

**BERWICK TOWNSHIP, ADAMS COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 25, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The February 25, 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 and Township Secretary Karen Eakin were also present. Bob Foltz asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

UNITED HOOK & LADDER – A report was presented on the number of calls that were run in the Township in January by United Hook & Ladder.

EAGLE VIEW – Bea Haskins presented a copy of the Eagle View Newsletter to the Board.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES FOR 2/11/13 – Barry Cockley made the **motion** to approve the Minutes, Fred Nugent seconded. The motion was passed with 3 yeas. Pete Socks and Bob Foltz voted nay.

Supervisor Socks pointed out that the previously approved health insurance dependent coverage did not apply to employees and questioned the legality of paying for the non-employee dependent's insurance.

CORRESPONDENCE

CODE ENFORCEMENT VIOLATION TICKETS – The Code Enforcement Officer, Mike Hartman, gave samples of weather-proof envelopes for violation tickets. There was also a discussion of the need for violation tickets which are approved by the state. Fred Nugent made a **motion** to purchase (200) state-approved tickets for \$18.00 and to purchase the weather-proof envelopes, Bob Foltz seconded. The motion was passed with 5 yeas.

ACOG EMAIL – There was no discussion on the email received from ACOG regarding the Broadband Task Force.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

TOWNSHIP GARAGE – The Hanover Building Systems final invoice was presented for payment. Fred Nugent made the **motion** to pay the invoice, seconded by Earle Black. Supervisor Socks listed some of the outstanding work and issues with the garage. The issues include gaps between the walls and floor which required caulking due to being able to see light through the gaps, and the floor does not drain properly. Solicitor Shultis reviewed the provisions in the contract and it was determined that full payment is not due until all work is completed. The motion and the second were withdrawn. The Board decided to wait until completion of the project to pay the final invoice.

GROUP DISCUSSION OF FINAL POSITIONING OF RECYCLING TRAILER – Supervisor Socks mentioned some of the issues with turning the trailer parallel with the garage. Supervisor Black is waiting to hear back from Vulcan Mines to confirm that they will lease the property to the Township.

SALZMANN HUGHES – The invoice from Salzmann Hughes was discussed. It was decided that a conference call would be arranged with the attorney. Fred Nugent made a **motion** to pay the invoice, Bob Foltz seconded. The motion was passed with 4 yeas, Barry Cockley voted nay.

NEW BUSINESS

BOOM MOWER – Supervisor Black inquired about the cost of leasing a mower rather than buying one. A discussion was held on the anticipated expense and use of the boom mower. The discussion included the advantages of having a mower with increased capability and being able to use the mower without the difficulty of getting contractors to come in when needed. It was also noted that the Township signed a commitment to purchase letter.

TV – Fred Nugent made a **motion** to purchase a 47" TV with a swing mount and the appropriate length of cable, to be placed in the Board Room for projecting data during the Board meetings. The motion was seconded by Earle Black and passed with 4 yeas. Barry Cockley voted nay.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

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1. WWTP Monthly Operations Report for January 2013 – There was no discussion.

SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT

1. Monthly Pending Plans Report for February 2013 – There was no discussion.
2. Destiny Estates Preliminary Plan Action/Time Extension – A letter was received from John Lingg. Pete Socks made the **motion** to grant the 120-day time extension request, Barry Cockley seconded. The motion was passed with 5 yeas.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

LINCOLN SPEEDWAY – Representatives from Lincoln Speedway were present at the meeting. The issue of grills, including charcoal grills, was discussed. Lincoln stated that they will have security to monitor the parking areas during the overnight hours. The availability of fire extinguishers or water buckets, and steel boxes in each lot was discussed. They will submit an application to the Zoning Hearing Board asking for a modification of the decision to allow overnight camping in the overflow lot. Earle Black made the **motion** to have a representative from the Township Board go to the Zoning Hearing Board meeting and present a letter of approval, Barry Cockley seconded. The motion was passed with 4 yeas, Fred Nugent voted nay.

SERENE MANOR – The Township Solicitor presented a letter to Governor Corbett addressing the concerns raised by United Hook & Ladder regarding Serene Manor. The letter was given to the Chairman for his signature.

EARP PENSION – Letters will be sent to New Oxford Borough and Oxford Township regarding the EARP pension plan.

PAST DUE SEWER – Attorney Shultis gave an updated list of the delinquent sewer accounts. There was a discussion of the monies that are owed to the Township and what actions would be taken by the Solicitor. Options were given for collecting the debt. Supervisor Foltz will contact PRWA to ask about that debt collection services.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS

ADJOURNMENT

Bob Foltz made the **motion** to adjourn at 8:19 p.m., seconded by Pete Socks. The motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Karen Eakin
Township Secretary