

BRIDGETON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
Minutes of June 14, 2016 Regular Monthly Meeting

The regular meeting of the Bridgeton Township Board of Supervisors was held on June 14, 2016, 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 Secretary Colleen Pursell and David Shafkowitz, the Township Solicitor. An Executive Session was held prior to the meeting to discuss real estate.

Supervisor Holby called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA:

None

PERSONS TO HEARD:

Liz McMahan, Township Resident, expressed concerns about the speed limit and road conditions on River Road (Route 32). Specifically, she feels that there is a strong need for a traffic study to be completed in order to ensure the safety of residents, pedestrians and other drivers. In addition, she feels that additional signage is necessary such as pedestrian walkways near the Milford Bridge.

The Board of Supervisors unanimously agreed that there are major traffic concerns along River Road. The road is in dire need of repaving specifically the portion of the roadway from Milford Bridge continuing northwest to the bridge over the canal at Trails End Lane. In addition, speed enforcement might help reduce the rate of speed of vehicles on the roadway. Discussion was held about budgeting next year for a speed board sign.

The Board will collectively be sending a letter to PennDOT Engineering District 6, State Representative Marguerite Quinn and State Senator Bob Mensch. In addition, they encourage all residents who reside on River Road to send letters individually.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon motion by Supervisor Lynch and seconded by Supervisor Holby, which carried 3-0, the minutes from the May 10, 2016 regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was approved.

BILLS/PAYROLL: Upon motion by Supervisor Lynch, seconded by Supervisor Holby, which carried 3-0, the bills and payroll in the amount of \$14,318.94 from May 2016 was approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Upon motion by Supervisor Lynch, seconded by Supervisor Holby, which carried 3-0, the Treasurer's report from May 2016 was approved.

REPORTS:

1. Fire Company – Chief Serfass noted that last month they responded to four (4) calls. Their Air Cascade system was tested and passed in May. They have received equipment from the Task Force Grant which includes DeWalt cordless tools. Currently their 4 gas meter is into MES for service.

Chief Serfass expressed concerns that the fire company's support staff does not have worker's compensation. Secretary Pursell advised that from past discussion with the township's insurance broker, there are no worker compensation policies available for support staff. Workers compensation is only available for firefighters and fire police. There is an accident policy that is available but this policy would only cover the expenses above and beyond the victim's primary medical insurance.

A vehicle recently crashed into the firehouse. All building repairs are expected to be completed by October. Equipment and gear have been repaired/replaced as needed.

Upon a motion by Supervisor Holby and seconded by Supervisor Keller, which carried 3-0, an accident policy for the fire company's support staff will be delayed and tabled for the next meeting. Secretary Pursell will reach out to our insurance broker to discuss if there is any way to purchase workers compensation.

Upon a motion by Supervisor Holby and seconded by Supervisor Keller, which carried 3-0, Lawrence Reinfeld is appointed as a Fire Police Officer with the Upper Black Eddy Fire Company.

2. Open Space – No report.

3. Solicitor – Township Solicitor David Shafkowitz advised that the Board previously discussed a potential amendment to the Flood Plain Management Ordinance. The Township Engineer is currently appointed as our Flood Plain Administrator. The Board is looking at a more efficient means of administering the ordinance.

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Solicitor Shafkowitz requested a motion be made for an authorization for an amendment to the ordinance to reflect the person holding the Zoning Officer position to be the designated as the Floodplain Administrator.

Upon a motion by Supervisor Holby and seconded by Supervisor Lynch, which carried 3-0, the Solicitor has been approved to prepare an amendment to the ordinance to have the Zoning Officer serve as the Township's Flood Plain Administrator. Consideration will be taken at the next meeting.

4. Planning Commission – Minutes for the February and March 2016 meeting were received and are on file with the Township.
5. Secretary – No report.
6. Treasurer – No report.
7. B/N/T Groundwater Committee – Minutes for the April 2016 meeting have been received and are on file with the Township.
8. Roadmaster – Prior to the meeting, Roadmaster Pursell requested that the Supervisors approve a check in the amount of \$7,100.00 for the road project on Woodland Drive.

Upon motion by Supervisor Holby and seconded by Supervisor Keller, which carried 3-0, a check in the amount of \$7,100.00 made payable to G. Campbell & Sons Paving Contractor is approved. The approval is conditional upon the review of Roadmaster Pursell confirming that the work was satisfactorily done.

9. Zoning – No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Supervisor Keller advised that the Comprehensive Plan ad hoc committee has met. An initial discussion has begun. At this time, there are three (3) members.
2. Supervisor Lynch discussed mapping software to be used for the Comprehensive Plan.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion on the Use and Occupancy (Move In / Move Out Permits) was tabled for another time.
2. The Bridgeton Township Planning Commission has recommended that the Board consider developing a Comprehensive Land Use Plan Survey. Supervisor Lynch stated that it may be possible to have a poll set up on the website to implement this.
3. The Borough of Sellersville has requested fire police assistance at their July 16, 2016 Carnival. Upon motion by Supervisor Keller and seconded by Supervisor Holby, which carried 3-0, the request for Upper Black Eddy Fire Police was approved.
4. Due to the damage at the Fire Company, the voting location may need to be moved to another location. Secretary Pursell will contact the Bucks County Board of Elections and find out the deadline for moving the location.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

CC Hopf inquired as to if there are any updates to the Noise Ordinance. Supervisor Keller advised that a noise meter was purchased. The Zoning Officer and additional people will be trained on using the meter. The meter is being mailed to the vendor due to improper functioning.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon a motion by Supervisor Keller, seconded by Supervisor Holby, which carried 3-0, the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen M. Pursell
Secretary