

BRIDGETON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
Revised Minutes of July 10, 2014, Regular Monthly Meeting

The regular meeting of the Bridgeton Township Board of Supervisors was held on July 10, 2014 at the Township Building, 1370 Bridgeton Hill Road, Upper Black Eddy, Pennsylvania. Present were Supervisors Michael Lynch and Roger Keller. Supervisor Gard Holby was absent. Also present was Secretary-Treasurer Tammy Macaluso and David Shafkowitz, Township Solicitor. An Executive Session was held prior to the meeting to discuss matters of pending litigation.

Supervisor Keller called the meeting to order at 7:24 p.m. Supervisor Keller called for public comment on the meeting agenda. No public comment was received.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Supervisor Keller was pleased to announce that there is now water in the Delaware Canal on a permanent basis. Filling began approximately one week ago.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PERSONS TO BE HEARD: None

MINUTES: Upon motion by Supervisor Lynch and seconded by Supervisor Keller, which carried 2-0, the minutes from the June 12, 2014 regular meeting, of the Board of Supervisors were approved.

BILLS/PAYROLL/TREASURER'S REPORT: Upon motion by Supervisor Lynch, seconded by Supervisor Keller, which carried 2-0, the bills, payroll and Treasurer's Report from June 2014 were approved.

REPORTS:

1. Fire Company – James Serfass Upper Black Eddy Fire Chief attended the meeting and provided the fire company report. A high angle rescue and recovery mutual aid drill will be held at Ringing Rocks Park; all permits have been approved through the County. Mr. Serfass requested an event permit for the Upper Black Eddy Carnival Fire Works Display. Secretary Macaluso will contact Dan Jenkins, Zoning Officer/Building Code Official about this permit. Supervisor Keller repeated requests made each year that attention be paid to the noise, now specifically low-pitched and large vibration, after 10 pm during the Carnival. Mr. Serfass noted the band would be finished and a DJ until the end. He will remind members. Mr. Serfass further reported that an official Withdrawal of Order to Show Cause regarding the Fire Relief Audit should be received shortly; all matters have been resolved. Mr. Serfass stated that the accounting of the Fire Relief funds will now be computerized and the payment of the radios, which was one of the findings within the audit, will now solely be paid by the Fire Company, no Fire Relief funds will be used. Mr. Serfass presented the Board with correspondence regarding a Disaster Grant Program from Vickers Consulting Services, Inc. Board agreed to review.

2. Open Space – The Open Space Committee Meeting for July was cancelled.

3. Solicitor – Solicitor Shafkowitz, with help from Supervisor Lynch, received the delinquent Earned Income Tax List 2010 and Prior from Drew Bishop, Business Administrator for Palisades School District. Solicitor Shafkowitz and Secretary Macaluso will work together to assure collections are being made on the Township's behalf.

4. Planning Commission – Supervisor Keller reported that discussions are still taking place in regards to the noise ordinance. Solicitor Shafkowitz stated that a proposed burn ordinance would be a stand-alone ordinance and does not need to go to the Planning Commission. Solicitor Shafkowitz will research PA DEP and Bucks County Planning Commission recommendations and also review other municipality's burn ordinances to report back to the Board at next month's meeting.

5. Secretary/Treasurer – Secretary Macaluso reported that Dan Jenkins, Zoning Officer/Building Code Official, is working on a "catch-all" building permit application to streamline the application process and have it available when he is not here for Township residents or their contractors to pick up.

6. B/N/T Groundwater Committee - None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Berkheimer/EIT Delinquents - Addressed in Solicitor report.
2. Firefighter's Relief Association Audit - Addressed in Fire Company report.
3. Signage for Township Building - Secretary Macaluso provided a rendering and quote that the Borough of Riegelsville received for their sign replacement to give the Board an idea of signage costs. Supervisor Keller would like to approach local vendors for additional quotes.
4. Approval to Obtain General Credit Card - Secretary Macaluso presented the Board with several options for the Township to obtain a credit card. Supervisor Lynch confirmed that a credit card is needed for the ease of certain purchase related to the website and the Township's computer system. Upon motion by Supervisor Keller, seconded by Supervisor Lynch, which carried 2-0, the Board of Supervisors agreed to authorize Secretary Macaluso to submit an application to First Federal of Bucks County to obtain a Credit Card for certain general Township expenses.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Bucks County Open Space Program Plans - Secretary Macaluso advised the Board that a memorandum from Bucks County Planning Commission was received requesting information on municipalities Open Space Plans. This request will be passed on to the Open Space Committee to complete and return to David Johnson, Program Coordinator for the Bucks County Open Space Program.
2. Honor Flight Donation - Secretary Macaluso advised the Board that correspondence was received from the County advising of the partnership with Honor Flight Philadelphia, a 501.c.3 organization recognized for transporting veterans to "their" monuments. The County was soliciting donations on behalf of the organization. The Board, questioning whether it would be appropriate for a Municipality to make such a donation, decided to decline. Supervisor Lynch will post information on the Township's website for Township residents to consider personal contribution.
3. Approval to spend Funds for Website/Backup - No action was required by the Board on this matter in that the funds necessary did not fall within the bid requirements of the applicable statutes.
4. Assistance of Fire Police July 11 - 12, 2014 for Sellersville Borough Carnival - Secretary Macaluso presented to the Board a request from Sellersville Borough for fire police assistance for the annual Carnival July 8 - 12, 2014. This request arrived after the June 12, 2014 Board meeting, too late to give approval for the entire Carnival. Upon motion by Supervisor Keller, seconded by Supervisor Lynch, which carried 2-0, the Board approved the assistance of Fire Police, July 11 - 12, 2014 for the Sellersville Borough Carnival.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Being no further business, upon a motion by Supervisor Lynch, seconded by Supervisor Keller, which carried 2-0, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m., with the next meeting scheduled to be held on August 14, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Macaluso
Secretary/Treasurer