

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING
JUNE 14, 2016

The monthly meeting of the Longswamp Township Board of Supervisors was held at the Longswamp Township Municipal Building, 1112 State Street, Longswamp Township, Mertztown, Pennsylvania, 7:00 p.m., prevailing time as previously advertised and posted.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG/ROLL CALL

Officials Present: Steve Wyka, Chairman; Michael Sacks, Vice Chairman; Randy Sicher, Supervisor; Jill Smith, representing the Engineer; Jill Nagy, Esquire, representing the Solicitor; David Fatzinger, Treasurer; and Jennifer Wassell-Bonser, Secretary.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Steve Wyka called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and announced the reading Of the minutes of the regular meeting of May 10, 2016 would not take place. Draft copies of the minutes were available in the Meeting Hall.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Mike Sacks made a **motion** approving the Minutes of the regular meeting of May 10, 2016 as presented; Randy Sicher seconded the motion. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

The Township Treasurer reviewed the Treasurer's Report for the month of May, 2016 as presented for the Board of Supervisor's further review. The Treasurer's Report for the month of May, 2016 indicated \$845,283.74 total Township General Funds for the period; \$992,694.64 total Township Additional Funds for the period; for a total of \$1,837,978.38 in Total Account Funds for the period.

Mike Sacks made a **motion** accepting the Treasurer's Report for the month of May, 2016 subject to further audit; Randy Sicher seconded the motion. All in favor.

Approve Letter of Understanding for Audit Services of Township Tax Collector for Year Ending 2015

Mike Sacks made a **motion** approving the Letter of Understanding for audit services to be performed of the Township Tax Collector for year ending 2015; Randy Sicher seconded the motion. All in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Wyka announced the Township Office will be closed on Monday, July 4, 2016 in observance of the Independence Day Holiday.

Chairman Wyka also announced the Berks County Conservation District will be holding a Public Meeting regarding the 2017 Cooperative Gypsy Moth Suppression Program.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Wyka addressed the audience in attendance and asked if there was anyone who had public comments to address any items that weren't on the evening's Agenda. Steve stated the Board of Supervisors would not be commenting on anything related to the warehouse proposal as addressed at previous meetings.

Mr. Mark Story addressed the Board of Supervisors by reviewing his concerns relative to the proposed warehouse project. Mr. Story reviewed the impacts the potential project would create to property owners and requested the Board's consideration of keeping the integrity of the community in tact when making decisions relative to the proposal due to the potential negative impacts to surrounding properties. Mr. Story requested the Board's consideration of adopting Ordinances regulating noise caused by tractor trailer traffic, in addition to regulating light pollution concerns as well. Mr. Story provided the Board of Supervisors with various sample Ordinances relative to noise, lighting, and land use as used by other municipalities. Mr. Story stated that a petition is currently circulating the Township in addition to letters of concerns which will be forwarded to the Township.

The Township Solicitor explained that the petition and letters from property owners should be forwarded to the Township Secretary at this time. Jill Nagy explained that Jennifer Wassell-Bonser will retain the petition and letters until the time warrants a Public Hearing.

Various property owners, including **Ms. Joyce Marin, Mr. Dave Haas, and Mr. Don Hickland** addressed the Board of Supervisors, thanking them for their service to the Township. Those who spoke introduced themselves, noting their credentials, and offered themselves as resources in response to helping preserve the farmland and the integrity of the Township. Residents also expressed their interest in having a traffic study conducted due to tractor trailer concerns. **Mr. Hickland** read a letter to the Board of Supervisors introducing himself and accounting the reasons related to his choice to move to the area recently and the concerns of future potential change to the rural nature which drew him to the area. He requested the Board maintain integrity and transparency throughout the due process and urged the Board to protect the farmland.

The Board thanked everyone in attendance and those who spoke on behalf of the group, and for the various offers of assistance going forward.

Request for Letter from Township to Game Commission

Mr. Rob Ferry addressed the Board of Supervisors and requested a letter of approval from the Township authorizing non-commercial hunting grounds on his farm located on Centennial Road. Mr. Ferry explained the grounds will be used to offer hunts to children through the One Wish Foundation as well as to veterans through the Wounded Warriors Program.

The Township Solicitor suggested that Mr. Ferry formally submit his request in writing to the Board of Supervisors for their approval.

ENGINEERING AND PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Brenner/Miller Lot Consolidation Plan – Request for Waiver of Formal Subdivision Review

The Township Engineer reviewed with the Board, a request received by a property owner, Mr. Brenner, for a waiver of SALDO Section 301.b. requiring a full submission of a land development plan. Jill Smith explained the Brenner's would like to subdivide the portion of their property located on the opposite side of Walker Road and sell it to adjacent property owners, the Miller's, for consolidation with their current property. Jill noted this request was reviewed at the previous Planning Commission Meeting and the Planning Commission recommended the waiver be granted.

Mike Sacks made a **motion** granting a waiver of SALDO Section 301.b, related to the requirement of a full submission of a land development for formal review by the Township; Randy Sicher seconded the motion. All in favor.

SEO REPORT

Chairman Wyka provided a general reminder for the good of the record that Cycle 1 of the Sewage Management Program is now in effect at this time with a deadline of June 30, 2016.

LTL Consultants, Ltd. Report for Month of May, 2016

Chairman Wyka reviewed the activities as noted in the Sewage Enforcement Officer's Report for the month of May, 2016.

ZONING AND CODES ENFORCEMENT

LTL Consultants, Ltd. Report for April 21, 2016 to May 31, 2016

Chairman Wyka reviewed the activities as noted in the Zoning and Codes Enforcement Report for the period of April 21, 2016 to May 31, 2016.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Status of Bear Creek Amusement Taxes

The Township Solicitor provided the Board of Supervisors with an update relative to Amusement Taxes owed to the Township by Bear Creek. Jill Nagy recommended the Board's consideration to file an appeal of the court's previously issued Decision for the collection of Amusement Taxes from Bear Creek.

Mike Sacks made a **motion** authorizing the Township Solicitor to file an appeal of the Decision for collection of Amusement Taxes from Bear Creek; Randy Sicher seconded the motion. All in favor.

Berks TCC – Authorizing Collection Agency Fees Resolution

The Township Solicitor addressed the Board and explained the purpose of the Collection Agency Fees Resolution is to outline the process and procedure required for a Collection Agency to follow in order to collect delinquent taxes on behalf of municipalities.

Mike Sacks made a **motion** authorizing the adoption of the Collection Agency Fees Resolution with a revision to Section 1.A requiring that the Agency to be located within Berks County; Randy Sicher seconded the motion. All in favor.

Act 537 Plan Revisions

Mike Sacks made a **motion** authorizing the Township Professionals to draft an updated Act 537 Plan for submission to the DEP; Randy Sicher seconded the motion. All in favor.

RECREATION REPORT

Chairman/Park and Recreation Director, Steve Wyka announced the June Park & Recreation Commission Meeting is cancelled. Steve also announced that this year’s Summer Playground Program has been cancelled.

Steve informed the audience of the date for the Annual 4th of July Fireworks Celebration at the Township Park as scheduled for Saturday, July 2, 2016 at dark and noted the raindate as Sunday, July 3, 2016.

ROADMASTER REPORT

Road Materials Bids

It was noted three Bids for Township Road Materials were received and opened by Township Roadmaster, Scott Miller, at a previously advertised public meeting held on Thursday, May 19, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. The Bid Opening Meeting was attended by Steve Wyka, Supervisor; Scott Miller, Roadmaster; and Jennifer Wassell-Bonser, Township Secretary.

The Township Secretary announced bids received were from New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc. (formerly Eastern Industries, Inc.), EJB Paving & Materials Co., and HEI-WAY, Inc. After review of the bids by the Township Roadmaster, Scott Miller’s recommendation is to award the contract for Quarry Materials to New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co. based on their total bid of \$96,975.00 and to award the contract for Road Repair and Other Materials to EJB Paving & Materials Co. based on their total bid of \$291,000.00, as provided:

Road Repair Materials/Other Materials

New Enterprise	\$329,750/\$11,500
EJB Paving	\$280,000/\$11,000
HEI-WAY	No Bid/\$10,900

Quarry/ Materials

New Enterprise	\$96,975
EJB Paving	No Bid
HEI-WAY	No Bid

Mike Sacks made a **motion** to accept the bids received for road materials from New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc., EJB Paving & Materials Co., and HEI-WAY, Inc. and to award the 2016 Quarry Materials contract to New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc. based on their bid of \$96,975.00 and to award the contract for Road Repair and Other Materials to EJB Paving & Materials Co. based on their total bid of \$291,000.00; Randy Sicher seconded the motion. All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

None at this time.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Randy Sicher made a **motion** to approve processing for payment, bills totaling \$193,740.50 and transfers totaling \$52,746.86 for the period of May 11, 2016 through June 14, 2016; Mike Sacks seconded that motion. All in favor.

Vote: Mike Sacks, Yes; Steve Wyka, Yes; Randy Sicher, Yes

ADJOURNMENT

Randy Sicher made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.; Mike Sacks seconded the motion. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer A. Wassell-Bonser
Township Secretary