

**BERWICK TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 14, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG – The August 14, 2017 regular meeting of the Berwick Township Board of Supervisors was held in the Berwick Township Municipal Building, 85 Municipal Road, Hanover, PA. Chairman Socks called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Supervisors Pete Socks, Barry Cockley, Earle Black, Bob Foltz, Tom Danner (via Skype), Solicitor, Tim Shultis, Engineer, Tim Knoebel, Secretary, Jean Hawbaker. Chairman Socks asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS) – None.

CONSENT AGENDA – Barry Cockley made a motion to approve the consent agenda, which includes the minutes of July 10, 2017, bill lists, unpaid bill lists, balance sheets dated August 11, 2017, and Roadmaster’s report for July 2017, seconded by Pete Socks eliminating Land and Sea’s invoice from the unpaid bill list. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Foltz – yes, Cockley - yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, with the exception of the minutes since he was not present. Motion carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE - None.

APPEARANCES –

- 1) **Deb Becker – Millage Rates** – Ms. Becker had a concern regarding the trend of the township’s millage rates, which keep going down. The tax collector classes and supplies are expensive, and would like to know the millage rates for the upcoming next 4 years. Pete Socks stated we can’t project a 4-year window, and until we know what the numbers are going to be, we can’t project this.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1) **MDIA Unfinished Permits** – Tim Shultis stated there are four issues, two of them need a signature from Ed Strevig, and the other two need to contact MDIA for a final inspection.
- 2) **Eagle Scout Project Expenses** – Pete Socks made a motion to approve paying the landscaping expenses to Mary Moores in the amount of \$731.02, and she can take the remaining stone as she paid for them, seconded by Earle Black. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Cockley – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Foltz – yes. Motion carried.**
- 3) **Keystone Diner** – Tim Shultis stated he spoke to the attorney who represents the company who insured the Keystone Diner. He advises that the claim has been paid out and it was an oversight that the appropriate escrow was not established with the

township pursuant to the ordinance. He will work with Mr. Kopanis' attorney to resolve this issue.

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NEW BUSINESS

- 1) **Road Repair – 215 Race Track Road** – Pete Socks presented pictures of the road in the area of 215 Race Track road. It is spider webbing and needs a more aggressive repair at this location. Pete Socks made a motion authorizing KPI to give a recommendation on this repair, seconded by Tom Danner. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Cockley – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Foltz – no. Motion carried.**

Earle Black presented pictures regarding issues along High Rock Road. Bob Foltz stated tractor trailers are causing this damage. There is no base under this road.

- 2) **Computer Discussion – Treysta Quote** – Received a computer quote from Treysta in the amount of \$749.00. Bob Foltz made a motion to obtain other quotes for a desktop computer with 16 GB, dual monitors, and Windows 10, seconded by Tom Danner. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Cockley – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Foltz – yes. Motion carried.**
- 3) **Request for Dependent Addition to Dental Insurance** – Pete Socks made a motion to authorize dependent coverage on the Dental Plan for Jean Hawbaker's son at her expense, seconded by Earle Black. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Cockley – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Foltz – yes. Motion carried.**
- 4) **Sam's Club Membership** – Pete Socks stated we were approached by Sam's Club for a membership. Bob Foltz stated Walmart is comparable in price.
- 5) **Asphalt Dumping – 950 Green Springs Road** – Jim Temchack stated it is legal as clean fill per Rusty Ryan. Tim Knoebel stated he hasn't seen it. If they are creating additional impervious coverage, that is an issue. Pete Socks made a motion authorizing KPI to look into the situation, seconded by Bob Foltz. **Roll Call: Cockley – yes, Black – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Foltz – yes. Motion carried.**
- 6) **Sewer Truck** – Tom Danner made a motion to get quotes on repainting the sewer truck, seconded by Pete Socks. **Roll Call: Foltz – yes, Danner – yes, Socks -yes, Cockley – yes, Black – yes. Motion carried.**

STATE POLICE

No report received for July

ADAMS REGIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

18 Calls in July

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UNITED HOOK & LADDER

7 Calls in July

CODE ENFORCEMENT/PERMITS

5 permits issued in July

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- 1) WWTP Operations Report - August
- 2) Pending Plans Report - August

SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT PLANS

- 1) **Douglas & Rebecca Smith – Final Subdivision Plan/Planning Module – (High Rock Road)** – **Must act by 8/14/17 – Requesting a 90-day extension** – Bob Foltz made a motion to grant a 90-day extension, seconded by Earle Black. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Cockley – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Foltz – yes. Motion carried.**
- 2) **Rich Krill – Kinneman Holdings Update** – Mr. Krill updated the Board on various items. The paving will be done by September 15, and the other work by fall. Still working on the sewer issues, which will be dedicated to the Abbottstown-Paradise Sewer Authority.
- 3) **Bermudian Keys** – Is active and are working.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- 1) At the last meeting, there was a complaint about ATV's, noise, dust and unreasonable use of the neighbor's property. Nuisance Ordinance #8 deals with public nuisances and is a wider impact than just a neighbor. This Ordinance wouldn't touch the complaint against this neighbor. A Property Management Ordinance could be considered, which would cover the problem. Bob Foltz made a motion authorizing Tim Shultis to draft a Property Management and Property Maintenance Ordinance, seconded by Pete Socks. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Cockley – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Foltz – yes. Motion carried.**
- 2) **Dan Myers (Tropical Treat)** – Mr. Myers previously informed us he would be willing to cover the costs of amending the ordinance concerning commercial/seasonal sewage cost.

Tim Shultis stated this would not be fair to other rate payers. Randy Reichart stated if you paid off the Pennvest loan, we would have cheaper sewer bills, which is what we were told previously. Tom Danner stated we should wait until after the separation of Berwick and Hamilton. This will tell us what we can do with

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the sewer rates. Tom Danner made a motion authorizing Tim Shultis to send Mr. Myers a letter stating the Board would like to put this on hold until after the Berwick and Hamilton separation and give a certain period of time after the separation, seconded by Pete Socks.

Roll Call: Black – yes, Cockley – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Foltz – yes. Motion carried.

- 3) **Medical Marijuana** – Mr. Shultis will direct his comments to Rob Thaeler at County Planning.
- 4) **O'Brien and Insite** – Will discuss in executive session.

PUBLIC COMMENT (GENERAL) –

- 1) Wilbur Slothour and Jim Temchack of Land and Sea were present in the event the Board had any questions, which they did not.
- 2) Tom Starr stated there are inconsistencies in the zoning ordinance, definitions need to be updated, and we have nothing on electronic billboards. Pete Socks made a motion for Tim Shultis to send a letter to the Adams County Office of Planning and Development to engage them to proceed with review of the Zoning Ordinance to update it, seconded by Barry Cockley. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Cockley – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Foltz – yes. Motion carried.**

Mr. Starr stated in regards to signage, there are temporary signs that were put up, but never taken down. As we drive through the township, we see other violations. The Zoning Officer may need guidance on enforcement. We need consistency.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS –

Bob Foltz – None
Pete Socks – None
Barry Cockley – None
Earle Black – None
Tom Danner – None

The Board went into executive session at 7:54 p.m. to discuss issues relative to attorney client privileged matters.

The Board came out of executive session at 8:43 p.m.

Pete Socks made a motion to issue Eagle View Mobile Home Park their renewal license, seconded by Barry Cockley. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Cockley – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Foltz – no. Motion carried.**

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Bob Foltz made a motion to move forward with Tri-State pending review of the quotes, seconded by Earle Black. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Cockley – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Foltz – yes. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Berwick Township Board of Supervisors will be held on September 11, 2017, 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 85 Municipal Road, Hanover, PA 17331.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean A. Hawbaker
Secretary/Treasurer
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