

BRIDGETON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
Minutes of March 10, 2021 Regular Monthly Meeting

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the regular meeting of the Bridgeton Township Board of Supervisors was held remotely via Zoom on March 10, 2021, 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.

Supervisor Holby called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon motion by Supervisor Lynch and seconded by Supervisor Holby, which carried 3-0, the minutes from the February 10, 2021, regular 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 \$11,822.03 from February 2021 was approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Upon motion by Supervisor Lynch, seconded by Supervisor Holby, which carried 3-0, the Treasurer's report from February 2021 was approved.

REPORTS:

1. Fire Company – Supervisor Holby announced that the Fire Company will be holding a coin toss this month.
2. Open Space – No Report.
3. Solicitor – Solicitor – Solicitor Shafkowitz requested the Board of Supervisors open the public hearing for the consideration of the adoption of the amendment to the zoning code to permit certain types of fencing.

The following documents were marked as exhibits by Solicitor Shafkowitz:

- B-1: Copy of the Proposed Ordinance;
- 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
- B-5: Copy of the Bucks County Planning Commission Review

The Solicitor then proceeded to provide the Board with an overview of the proposed ordinance amending Article IV, Section 403.D.7 of the Bridgeton Township Zoning Ordinance to add section 403.D.7e to Permit Deer Fencing.

Upon motion by Supervisor Keller and seconded by Supervisor Lynch, which carried 3-0, the hearing was opened to the public for comments. The Board received no comments from the public. Upon motion by Supervisor Keller, seconded by Supervisor Lynch, which carried 3-0, the public hearing was closed.

A motion for adoption was considered. Upon motion by Supervisor Keller, seconded by Supervisor Lynch, which carried 3-0, the Board approved Ordinance 2021-1 Amending Article IV, Section 403.D.7 of the Bridgeton Township Zoning Ordinance to add section 403.D.7e to Permit Deer Fencing.

4. Planning Commission – Chair CC Hopf advised that the March meeting was cancelled.
5. Secretary / Treasurer – Treasurer Colleen Pursell advised that the Township received \$49,944.98 for Motor Vehicle Fuel Taxes.
6. B/N/T Groundwater Committee – Supervisor Holby stated that the Committee is interested in obtaining samples of water from nearby residents but would need permission from the homeowners prior to the samples being taken.

Secretary Pursell advised that at the request of the Committee, educational information has been posted on the website for National Groundwater Awareness Week March 7, 2021 – March 13, 2021.

7. Roadmaster – Supervisor Holby stated that on February 25, 2021 at 10:00 am, the bid opening for the 2021 Upper Black Eddy Paving Project was held at the Township Engineer's Office. Five bids were received as follows –

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1. T Schiefer Contractors, Inc. (Base \$32,848.75, Alternate \$12,112.50 Base + Alternate \$44,961.25)
2. Bray Brothers, Inc. (Base \$34,416.25, Alternate \$13,800.00 Base + Alternate \$48,216.25)
3. Haines Paving & Landscape, Inc. (Base \$35,794.00, Alternate \$12,982.50. Base + Alternate \$48,776.50)
4. Gorecon, Inc. (Base \$47,137.75, Alternate \$19,437.50 Base + Alternate \$66,575.25)

5. Bracalente Constructions, Inc. (Base \$53,108.00, Alternate \$18,455.00 Base + Alternate \$71,563.00)

Upon a motion by Supervisor Holby, seconded by Supervisor Keller, which carried, 3-0, the 2021 Upper Black Eddy Paving Project is awarded to T. Schiefer Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$44,961.25, conditional upon the following:

1. Receipt of Performance and Payment Bonds, each in the amount of 100% of the contract price, in a form acceptable to the Township.
2. Receipt of a Certificate of Insurance, naming the Township and its agents as additional insured, pursuant to the contract requirements.
3. Compliance with all provisions and specifications of the contract documents.

Supervisor Keller advised that this was a very conservative price and that would be a considerable savings to the Township.

8. Zoning – A report was received and is on file. Solicitor Shafkowitz advised that the barn conversion agreement is underway for a property on Bridgeton Hill Road.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Upon motion by Supervisor Holby and seconded by Supervisor Lynch, which carried 3-0, Resolution 2021-3 Celebrating the Life and Honoring the Memory of Kathie Brown was adopted.

2. A discussion was held regarding the status of the municipal building being closed due to COVID-19. The Board unanimously agreed to keep the building closed at this time and tabled further discussion to their June meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Upon motion by Supervisor Holby and seconded by Supervisor Keller, which carried 3-0, the Board authorizes sending a letter to the Bucks County Board of Health to begin mosquito control at Township properties in order to help the control and spread of the West Nile Virus. Additionally, the letter will include the request for them to treat the Open Space Land on River Road, Casilio Quarry.

2. Upon motion by Supervisor Lynch and seconded by Supervisor Keller, which carried 3-0, the Board authorizes mailing letters to residents along River Road regarding truck traffic.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

CC Hopf, Township Resident, asked about the Upper Black Eddy Fire Company merging with other local departments. A brief discussion was held.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon a motion by Supervisor Holby, seconded by Supervisor Lynch, which carried 3-0, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen M. Pursell
Secretary/Treasurer