

**BERWICK TOWNSHIP, ADAMS COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 10, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The June 10, 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, Code Enforcement Officer Mike Hartman, 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 – Chief Rabine gave a summary of the calls which were run in the Township. There was a discussion of the Fire Tax and the fire hydrant which will be placed in the Township.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES FOR 5/28/13

BALANCE SHEETS AS OF 6/3/13

ROADMASTER'S REPORT – May 2013

Barry Cockley made the **motion** to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Pete Socks. The motion was passed with 5 yeas.

Supervisor Nugent questioned the Minutes from May 28 regarding telephone usage. Supervisor Foltz stated that the repairs done at 710 Beaver Creek were for a repair of the roadway so that it wouldn't break away any further.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – There was an Executive Session from 6:15-7:00 p.m. to discuss personnel issues.

APPROVE BILL LIST

BILL LIST (5/4/13 – 6/3/13)

1. KPI Invoice
2. T.J. Smith Invoice – Blacktop Across Drive-way for Garage Electric Line

Fred Nugent made the **motion** to approve the Bill List, seconded by Bob Foltz. The motion was passed with 5 yeas.

CORRESPONDENCE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

COMMUNITY PARK DISCUSSION – Supervisor Socks presented the Board with the information that a resident made a verbal offer to sell the Township a parcel of land that would be designated as a community park. Bea Haskins reviewed the information regarding grants that are available from DCNR. The information was presented for consideration only as the process would be long and involved and the Township has not committed to purchasing the property.

Supervisor Socks asked if the Board would approve of the utilization of the Township's website to ask for resident volunteers to get involved in the project as committee members. He asked for approval to issue a press release to ask for volunteers as well.

REMOVE ANTENNAE FROM MUNICIPAL BUILDING – Fred Nugent made the **motion** to remove the antennae, seconded by Pete Socks. The motion was passed with 4 yeas, Barry Cockley voted nay.

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION OF HIRING PART-TIME/SUMMER OFFICE HELP – Fred Nugent made the **motion** to hire part-time summer office help for a maximum of 32 hours per week for 8 weeks, Monday – Thursday, with no benefits, to be hired immediately at \$10 per hour. The motion was seconded by Barry Cockley and passed with 5 yeas.

Pete Socks made the **motion** to purchase a laptop computer for the office at a maximum price of \$500.00, seconded by Barry Cockley. The motion was passed with 5 yeas.

SPCA DONATION BIN – The Adams County SPCA requested the placement of a clothing donation bin near the Township recycling trailer. The Board agreed to allow the bin to be placed next to the trailer, on the Municipal Road side, in alignment with the front of the recycling trailer.

FLAGGER TRAINING – Fred Nugent made the **motion** to send the Code Enforcement Officer to flagger training, seconded by Bob Foltz. The motion was passed with 5 yeas.

ROAD DEDICATION – Bob Foltz made the **motion** to have a letter drafted from the Township Engineer to Mr. Funk at Group Hanover stating that the Township is not interested in accepting dedication of the roads in the Conewago Industrial Park until it is filled to 80% capacity and the punch list is addressed. The motion was seconded by Barry Cockley and passed with 5 yeas.

FILING CABINETS – There was a discussion of putting filing cabinets in the Permit/Zoning area. It was decided that existing cabinets would be used.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/PERMIT REPORT

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT for May 2013 – The Code Enforcement Officer reviewed the report for the Board.

PERMIT REPORT for May 2013 – The report was reviewed for the Board. There was a discussion of Tropical Treat and the permits that they obtained for a seating area pavilion.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP – The dispute was mediated by Attorney Yanetti. In total, Berwick Township will receive \$656: \$328 from Hamilton Township and \$328 returned from Mr. Yanetti. In the future, Hamilton will be required to prepay for any sewer module review for public developments. Bob Foltz made the **motion** to accept the results of the mediation, Barry Cockley seconded. The motion was passed with 5 yeas.

PARCEL NEXT TO WWTP – There was a discussion regarding maintenance of the parcel of land next to the Township Sewer Plant. TJ Smith would like to maintain it and grow corn in the field. The Solicitor will draw up a new contract.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – There was an Executive Session called from 8:36 - 9:00 p.m. to discuss legal issues associated with Lincoln Speedway and Calvary Christian Church.

Pete Socks made a **motion** to increase Michael Hartman’s hourly rate by \$1.00 per hour, seconded by Barry Cockley. The motion was passed with 5 yeas.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS

ADJOURNMENT

Pete Socks made the motion to adjourn at 9:05 p.m., seconded by Barry Cockley. The motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Karen Eakin
Township Secretary