

BRIDGETON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
Minutes of August 9, 2016 Regular Monthly Meeting

The regular meeting of the Bridgeton Township Board of Supervisors was held on August 9, 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 personnel.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA:

None

PERSONS TO HEARD:

Liz McMahan thanked the Supervisors for their support and actions in getting River Road paved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon motion by Supervisor Lynch and seconded by Supervisor Keller, which carried 3-0, the minutes from the July 12, 2016 regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was approved.

BILLS/PAYROLL: Upon motion by Supervisor Holby, seconded by Supervisor Keller, which carried 3-0, the bills and payroll in the amount of \$11,182.26 from July 2016 was approved, subject to a reduction depending on two checks.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Upon motion by Supervisor Holby, seconded by Supervisor Lynch, which carried 3-0, the Treasurer's report from July 2016 was approved. Supervisor Keller requested that the bill for Keystone Municipal be checked to reconfirm that we received two bills for the same amount.

REPORTS:

1. Fire Company – No report.
2. Open Space – No report.
3. Solicitor –

The Hearing for consideration of the adoption of an Ordinance Amending Section 3.01 of the Bridgeton Township Floodplain Management Ordinance, Ordinance 2015-1 to Change the Floodplain Administrator and Adding a Provision Requiring Compliance with All Township Permits was opened.

The following documents were marked as Exhibits:

- B-1: Proposed Ordinance 2016-1
- B-2: Copy of the Legal Notice
- B-3: Proof of Publication
- B-4: Proof of Filing the Proposed Ordinance with the Bucks County Law Library

In addition, the proposed ordinance was sent to the Bucks County and Bridgeton Township Planning Commissions for their review. Bucks County advised that they did not need to comment since this is related to a Stand Alone Ordinance. Bridgeton Township Planning Commission had a clarification concern which was addressed.

Solicitor Shafkowitz provided the Board with a summary of the proposed Ordinance which is changing the Floodplain Administrator from the Township Engineer to the Township Zoning Officer or another qualified person. This would allow a central location for permits. The second portion of the ordinance is adding "Section 3.13 Nothing herein shall relieve or waive the requirements of an applicant to comply with all other permit requirements of the Township applicable to the project proposed pursuant to of Section 3.04. A.6."

Following any questions or comments from the Board, the Hearing was opened to the public for comments.

CC Hopf, Township Resident, asked how the Planning Commissions concern was resolved. Solicitor Shafkowitz advised that the question involved the Planning Commission not being able to locate Section 3.04A.6. He advised that this is not part of the Zoning Ordinance, that it is part of the Floodplain Management Ordinance.

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Secretary Pursell will forward a copy of the Floodplain Management Ordinance to the members of the Bridgeton Township Planning Commission. In addition, a copy will be placed in the meeting room for the future.

Being no further comments, upon a motion by Supervisor Holby, seconded by Supervisor Lynch, which carried 3-0, the hearing of the proposed ordinance was closed. Upon a motion by Supervisor Lynch, seconded by Supervisor Keller, which carried 3-0, the Board adopted an Ordinance Amending Section 3.01 of the Bridgeton Township Floodplain Management Ordinance, Ordinance 2015-1 to Change the Floodplain Administrator and Adding a Provision Requiring Compliance with All Township Permits.

Solicitor Shafkowitz stated that the Board previously asked him to look into amendments for the existing Zoning Ordinance. A proposed Ordinance Amending Certain Sections of the Bridgeton Township Zoning Ordinance to Revise Set Backs from Surface Waters, Buffer Areas and Protection of Designated Floodplain as a Natural Resource was submitted for review. Solicitor Shafkowitz requested authorization to advertise the proposed ordinance for potential consideration at the September meeting.

CC Hopf, Township Resident, asked that the Township hold off for a month so that there is enough time for review and research by the Planning Commission.

It was recommended by the Solicitor that the Board approve the advertisement so that the pending ordinance can be used, if needed.

Solicitor Shafkowitz advised that the second proposed ordinance is Amending Certain Sections of the Bridgeton Township Zoning Ordinance Regarding the Placement of Telecommunications Facilities in the Right(s) of Ways.

Both Bucks County and Bridgeton Township's Planning Commissions will be asked to review the two (2) proposed ordinances for comments.

Upon a motion by Supervisor Holby, seconded by Supervisor Keller, which carried 3-0 advertisement was approved for the proposed Ordinances Amending Certain Sections of the Bridgeton Township Zoning Ordinance to Revise Set Backs from Surface Waters, Buffer Areas and Protection of Designated Floodplain as a Natural Resource and for Amending Certain Sections of the Bridgeton Township Zoning Ordinance Regarding the Placement of Telecommunications Facilities in the Right(s) of Ways.

4. Planning Commission – Minutes for the June 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 June 2016 meeting have been received and are on file with the Township.
8. Roadmaster – Supervisor Lynch advised that the road project on Woodland Drive is complete.
9. Zoning – No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Supervisor Keller recommended that signs be posted at Veterans Park to help resolve the parking issues. Roadmaster Pursell to post the following signs: "No Overnight Parking" and "Parking for Township Park Only".
2. Supervisor Keller advised that the 20/20 Vision Group, an Ad Hoc Committee, serving as a pre-planning commission has been actively working to collect ideas for our Comprehensive Plan. A survey was prepared, disbursed, collected and tabulated. A final meeting will be held on Monday, August 15, 2016 to review its progress and to come up with additional questions to submit to the Planning Commission for their review.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Borough of Sellersville has requested fire police assistance at the Pennridge Gallery of the Arts Festivities which will be held on Sunday, September 18, 2016. Upon motion by Supervisor Lynch, seconded by Supervisor Holby, which carried 3-0, the Board approved the assistance of Fire Police, Sunday, September 18, 2016, for the Pennridge Gallery of the Arts Festivities.

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2. The B/N/T Groundwater Committee has requested to use the municipal building to hold their next meeting on September 21, 2016 at 7:30 pm. Supervisor Holby advised that this should not cause any conflicts with other meetings.
3. Supervisor Holby advised that he would like to establish a Traffic Review Committee to help with the traffic on River Road. Upon a motion by Supervisor Holby, seconded by Supervisor Keller, which carried 3-0 a Traffic Review Committee is established and Liz McMahon is appointed Chair. The Committee and Chair will be appointed each year. Residents interested in joining can email Liz McMahon at lizcmcmahon@gmail.com.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

CC Hopf, Township Resident, asked if there has been a resolution on the parking at Ringing Rocks. Supervisor Keller, advised that they previously met with Bucks County Park personnel to see if they can increase parking. An update will be available at the September meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon a motion by Supervisor Lynch, seconded by Supervisor Keller, which carried 3-0, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen M. Pursell
Secretary