

BRIDGETON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
Minutes of April 11, 2017 Regular Monthly Meeting

The regular meeting of the Bridgeton Township Board of Supervisors was held on April 11, 2017, as advertised, at the Township Building, 1370 Bridgeton Hill Road, Upper Black Eddy, Pennsylvania. Present were Supervisors Roger Keller and Michael Lynch. Also present was David Shafkowitz Township Solicitor and Secretary / Treasurer Colleen Pursell. Supervisor Gard Holby was absent. An Executive Session was held prior to the meeting to discuss a matter of litigation and personnel.

Supervisor Keller called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA:

None

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Supervisor Keller advised that moving forward the "Persons to be Heard" section of the agenda will be held prior to the "Public Comments" section. This will be adjusted as needed for special speakers.

CC Hopf, Township Resident, spoke about the proposed alternate route of the PennEast Pipeline which is set to go through Bridgeton Township and expressed concern.

John Crum, Township Resident, advised that many local municipalities have registered online as an intervener in FERC – Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Upon motion by Supervisor Keller and seconded by Supervisor Lynch, which carried 2-0, the Township will be filing for intervener status in FERC.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon motion by Supervisor Lynch and seconded by Supervisor Keller, which carried 2-0, the minutes from the March 14, 2017 regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was approved.

BILLS/PAYROLL: Upon motion by Supervisor Lynch, seconded by Supervisor Keller which carried 2-0, the bills and payroll in the amount of \$13,371.36 from March 2017 was approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Upon motion by Supervisor Keller, seconded by Supervisor Lynch, which carried 2-0, the Treasurer's report from March 2017 was approved.

REPORTS:

1. Fire Company – No report.
2. Open Space – No report.
3. Solicitor – Solicitor Shafkowitz advised that the public hearing for the telecommunications ordinance will be re-advertised and considered at the May meeting.
4. Planning Commission – Minutes from the December 2016 and January 2017 meetings have been received and are on file with the Township.
5. Secretary – The 2016 Audit Report has been received. The 2017 Bucks County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event dates have been posted online and at the municipal building. Primary Election will be held on May 16, 2017.
6. Treasurer – The 2016 Audit has been completed and submitted.
7. B/N/T Groundwater Committee – No report.
8. Roadmaster – Ringing Rocks Road at Lonely Cottage Road will be closed on Thursday, April 13, 2017 from 8:00 am until noon for a dead tree that is hanging into the roadway.
9. Zoning – No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Upon a motion by Supervisor Keller and seconded by Supervisor Lynch, which carried 2-0, Solicitor Shafkowitz will prepare a draft ordinance for the growing / dispensing of medical marijuana. Additionally, this draft ordinance will consist of the Planning Commission's recommendations which have been approved by the Board. Marijuana growing, processing, and related research and development as well as its distribution, sales and prescription fulfillment should be restricted exclusively to the industrial zone. Further, such activity is expressly prohibited from use in any other zone.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Operation Take Back is scheduled for April 29, 2017 from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. This is an event to dispose your unwanted, unused and expired medications. The event has been posted online and at the municipal building.

2. Upper Black Eddy Fire Police Requests:

Upon a motion by Supervisor Keller and seconded by Supervisor Lynch, which carried 2-0, a request for fire police assistance at the "Fire on the Hill" concert event on Saturday, July 15, 2017 from 4:00 pm until 10:00 pm was approved. Letters will be mailed to Riegelsville Borough and Tinicum Township.

Upon a motion by Supervisor Keller and seconded by Supervisor Lynch, which carried 2-0, a request for fire police assistance at the Firemen's Carnival on Wednesday, August 30, 2017 through September 3, 2017 from 6:00 pm until 10:00 pm was approved. Letters will be mailed to Riegelsville Borough, Plumstead Township, Tinicum Township, Springfield Township and Haycock Township.

3. Upon a motion by Supervisor Keller and seconded by Supervisor Lynch, which carried 2-0, the Board will adopt Resolution 2017-7 setting the deadline for Subdivision and Land Development applications to the fourth Thursday of the month in order to make the following month's Planning Commission Agenda.

4. Upon a motion by Supervisor Keller and seconded by Supervisor Lynch, which carried 2-0, Mike Hoernle is appointed as Fire Police with the Upper Black Eddy Fire Company.

5. Upon a motion by Supervisor Lynch and seconded by Supervisor Keller, which carried 2-0, Emerald Garden will continue to mow the Township properties at the 2016 rate of \$89.00/cut.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

CC Hopf, Township Resident, thanked the Board for the use of the municipal building for the Lower Delaware Wild and Scenic meeting which was held in March 2017.

Ms. Hopf also spoke about the Lower Delaware Wild and Scenic budget. This year they are looking to have an arsenic review which will cost about \$5,000. Due to the cost, the organization may be asking municipalities for a monetary donation to help with the cost of the review. The results would be available to the townships as a baseline.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon a motion by Supervisor Keller, seconded by Supervisor Lynch, which carried 3-0, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen M. Pursell
Secretary