

**BERWICK TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
MARCH 24, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The March 24, 2014 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, Pete Socks, Earle Black, and Barry Cockley. Solicitor Tim Shultis, Township Engineer Tim Knoebel, and Township Secretary Karen Eakin were also present. Supervisor Tom Danner listened to the meeting via Skype. Bob Foltz asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

UNITED HOOK AND LADDER – Tim Tyler gave an overview of the calls which were run in the Township. He inquired about a hydrant behind the Old Nutcracker Suite and informed the Board that it is out of service. He inquired about the work on Municipal and Green Springs Roads. Supervisor Cockley will provide a contact number for Summit Ridge Home Owners Association.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES for 03/10/14 – Barry Cockley made a **motion** to approve the Minutes, seconded by Pete Socks. The motion was passed with 5 yeas.

CORRESPONDENCE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PARK COMMITTEE UPDATE – There was a discussion regarding the Public Participation Plan which was submitted to the Board by the Park Committee. Supervisor Foltz stated that the Committee plans on using tax payer funds. He presented information he had gathered regarding the expense incurred by the surrounding townships in developing their parks. Supervisor Danner inquired about page 2 of the Plan which stated the number of meetings which have been held. Supervisor Cockley asked why a cost analysis of the expense involved for the park was not done. Bea Haskins stated that the Park Committee has kept the Board informed of any meetings which were held and would like to finish their work without the Board influencing the outcome. Various residents voiced their concerns regarding the park and their objections to the use of taxpayer funds. Bea Haskins stated that it was the Committee's goal to assess public interest and to utilize grants and donations to pay for the park and not use taxpayer funds. There was an inquiry about who would be maintaining the park. The request was withdrawn for a fund of \$970 for stamps.

Bob Foltz made the **motion** to halt the community park project, seconded by Tom Danner. The motion was passed with 4 yeas. Earle Black voted nay.

Bea Haskins stated that the Park Committee believes it is the responsibility of the Board to notify the individual who owns the land that the Supervisors have halted the park project.

NEW BUSINESS

FLAGGER TRAINING for Road Crew – Supervisor Foltz stated that the road crew has to be recertified every two years. There is training in Penn Township on April 9 to get recertified. Tom Danner made the **motion** to authorize the Road Crew to take the training, seconded by Barry Cockley. The motion was passed with 5 yeas.

CHECKS APPROVED BY THE BOARD – Supervisor Black inquired about whether the Auditor’s report should be addressed recommending that approval by the Board be given for all written checks, with the exception of normal recurring payments. Supervisor Cockley stated that he had made a similar proposal in a previous Board meeting. The subject will be revisited at the next meeting.

ANTIQUA DEED – The Township office received a call from an individual offering an original land deed from 1788 at a price of \$150.00. He inquired whether the Township would be interested in having the deed as a historical document. The matter will be revisited at the next Board meeting.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

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1. WWTP Monthly Operations Report for February 2014 – There was no discussion.
2. Chapter 94 Report – The WWTP report for the calendar year of 2013 was presented and reviewed by the Township Engineer. Barry Cockley made the **motion** to approve and sign the report and submit it to DEP, seconded by Pete Socks. The motion was passed with 5 yeas.

SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT

1. Monthly Pending Plans Report for March 2014 – There were no plans requiring action.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

ADAMS COUNTY SHERIFF’S SALE – Two properties in the Township which had claims against them for delinquent sewer were due for Sheriff’s Sale. One of the properties was sold and one was continued until the May sale.

LINCOLN SPEEDWAY – The Solicitor stated that Mr. Placey will be forwarding a response to the proposed agreement by the next meeting.

EARP AGREEMENT – The Solicitor is waiting for a response from the attorneys for Oxford Township and New Oxford Borough.

O’BRIEN RIGHT-OF-WAY – Solicitor Shultis had sent a letter to Mr. O’Brien regarding the sewer right-of-way. The matter will be discussed in Executive Session.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

LINCOLN SPEEDWAY – There was an inquiry about the parked campers. Solicitor Shultis gave a brief explanation of the proposed agreement. There was also a discussion of whether there is a cut-off time for the races to end. The Solicitor stated that there is no ordinance regarding an ending time for the races.

TREE BRANCH DISPOSAL – A resident inquired whether there was a service that the Township offered to dispose of broken tree branches from the winter. Supervisor Foltz stated that the branches can be taken to H & H.

SHREDDING FOR RESIDENTS – There was an inquiry whether the Township could provide shredding for the residents to dispose of personal documents. Supervisor Cockley stated that a few quotes will be gathered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was an Executive Session from 7:02 - 7:54 p.m. to consult with legal counsel regarding the O'Brien sewer right-of-way, Insite Development, and two other delinquent sewer accounts.

When the regular meeting resumed, Tom Danner made a **motion** to send a letter to Mr. O'Brien inquiring about the intent of his recent actions. The motion was seconded by Barry Cockley and passed with 5 yeas.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS

ADJOURNMENT

Pete Socks made the **motion** to adjourn at 7:55 p.m., seconded by Barry Cockley. The motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Karen Eakin
Township Secretary