

**BRIDGETON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS**  
**Minutes of February 14, 2017 Regular Monthly Meeting**

The regular meeting of the Bridgeton Township Board of Supervisors was held on February 14, 2017, as advertised, at the Township Building, 1370 Bridgeton Hill Road, Upper Black Eddy, Pennsylvania. Present were Supervisors Gard Holby, Roger Keller and Michael Lynch. Also present was David Shafkowitz Township Solicitor and Secretary / Treasurer Colleen Pursell. An Executive Session was held prior to the meeting to discuss a matter of litigation

Supervisor Holby called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA:**

None

**PERSONS TO BE HEARD:**

Rob Wagner, Township Resident, advised that he has received signatures from Township Residents requesting that Woodland Drive be paved. Mr. Wagner submitted a binder named "2/14/2017 Bridgeton Township Petition: To Pave Woodland Drive as of 2017". The following documents were included in the binder: (1) Letter to the Board of Supervisors, (2) Petition Dated January 2, 2017, (3) Wikipedia Printout of Bridgeton Township, (4) Board of Supervisors meeting minutes from April 12, 2016, (5) Petition Not to Pave Woodland Drive, (6) Parcel Printout of Woodland Drive, (7) Photographs of Woodland Drive.

CC Hopf, Township Resident, expressed concern over the New Alternate PennEast Gas Pipeline Route. Ms. Hopf requested that the alternate route map be placed on the township website. Additionally, she asked that the Supervisors consider sending a letter to the Delaware River Basin Commission in opposition of the pipeline.

Upon a motion by Supervisor Holby and seconded by Supervisor Keller, which carried 3-0, Resolution 2017-3, was approved. This resolution will call upon the Delaware River Basin Commission to Enact a Permanent Ban on All Gas Development, Including Drilling and Fracking in the Delaware River Watershed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Upon motion by Supervisor Holby and seconded by Supervisor Lynch, which carried 3-0, the minutes from the December 13, 2016 regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was approved.

Upon motion by Supervisor Holby and seconded by Supervisor Lynch, which carried 3-0, the minutes from the January 2, 2017 organization meeting of the Board of Supervisors was approved.

**BILLS/PAYROLL:** Upon motion by Supervisor Lynch, seconded by Supervisor Keller, which carried 3-0, the bills and payroll in the amount of \$13,705.30 from December 2016 was approved.

Upon motion by Supervisor Lynch, seconded by Supervisor Keller, which carried 3-0, the bills and payroll in the amount of \$10,666.29 from January 2017 was approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Upon motion by Supervisor Holby, seconded by Supervisor Keller, which carried 3-0, the Treasurer's report from December 2016 and January 2017 was approved.

**REPORTS:**

1. Fire Company – No report.
2. Open Space – Supervisor Holby advised that the County Open Space Funding has closed. They are having a meeting tomorrow and may consider re-opening it.
3. Solicitor – The Solicitor requested that the Board approve re-advertising the proposed ordinance on provisions of the Township's Zoning Ordinance on placement of telecommunications facilities in township right-a-way for the March 2017 or April 2017 meeting. This is due to recommendations that the township has received a comment letter from the Bucks County Planning Commission.

Upon a motion by Supervisor Keller and seconded by Supervisor Holby, which carried 3-0, the proposed ordinance on provisions of the Township's Zoning Ordinance on placement of telecommunications facilities in township right-a-way will be amended and re-advertised.

The Hearing for consideration of the adoption of amending provisions of the Township's Zoning Ordinance with regard to the definition of lot area, setbacks from surface water and setbacks from other resource protected areas was opened by the Solicitor.

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The following documents were marked as Exhibits:

- B-1: Copy of the Legal Notice;
- B-2: Proof of Publication;
- B-3: Bucks County Planning Commission Review Letter dated November 2, 2016;
- B-4: Proof of Filing the Proposed Ordinance with the Bucks County Law Library
- B-5: Copy of Ordinance

After presentation of the background and summary of the Ordinance and the receipt of questions and comments from the Board, the Hearing was opened to the public. No comments were received from the public and the Hearing was closed and a motion for adoption was considered. Upon motion by Supervisor Holby, seconded by Supervisor Lynch, which carried 3-0, the Board approved the adoption of amending provisions of the Township's Zoning Ordinance with regard to the definition of lot area, setbacks from surface water and setbacks from other resource protected areas, designated as Ordinance 2017-1.

4. Planning Commission – No report.
5. Secretary – No report.
6. Treasurer – No report.
7. B/N/T Groundwater Committee – Minutes for the November 2016 and January 2017 meeting have been received and are on file with the Township. Larry Reinfeld advised that Dr. Robert Stanfield, a member of the committee, passed away on January 12, 2017. Supervisor Lynch requested that a resolution be done in recognition of the contributions that Dr. Stanfield made to the community.
8. Roadmaster – Rich Pursell, Jr., advised that the F550 is being built and will be ready in May or June.
9. Zoning – No report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Upon a motion by Supervisor Keller and seconded by Supervisor Holby, which carried 3-0, the polling location will be moved from the Upper Black Eddy Fire Company to the Bridgeton Township Municipal Building. A letter will be sent to the Bucks County Board of Elections requesting approval.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Upon motion by Supervisor Holby and seconded by Supervisor Lynch, which carried 3-0, Resolution 2017-1, Proclaiming April 2017 as "Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month" was approved.
2. Upon motion by Supervisor Holby and seconded by Supervisor Keller, which carried 3-0, Resolution 2017-2, Compensation Structure for the Bridgeton Township Tax Collector Effective January 1, 2018 was approved. This resolution sets the tax collector compensation rate at 4.5% of gross taxes collected effective January 1, 2018 until December 2021, unless otherwise changed or amended.
3. Supervisor Lynch advised that the board has received notification from the Department of Environmental Protection for informational purposes only, that the underground storage tanks at 1610 Route 32 have been out of service since May 13, 2009. The continued existence of the tanks violates DEP regulations and local fire code. The DEP will continue to work on getting this resolved.
4. Upon motion by Supervisor Lynch, seconded by Supervisor Keller, which carried 3-0, the motion to approve the assistance of Fire Police to Plumstead Township for traffic control duties on March 18, 2017 for the Blaze of Glory 5K Run was approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

CC Hopf, Township Resident, asked if the Township has received the information from the Fire Chief regarding the ISO rating change. This was discussed at the January meeting. Residents who live within 5 miles of the Upper Black Eddy Fire Company may be eligible to receive a reduction in their premiums paid for homeowner's insurance. Supervisor Lynch advised that once it is received, it will be placed on the website.

Supervisor Keller regretfully announced that Township Resident, Harry Burger, passed away on February 12, 2017. Roadmaster Pursell advised that Mr. Burger donated the blackboard in the Township meeting room. Supervisor Keller suggested that the Township do a Resolution in memory of Harry Burger and Dr. Robert Stanfield.

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Upon motion by Supervisor Keller and seconded by Supervisor Holby, which carried 3-0, Resolutions will be made for Harry Burger and Dr. Robert Stanfield.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Upon a motion by Supervisor Keller, seconded by Supervisor Holby, which carried 3-0, the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen M. Pursell  
Secretary / Treasurer