

BRIDGETON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
Minutes of May 14, 2025 Regular Monthly Meeting

The regular meeting of the Bridgeton Township Board of Supervisors was held on May 14, 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 Roger Keller, Supervisor Michael Lynch and Solicitor Dave Shafkowitz. Also present were Secretary/Treasurer Sheryl Patterson and CC Hopf (virtual).

Supervisor Holby called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM. An executive session was held regarding matters of real estate.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon motion by Supervisor Keller and seconded by Supervisor Holby, which carried 2-0, the minutes from the April 9, 2025 regular meeting were approved.

BILLS/PAYROLL: Upon motion by Supervisor Keller and seconded by Supervisor Holby, which carried 3-0, the bills and payroll in the amount of \$ 35,630.64 were approved. This amount included \$ 15,845.00 for the Township's insurance and \$ 7,415.00 for the State Worker's Insurance Fund for the Upper Black Eddy Fire Company.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Upon motion by Supervisor Keller and seconded by Supervisor Holby, which carried 3-0, the Treasurer's Report from April 2025 was approved.

REPORTS:

1. Fire Company - Chuck Anderson reported that he had no monthly fire call report due to a fire call on Tuesday, May 13th. The total money made from their January – May breakfasts totaled \$ 8,101.80. Bridgeton Township will give the Upper Black Eddy Fire Company a matching donation of \$ 5,000.00 as per the 2025 budget– to be issued at the June 11th meeting.
2. Open Space – A Green Mountain Sugar Maple tree will be planted in the Memorial Park by end-of-month – bought from Bucks Country Gardens and comes with a four-year warranty.
3. Solicitor – none.
4. Planning Commission – CC Hopf reported that the April 22nd meeting was cancelled due to nothing on the agenda
5. Secretary/Treasurer – Township insurance and Worker's compensation for the Upper Black Eddy Fire Company has been paid.
6. B/N/T Groundwater Committee – none.
7. Road Master – Bids were received to either repair or replace the garage roof. There is a request for a "dead-end lane" sign on Bridge Lane.
8. Zoning Officer – submitted a written report to the Board of Supervisors.
9. Emergency Management – Terry Kuntz reported: a) training is starting next week; b) UBREMS started staffing Station 142 in Revere full-time on May 11th; c) ambulance subscription mailings were sent April 14th via 4th class mail – they collected \$ 36,000 so far.
10. Traffic Committee – a) currently rotating batteries in the radar signs b) trying to set up a meeting with PennDot through Senator Coleman's office to have them install additional signage regarding trucks travelling north on River Road; c) the grant for additional radar signs and a large sign by the Milford bridge will be awarded in September.

11. High Falls Creek – The project is moving along with a stockpile of dirt at the site and the complete removal of the old culvert. There are lots of equipment on-site and earth moving activities are on-going.

12. Parks & Recreation – There is a collection of scheduled summer programs: a) July 14th @ 10 AM – held at the River Valley Waldorf School – six wild animals with presenters; b) August 16th – Xpo event and Bridgeton Township's 135th Anniversary celebration; c) also coming – a talk by the Lenape people . Nature Preserve updates: a) AMC is working on the trail and would like to see help from more community people. b) Tinicum Conservancy is planning a sneak preview of the trail to inspire additional volunteers – possibly on June 20th. This trail is approximately a 45-minute walking loop. c) The sign is to be installed in the near future.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Upon motion by Supervisor Lynch and seconded by Supervisor Keller, which carried 3-0, the motion to advertise An Ordinance of the Bridgeton Township Board of Supervisors Amending the Bridgeton Township Zoning Ordinance by Adding Provisions for the Establishment of an Accessory Short Term Rental Use was approved. A discussion ensued detailing the upcoming process for adopting an ordinance: a) advertise; b) public hearing where comments are welcomed and on record – a more formal process - to be held at the July 9th meeting; c) vote by the Board of Supervisors. The amendment to the zoning ordinance will be advertised in the Doylestown Intelligencer newspaper two times at ten days apart and will be posted on the Township's website and FaceBook forums.

2. Status of UBREMS – see emergency management update. Supervisor Lynch commented that it is important to have a regional discussion and decision.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Upon motion by Supervisor Lynch and seconded by Supervisor Keller, which carried 3-0, the request for fire police for traffic control duties for the Borough of Sellersville and the Sellersville Fire Department Carnival on July 8th – 12th from 6:00 PM – 11:00 PM was approved.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. Jeff Porter confirmed the ordinance adoption process as: one meeting for public comments and then ordinance is voted on/approved. The Supervisors noted that the Short Term Rental ordinance has been in progress for 18 months and the steps after adoption include compliance/the mechanics of issuing permits via the zoning office.
2. A further general discussion ensued on the Short Term Rental ordinance and the order of process after it is advertised and implemented.
3. Debi Slatkin mentioned that the Township's Forestry Ordinance is out-of-date and a new one needs to be expedited that is based on new science for the health of the forest.
4. Mark Bryan questioned about the processes for becoming a planning commission member and/or a supervisor.
5. Joan Fullerton is concerned that the NOAA site is "down" regarding flooding and river levels.

Upon a motion by Supervisor Keller and seconded by Supervisor Lynch, which carried 3-0, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl L. Patterson
Secretary/Treasurer