The regular meeting of the Bridgeton Township Board of Supervisors was held on March 13, 2024 as advertised, at the Township Building, 1370 Bridgeton Hill Road, Upper Black Eddy, Pennsylvania. This meeting was also held remotely via Zoom. Present were Supervisor Gard Holby, Supervisor Michael Lynch, and Supervisor Roger Keller (virtual). Also present were Secretary/Treasurer Sheryl Patterson and CC Hopf (virtual). Solicitor David Shafkowitz was absent.

Supervisor Holby called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. No executive session was held prior to the meeting as there were no matters of real estate or litigation. It was noted that the February 14, 2024 Regular Monthly Meeting of the Bridgeton Township Board of Supervisors was cancelled due to lack of quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon motion by Supervisor Lynch and seconded by Supervisor Keller which carried 3-0, the minutes from the January 2, 2024 reorganization/regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors were approved.

BILLS/PAYROLL: Upon motion by Supervisor Lynch and seconded by Supervisor Keller, which carried 3-0, the bills and payroll in the amount of $33,092.31 from January were approved; the bills and payroll in the amount of $14,901.27 from February were approved; and the bills and payroll in the amount of $11,882.81 from March were approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Upon motion by Supervisor Lynch and seconded by Supervisor Holby, which carried 3-0, the Treasurer’s Reports from December 2023, January 2024, and February 2024 were approved.

REPORTS:

1. Fire Company – No report.

2. Open Space – The park name has been voted upon and “Bridgeton Nature Preserve” was chosen. There will be a park sign placed by Tinicum Conservancy listing all those who contributed funds for the purchase of the park. Others will pay for the cost for the sign. Construction of the trails will begin this spring.

3. Solicitor – Upon motion by Supervisor Lynch and seconded by Supervisor Keller, which carried 3-0, the request to advertise the latest version of the Comprehensive Plan Update was approved. Thanks were given to the Planning Commission for all their hard work on this project.

4. Planning Commission – CC Hopf reported that the Planning Commission met on February 27 and reviewed a line-by-line draft of the proposed Short-Term Rental Ordinance. They considered everything that was sent to them as well as the residents’ comments. At the next meeting on March 26, the Planning Commission will finish making recommendations, which will then be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors.

5. Secretary/Treasurer - a) Liquid Fuels money was received in the amount of $49,427.68; b) the DCED audit was on March 7th; and c) the 2022 Liquid Fuels audit occurred on March 18.

6. B/N/T Groundwater Committee – has a new chairman – Tom Eckhoff; they are working on a new website to concentrate data. The B/N/T Groundwater Committee will have two presentations at Palisades High School @ 7:30 PM: a) 4/8 – water quality testing; and b) 4/22 – understand and protect our local water aquifer.
7. Roadmaster – the Canal Lane Bridge has been demolished and is scheduled to re-open in the fall.

8. Zoning Officer – submitted a written report to the Board of Supervisors.

9. Emergency Management – gave a briefing to the Board of Supervisors for emergency preparedness and will also coordinate with Bucks County Emergency Services.

10. Traffic Committee – a) data gathering is continuing with one sign but another one is needed so both northbound and southbound directions can be monitored – will give baseline of speeding on River Road to be presented to PennDOT so that calming measures can be installed; b) recommend installing a camera at the Milford Bridge to document the truck traffic – will give more information to report to PennDOT.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Upon motion by Supervisor Lynch and seconded by Supervisor Keller, which carried 3-0, the request for fire police for the Plumstead Township Blaze of Glory 5K Run on March 23, 2024 was approved.

2) Upon motion by Supervisor Lynch and seconded by Supervisor Keller, which carried 3-0, the request for fire police for the Borough of Sellersville 150th Anniversary/Memorial Day Parade on May 25, 2024 from 8 AM – 1 PM was approved.

3) Upon motion by Supervisor Lynch and seconded by Supervisor Keller, which carried 3-0, the request for participation in the Mosquito Control Program enacted by the Bucks County Health Department was approved.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A general discussion ensued about the closing of the towpath below Homestead General Store, truck traffic, and emergency preparedness.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl L. Patterson
Secretary/Treasurer