

BRIDGETON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
Minutes of February 12, 2025 Regular Monthly Meeting

The regular meeting of the Bridgeton Township Board of Supervisors was held on February 12, 2025, 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 Solicitor Dave Shafkowitz. Also present were Secretary/Treasurer Sheryl Patterson and CC Hopf (virtual). Supervisor Roger Keller was absent.

Supervisor Holby called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. An executive session was held to discuss matters of real estate.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The approval of the Reorganization & Regular Meeting minutes from January 6, 2025 will be postponed until the March 12, 2025 meeting.

BILLS/PAYROLL: Upon motion by Supervisor Lynch and seconded by Supervisor Holby, which carried 2-0, the bills and payroll in the amount of \$ 35,182.83 from January and \$ 10,079.17 from February were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Upon motion by Supervisor Lynch and seconded by Supervisor Holby, which carried 2-0, the Treasurer's Report from January 2025 was approved.

REPORTS:

1. Fire Company - No report.
2. Open Space – No report.
3. Solicitor – No report.
4. Planning Commission – CC Hopf reported that the January 28th meeting was cancelled due to nothing on the agenda.
5. Secretary/Treasurer – the annual DCED report was conducted on February 10th and will be filed by April 1st.
6. B/N/T Groundwater Committee – see “persons to be heard”
7. Road Master – No report.
8. Zoning Officer – submitted a written report to the Board of Supervisors.
9. Emergency Management – No report.
10. Traffic Committee – Supervisor Gard Holby reported that we are waiting for the results of the grant that was filed in November for two speed signs and a message board – will take several months.
11. High Falls Creek – equipment is in place and ground breaking will be in the beginning of this year.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Short Term Rental Ordinance - currently working with the Township Solicitor Dave Shafkowitz on a new draft and will circulate to interested parties when it is ready.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Discussion of Emergency Medical Services: reported by Terry Kuntz – a) the call volume for each of the stations is available; b) Station #142 was staffed at night during inclement weather; c) other stations will support our area other than the Springtown station #141; d) UBREMS is looking for grants and will mail subscriptions to residents in early March; e) the townships that are part of UBREMS area have been supportive; f) there has been a minor reorganization within UBREMS; g) submitted pamphlet on how to fireproof our homes: & h) attended the hazard mitigation meeting.

Supervisor Gard Holby commented to Anthony Mills, UBREMS Board President and James Nilsen, UBREMS Treasurer who were both in attendance as follows: a) the Township sent a \$ 20,000 check in January and is giving a \$ 5,000 check tonight; b) we appreciate the communication and emails that have been sent; c) Bridgeton Township is “on board” for doing a per capita amount if other townships are willing; d) Bridgeton Township is willing to do our part as regards the need for a letter of support from all municipalities to present to banks.

2) Upon motion by Supervisor Lynch and seconded by Supervisor Holby, which carried 2-0, the request for fire police for traffic control duties for the Plumstead Township Blaze of Glory 5K Run to be held on Saturday, March 22, 2025 was approved.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

1) Dr. Carrie Manfrino, BNT Groundwater Committee member gave a summary report of 2024: a) 25 yrs. monitoring of groundwater levels in eight continuous wells and monitoring of four seasonal wells in Bridgeton; b) objective of the committee is for sustainable management of our water levels and preservation of the quality and quantity of our water; c) they manage & look at droughts; d) Nockamixon Township updated their groundwater ordinance – looking for Tinicum & Bridgeton to review theirs as well; e) 2025 – encourage residents to test their wells.

2) Jim Pettincki, President – Bridgeton Township Sportsmen’s Association – construction of drystone masonry wall – represented by Rich Zaveta/Tinicum resident and has utilized BTSA for shooting for 50 years; a) BTSA has 14+ acres located at 1248 Lonely Cottage Road and has conducted hunting and active shooting sports since their original club charter in 1955; b) since 2023 there have been no neighbor complaints; c) BTSA wants to introduce sound control barriers in the form of concrete blocks for pistol shooting to effect sound reduction to 20% and create a safer environment; d) they are not requesting a new range but an improvement to the existing facility; e) submitted a package of information to the Supervisors.

Supervisor Gard Holby commented that only the Zoning Hearing Board can grant relief. Solicitor Dave Shafkowitz commented that he will contact the zoning officer who is the one that makes the determination. An appeal must be filed or re-submit the package of information to the building/zoning officer with a new application and set up an appointment.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

Upon a motion by Supervisor Lynch and seconded by Supervisor Holby, which carried 2-0, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl L. Patterson
Secretary/Treasurer