

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

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS

SUTTON RUN ESTATES – An update on the development plan was presented to the Board by Jeff Stough of J.A. Myers Homes. Of the 44 lots in the development, approximately 18 lots are located in Berwick Township. Myers is asking Abbottstown Borough for a waiver to eliminate curbs and inlets and install swales in the development and asked if Berwick Township would consider the same waiver. The Township Engineer requested that the preliminary plan be completed and then presented to the Berwick Supervisors for review before any decisions are made. The issue of maintenance of the roads will be taken back to Abbottstown Borough for discussion.

BAIR ROAD – Florence Turner addressed the Board regarding her sewer account. A Sherriff's Sale is scheduled for May 17, 2013. An offer was made to pay \$1,300.00 on April 3, and \$1,000 per month thereafter until the balance is paid in full. The payments will be made on the 3rd of every month. Legal expenses would be included and a written agreement detailing the sewer charges and fees would be signed.

Barry Cockley made the **motion** to postpone the Sherriff's Sale providing that the payments of \$1,000.00 are made on time as agreed upon and the balance is paid in full, Fred Nugent seconded. The motion was passed with 3 yeas, Pete Socks and Bob Foltz voted nay.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES FOR 3/11/13 – Pete Socks made the **motion** to approve the Minutes, Fred Nugent seconded. The motion was carried with 5 yeas.

CORRESPONDENCE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ANNUAL PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT – A discussion was held on a requirement for an annual report to be submitted by the Planning Commission. Pete Socks pointed out that the PA Municipalities Planning Code, per Section 207, requires that the Commission "shall annually make a written report by March 1 of each year of its activities to the governing body." Earle Black, Planning Commission Chair, stated this has never been done. Upon further discussion, it was decided that formal meeting minutes will be documented and maintained in a binder in the office and will serve as the required report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

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1. WWTP Monthly Operations Report for February 2013 – There was no discussion.
2. Chapter 94 Report – An explanation of the Chapter 94 Report for the Waste Water Treatment Plant was given by the Township Engineer, Tim Knoebel. Bob Foltz made the **motion** to forward the report to DEP, seconded by Barry Cockley. The motion was passed with 5 yeas.

SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT

1. Monthly Pending Plans Report for March 2013 – There are no plans due for review.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

LINCOLN SPEEDWAY – A confirming letter from Attorney Placey was received and reviewed by the Board. Supervisor Socks commented that there is an issue with deleting Paragraph C, he objects to the suggestion that the gate be taken out. There is a concern for the ability to control traffic entering the lot. There were campers parked in the East Lot recently which were not identified as being permitted. Solicitor Shultis will write a response letter clarifying the issues.

SERENE/TAYLOR MANOR – The State closed the facility.

PAST DUE SEWER – There were six payment plans which have been requested in response to the letters which were sent out by the Township Solicitor.

INSITE DEVELOPMENT – There was an update given by Attorney Shultis on the status of the claim. Bob Foltz made the **motion** to move forward with filing a municipal claim, Fred Nugent seconded. The motion was passed with 5 yeas.

EARP LETTER – A response letter to Chief Then was presented by the Solicitor. Pete Socks made the **motion** to have the letter signed by Chairman Bob Foltz and to send it, seconded by Barry Cockley. The motion was passed with 3 yeas. Bob Foltz and Fred Nugent voted nay.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

EAGLE VIEW – Bea Haskins updated the Board regarding the Community Yard Sale. The issue of signs was discussed.

Tom Danner addressed the Board regarding the agreement with Lincoln Speedway. There were also discussions regarding the sewer.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS

ADJOURNMENT

Pete Socks made the **motion** to adjourn at 7:26 p.m., seconded by Barry Cockley. The motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Eakin
Township Secretary