

**BERWICK TOWNSHIP, ADAMS COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 28, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE TO THE FLAG** The April 28, 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, was also present. Supervisor Tom Danner participated in the meeting via Skype. Bob Foltz asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS:** Gettysburg Times reporter Jim Hale addressed the board stating they were trying to get to each municipality. He also left his contact number for the township or citizens.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Supervisor Danner made the motion to approve, Supervisor Foltz seconded.

Discussion as follows. Supervisor Danner commented the minutes need to state that he is participating via Skype not only listening as his ability to vote is permitted by PSATs. He also pointed out that the board should make sure that during citizen comments, it is clear that the speaker states their name for recording in the minutes. In regards to the shredder, Supervisor Foltz asked the minutes reflect that he was against the shredder as it would cost \$400 per hour. The minutes will be updated to reflect these issues. The motion carried with 5 yeas.

**CORRESPONDANCE:** none

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Antique Deed – The township received notification that the 1788 belongs to a parcel of land that no longer belongs in Berwick Twp. but now in Hamilton Twp.

Lincoln Paving – Supervisor Foltz met with Alan Krietzler. The Speedway has agreed to add a swale at the road.

Bill Paying Policy – Supervisor Socks discussed the conference call he had with the auditor from Smith, Elliott and Kerns. Based upon that converstaion he presented the board with a rough draft policy. Solicitor Shultis will look into examples from other municipalities to ensure what is being considered is the correct way to handle it.

Supervisor Black inquired about the status on the Police pension agreement. Solicitor Shultis stated New Oxford Borough had signed off and we are waiting on a reply from Oxford Twp.

Supervisor Black informed the board that there is a free shredding event being held at C&D's grill. It was advertised in the Gettysburg Times and being sponsored by York realtors.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Supervisor Foltz discussed the need to get the lines smoked to determine where the plant is getting the I and I from. Supervisor Foltz made a **motion** to put out a bid to smoke and camera the sewer lines in Cross Keys area (Pump Station 3), Supervisor Socks seconded. Tim Knoeble discussed the need to send notifications to the residents in the area. The motion carried with 5 years. Tim Knoeble will begin working on the bid package.

Supervisor Foltz discussed the need to put out a bid package for seal coating and fogging the balance of the roads. He will have the necessary info at the next meeting.

Tom Danner asked for the Villa Vista drain issue involving residents draining discharge into the drain box to be put under unfinished business for the next meeting.

Supervisor Foltz asked the Board their opinion on whether there is a continued need to have two meetings a month. Discussion was held. Supervisor Socks made the **motion** to move to one meeting a month, Supervisor Danner seconded. Vote was tabled until further research can be done.

## **ENGINEERS REPORT:**

WWTP Monthly Operations Report – March 2014

Tim Knoeble discussed the increased flow in March due to the major rain storms and that smoking the lines was a good plan.

Monthly Pending Plans Report – April 2014

No pending plans requiring action this month

Tim Knoeble discussed a potential Cambrian Hills plan change. He will send the info to Supervisor Black for review at the next Planning Commission Meeting.

## **SOLICITORS REPORT:**

Police Pension – The agreement is ready to sign.

Lincoln Speedway – Solicitor Shultis reported on a lengthy conversation he had with Atty. Placey about the fine structure. Atty. Placey is asking for an opportunity to respond to violations prior to the fine being enforced. Based on the discussion Atty. Shultis will be updating the draft policy to reflect this. Supervisor Danner made a **motion** for Solicitor Shultis to updating the draft policy to reflect the proposed changes, Supervisor Cockley seconded. The motion carried with 5 years.

## **CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

Bea Haskins raised concern over how the board would make the public aware about the second meeting being cancelled or not.

Bea Haskins raised concern over the roadwork on Municipal Rd. that closed the road and the fact that residents were not notified about the road being closed. Supervisor Danner stated

we will take her comments under advisory and will look into notification in the future.

Kathy Nugent asked for clarification about how the vehicles will be counted as violations in the Lincoln agreement. Solicitor Shultis explained how it works.

**QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS:** Reporter Jim Hale asked for clarification on some of the issues discussed at the meeting.

There was an Executive Session from 7:08-7:53 p.m. to discuss O'Brien litigation, Right to Know litigation, EARP Pension Agreement, and a personell matter with the Township Solicitor.

**REGULAR MEETING RESUMED:**

Supervisor Foltz made the **motion** to execute the Pension Agreement with Oxford Twp. and New Oxford Borough, Supervisor Socks seconded. The motion carried with 5 yeas.

Affective 5:30PM, Karen Eakin tendered her resignation. Supervisor Socks made the **motion** to revoke former Secretary Eakin's bonding and to appoint Barry Cockley Treasurer subject to ability to bond, Supervisor Black seconded. The motion carried with 4 yeas, Supervisor Cockley abstained.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Supervisor Socks made the **motion** to adjourn at 8:00 p.m., seconded by Supervisor Cockley. The motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Pete Socks  
Office Manager