. Polkowski, and the Trustees discussed the different scenarios and requirements that may be needed regarding these. After much discussion, it was agreed that the Trustees were not interested in having a Cigar Lounge ordinance in Waterford Township.

Supervisor Wall asked about the Lansdowne Speed Reader Sign as to whether the Trustees thought this would be something that we should consider funding. The Trustees were concerned about treating everyone fairly, which could lead to many other residents wanting the same for their road. Just adding some speed limit signs does not mean the speeders would stop speeding. Our Police Department has issued numerous tickets to speeders along Lansdowne, and most of the speeders lived in the area. Supervisor Wall was going to check with the RCOC to see how many roads in Waterford are classified the same as Lansdowne. This would give an indication as to how much this would cost the Township.

Clerk Markee mentioned that we could consider having a Township Road Safety Fund and possibly allocate some of the ARPA funds to this fund. Supervisor Wall was concerned about the maintenance of these safety devices and would like a dedicated income stream to cover the ongoing maintenance. Lansdowne is proposing allocating some funds to maintain the signs. At this time, all the Trustees agreed that it would not be acceptable to provide these funds until further information was available to help understand the overall financial impact on the Township.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.