

**BERWICK TOWNSHIP, ADAMS COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The January 14, 2013 regular meeting of the Berwick Township Board of Supervisors, Adams County, was held in the Berwick Township Municipal Building, 85 Municipal Road, Hanover, PA. Chairman Robert Foltz called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Present were Supervisors Robert Foltz, Fred Nugent, Pete Socks, and Barry Cockley. Solicitor Tim Shultis, Code Enforcement Officer Mike Hartman, and Township Secretary Karen Eakin were present. Supervisor Earle Black was not in attendance. Bob Foltz asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

UNITED HOOK & LADDER – Assistant Fire Chief, Tim Tyler, addressed the Board to present a report of the calls which were run in 2012 for Berwick Township.

EAGLE VIEW – Bea Haskins asked for an update on the Use & Occupancy Permits for the Farmhouse and Office properties. The Township Solicitor provided updated information. A letter which was received from DEP regarding issues in Eagle View was presented to the Board.

FIRST ENERGY – Ted Motz from First Energy addressed the Board regarding our energy supplier and provided current information on how the Township may be able to save money on the Met-Ed electric bill.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES FOR 12/10/12 – Pete Socks made the **motion** to approve the Minutes, Bob Foltz seconded. The motion was passed with 4 yeas.

MINUTES FOR REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING 1/7/13 – Bob Foltz made the **motion** to approve the Minutes, Pete Socks seconded. The motion was passed with 3 yeas. Fred Nugent abstained from voting because he did not attend the meeting.

BALANCE SHEETS Through 12/31/12 – Fred Nugent made the **motion** to approve the Balance Sheets, seconded by Bob Foltz. The motion was passed with 4 yeas.

QUARTER REPORTS (4th Qtr 2012) – Fred Nugent made the **motion** to approve the Quarter Reports, Pete Socks seconded. The motion was passed with 4 yeas.

ROADMASTER'S REPORT for December 2012 – Pete Socks made the **motion** to approve the Roadmaster's Report, Fred Nugent seconded. The motion was passed with 4 yeas.

APPROVE BILL LIST

BILL LISTS (12/6/12 – 1/5/13) – Fred Nugent made the **motion** to approve the Bill Lists, seconded by Bob Foltz. There was a discussion of various items on the lists. The motion was passed with 3 yeas. Supervisor Foltz voted nay.

CORRESPONDENCE

TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT MEETING MEMO – A memo from Will Tallman's office was received and discussed by the Supervisors. Supervisor Cockley will attend the meeting.

UNITED HOOK & LADDER BANQUET INVITATION February 16, 2013 – There was a discussion of who would attend.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

EMPLOYEE HEALTH AND DENTAL INSURANCE – An update on the comparison between Geisinger Choice and our current health plan, Blue Cross & Blue Shield, was presented by Barry Cockley. The Supervisors will make the determination whether to switch providers after reviewing the information. Barry Cockley made the **motion** to adopt the Geisinger Choice 750/1500 Health Insurance Plan and the Coventry Dental Plan plus the HRA Administration Program, Pete Socks seconded. The motion was passed with 3 yeas. Bob Foltz abstained due to also being an employee.

NEW BUSINESS

ZONING HEARING BOARD REPORT – A report was submitted by Kathy Nugent summarizing the Zoning Board Hearings for 2012. The only case brought before the Board was a Special Exception Hearing for Wesley Miller on November 8.

FLOODING ON LITTLE AVENUE – There was a discussion of the issue of flooding on Little Avenue. Supervisor Foltz recommended that the Code Enforcement Officer contact DEP regarding the issue.

BACK HOE – Information on a replacement back hoe was given to the Supervisors to review by Supervisor Foltz. Barry Cockley made the **motion** to purchase a Case back hoe, Pete Socks seconded. The motion was carried with 3 yeas. Fred Nugent voted nay.

TOWNSHIP GARAGE – There was a discussion held by the Board regarding Supervisor Black's decision to approve \$6970 in alternate bids and near approval of \$12,500 electrical contractor work, both without Board approval. Further discussion will occur at the next meeting when Supervisor Black is present. \$7,664 remains to be paid on the base bid. Fred Nugent made the **motion** to approve the bill for the additional work, Pete Socks seconded. The motion was passed with 3 yeas, Bob Foltz voted nay.

ELECTRICAL FOR GARAGE – Supervisor Nugent presented 3 estimates for the electrical work. There was a discussion of how the electrical lines would enter the building. Fred Nugent made a **motion** to award the electrical work for the garage to Michael Smith, seconded by Barry Cockley. The motion was passed with 3 yeas. Bob Foltz voted nay.

Fred Nugent made a **motion** to pay \$1000 to TJ Smith to dig the ditch to put the electrical line in, seconded by Barry Cockley. The motion was passed with 3 yeas. Bob Foltz voted nay.

SALARY CAP – Pete Socks made the **motion** to cap employee raises at 5%, Fred Nugent seconded. The motion was passed with 3 yeas. Bob Foltz abstained from voting due to being an employee.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/PERMIT REPORT

PERMIT REPORT 2012 – There was no discussion

BLIGHTED PROPERTIES LETTERS – The Board approved the letter that would be sent out by the Code Enforcement Officer to residents with blighted properties.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TRAINING ICS/EOC Interface Workshop – Pete Socks made the **motion** to send the Code Enforcement Officer to the training on March 16, Fred Nugent seconded. The motion was passed with 4 yeas.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

○ SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT

1. S & J Real Estate Time Extension – Pete Socks made the **motion** to grant the time extension through 5/13/2013, Fred Nugent seconded. The motion was passed with 4 yeas.
2. Kuhn Brothers – Pete Socks made the **motion** to deny the plan if a time extension request is not received by January 20, 2013 on the basis of the Township Engineer's June 24, 2011 memorandum. The motion was seconded by Bob Foltz and passed with 4 yeas.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP – Pete Socks made the **motion** to pay \$360 as 1/3 of a retainer to Bernie Yanetti to hear the dispute, Fred Nugent seconded. The motion was passed with 3 yeas. Barry Cockley voted nay.

LINCOLN SPEEDWAY – Attorney Shultis will be working on the response to the overnight parking proposal submitted by Lincoln Speedway.

EARP – The books were reviewed by an independent auditor, paid for by the Township.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS

ADJOURNMENT

Pete Socks made the **motion** to adjourn at 8:50 p.m., seconded by Barry Cockley. The motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Karen Eakin
Township Secretary