

BRIDGETON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
Minutes of December 12, 2017 Regular Monthly Meeting

The regular meeting of the Bridgeton Township Board of Supervisors was held on December 12, 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 Secretary / Treasurer Colleen Pursell and Solicitor David Shafkowitz. An Executive Session was held prior to the meeting to discuss a matter of personnel.

Supervisor Holby called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon motion by Supervisor Keller and seconded by Supervisor Holby, which carried 3-0, the minutes from the November 14, 2017 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 \$17,012.99 from November 2017 was approved.

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

REPORTS:

1. Fire Company – No report.
2. Open Space – No report.
3. Solicitor – No report.
4. Planning Commission – Supervisor Keller advised that at the last Planning Commission meeting, they discussed cluster of housing density in the context of environmental sustainability. The Planning Commission is requesting that the Board seek funding for a build-out study of the Township based on current zoning ordinances. Additionally, they are requesting to remove the 20% incentive for cluster housing developments and any other similar incentives that increase housing density. [Reference Bridgeton Township Zoning Ordinance 903.A "Maximum Density"]. The Board requested Solicitor Shafkowitz to draft this for the Planning Commission.

Supervisor Keller also advised that the Planning Commission received a copy of Act 42 of 2017 and after review, unanimously recommends that the Board pass a resolution to prohibit such casinos in Bridgeton Township.

Solicitor Shafkowitz stated that the Pennsylvania Legislature passed Act 42 of 2017, which was signed by Governor Wolf in October, allowing Category 1, 2, and 3 casinos now operating in the Commonwealth to bid on licenses to build and operate 10 Category 4 satellite casinos, also known as "mini-casinos" in the state. Municipalities can opt out of this, by passing a resolution prohibiting licensed gaming facilities in their municipality.

Upon motion by Supervisor Holby and seconded by Supervisor Lynch which carried 3-0, Resolution 2017-10: A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Bridgeton Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania Opting-Out Pursuant to Section 1305.1(A.1) of Act 42 of 2017 Prohibiting Licensed Gaming Facilities in Bridgeton Township was passed. Additionally, authorization for the Secretary to send a copy of this resolution to the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board was approved.

5. Secretary – As advertised on January 11, 2017 in the Intelligencer Newspaper, the Board of Supervisors will be holding their 2018 Organization Meeting on January 2, 2018 at 7:00 pm. The Auditors will hold their Organization meeting on January 3, 2018 at 7:00 pm. Both meetings will be held in the Township Meeting Room.
6. Treasurer – No report.
7. B/N/T Groundwater Committee – Minutes for October 2017 meeting have been received and are on file with the Township.

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8. Roadmaster – No report.

9. Zoning – November 2017 report was received. Supervisor Keller stated that the Zoning Officer suggested that the Board review the fee schedule since it has not been updated in a few years.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Supervisor Holby advised that the millage in Bridgeton Township will remain the same from 2017 to 2018.

Upon motion by Supervisor Lynch and seconded by Supervisor Keller, which carried 3-0, Resolution 2017-9: A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Bridgeton Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania Establishing the Annual Millage Rate on Real Property Within Bridgeton Township and Providing for the Adoption of the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2018 was approved.

2. Upon motion by Supervisor Lynch and seconded by Supervisor Holby, which carried 3-0, the authorization of paying of bills and payroll in January 2018 with the approval at the February 2018 meeting was approved.

3. Jim Engle, Executive Director at The Tinicum Conservancy gave a brief presentation on the Bucks County Natural Areas Program. The program provides grants that may be used by municipalities and non-profit organizations to acquire land to protect critical natural areas.

Supervisor Holby advised that the Board is seeking funding to acquire the Casilio Quarry which is 105 acres.

Upon motion by Supervisor Holby and seconded by Supervisor Lynch, which carried 3-0, the Board approved Resolution 2017-11 approving the filing of an application for funds under the Natural Areas Program and that Supervisor Holby is authorized and directed to execute and file the appropriate forms with the Bucks County Open Space program.

4. Supervisor Holby stated that the Board is considering the use of a third-party auditing company in lieu of the elected auditors. The Township is in the process of obtaining prices with a cap of \$2,500.

5. Supervisor Holby advised that the Board has received a resignation letter from David Taylor of the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Taylor has requested that the Board not reappoint him in 2018 as a member of the Zoning Hearing Board. His term is set to expire on December 31, 2017. The Board acknowledged the great job that Mr. Taylor has done over the past several years. His resignation will be accepted at the January 2018 Organization meeting.

6. Upon motion by Supervisor Keller and seconded by Supervisor Holby, which carried 3-0, Lawrence Reinfeld is appointed as Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator for a one-year term effective January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2018.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon a motion by Supervisor Holby, seconded by Supervisor Keller, which carried 3-0, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen M. Pursell
Secretary/Treasurer