

**BERWICK TOWNSHIP, ADAMS COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 28, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The January 28, 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 p.m. Present were Supervisors Robert Foltz, Fred Nugent, Pete Socks, Earle Black, and Barry Cockley. Solicitor Tim Shultis, Engineer Tim Knoebel, and Township Secretary Karen Eakin were present. Bob Foltz asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

EAGLE VIEW – Bea Haskins asked for an update on the U&O Permits for the farmhouse and office properties in Eagle View.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES FOR 1/14/13 – Fred Nugent made the **motion** to approve the Minutes, Pete Socks seconded. The motion was passed with 4 yeas. Earle Black abstained from voting since he did not attend the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

HEALTH/DENTAL INSURANCE – The plan to move ahead with Geisinger Insurance was delayed because there is no run-out insurance on the current plan. Supervisor Cockley will contact the insurance carriers to work out the final details of the transition to the new insurance.

TOWNSHIP GARAGE – There was a discussion of using blown-in insulation in the ceiling. Fred Nugent made the **motion** to approve alternate #3 for the blown-in insulation with a maximum of \$1860, Pete Socks seconded. The motion was passed with 4 yeas, Bob Foltz voted nay.

GROUP DISCUSSION OF FINAL POSITIONING OF RECYCLING TRAILER – There was a discussion on leasing the property from Vulcan and turning the trailer parallel with the new garage. The decision will be made at a later time.

COMCAST BUSINESS CLASS – There was a discussion of switching from Century Link to Comcast and running the cable lines into the building when the ditch is being trenched for electrical service to the garage.

ADAMS COUNTY MEMO – There was a discussion of the drainage issue on Bair Road and the memo that was sent by Adams County Conservation.

CODE VIOLATION BOOKLET QUOTE – There was a discussion of the format that the Supervisors want for the code violations. Fred Nugent made the **motion** for the Code Enforcement Officer to move ahead with ordering 10 booklets, Pete Socks seconded. The motion was passed with 5 yeas.

CODE VIOLATIONS – The issue of non-payment of fines was discussed and the number of days that will be given to pay the fine before the matter is turned over to Magistrate Little. Magistrate Little can fine a maximum of \$1000 as stated by Berwick Township Ordinance.

BLIGHTED PROPERTY – An update was given on a blighted property on Abbottstown Pike. A permit was issued for the owner to have the porch repaired.

BACKHOE – Supervisor Foltz will call to have work done on the backhoe.

NEW BUSINESS

WAGE RECOMMENDATION – Fred Nugent made the **motion** to accept the salary recommendation from the Berwick Auditors for the Road Master, Pete Socks seconded. The motion was passed with 4 yeas, Earle Black voted nay.

ACTPO – Information was given to the Board for review. Barry Cockley made the **motion** to vote for Option 1, creation of a new Adams County MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) covering the entire county. Bob Foltz seconded and the motion was passed with 3 yeas. Fred Nugent and Earle Black voted nay.

QUOTE FOR TREE REMOVAL ON RACE TRACK ROAD – There was a discussion of the quote from Top Notch Arbor Care for removal of a poplar tree on Race Track Road. Earle Black made a **motion** to use Top Notch for a whole day for \$1000, Fred Nugent seconded. The motion was passed with 4 yeas. Barry Cockley voted nay.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

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1. WWTP Monthly Operations Report for November & December 2012 – There was no discussion.

SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT

1. Monthly Pending Plans Report – January 2013
2. Sutton Run Estates Preliminary Plan Action/Time Extension Request – Fred Nugent made a **motion** to grant the time extension through April 30, 2013, Earle Black seconded. The motion was passed with 5 yeas.

Supervisor Nugent inquired about the Engineering charges to the Township.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

LINCOLN SPEEDWAY – A copy of a draft letter to Attorney Placey addressing overnight parking at Lincoln Speedway was presented to the Board. There was a discussion of the outstanding issues. Pete Socks made the **motion** to send the letter to Lincoln with the changes that were requested by the Board, Barry Cockley seconded. The motion was carried with 5 yeas.

BAIR ROAD – The attorney presented a copy of papers filed with the Court of Common Pleas. The Sheriff's sale is scheduled for May 2013. There was a discussion of the process involved in recovering the delinquent sewer charges owed to the Township. Bob Foltz made the **motion** to authorize two checks, one for \$2,000.00 for the Sheriff, and one for \$32 to the Prothonotary, seconded by Barry Cockley. The motion was passed with 5 yeas.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

There was a discussion of the dates for the Eagle View Community Yard Sale.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was an Executive Session from 8:02 p.m. – 8:43 p.m.

Fred Nugent made the **motion** to send letter to tell the Township Engineer when to come to Board meetings, Pete Socks seconded.

ADJOURNMENT

Pete Socks made the **motion** to adjourn at 8:44 p.m., seconded by Barry Cockley. The motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Karen Eakin
Township Secretary