

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING
JULY 12, 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; Sean Summers, 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 June 14, 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 June 14, 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 June, 2016 as presented for the Board of Supervisor's further review. The Treasurer's Report for the month of June, 2016 indicated \$842,216.81 total Township General Funds for the period; \$933,972.19 total Township Additional Funds for the period; for a total of \$1,776,189.00 in Total Account Funds for the period.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Wyka addressed the audience in attendance and noted that there has not been anything received at the Township Office relative to the warehouse proposal as addressed at previous meetings. Steve stated that anyone who may be interested can view the residential subdivision development plans that could potentially be forthcoming if the proposed warehouse land development does not materialize. The Township Engineer clarified that the residential subdivision plans in question are not recorded at this time and would need to be re-visited in the future.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The property owners of 1242 State Street addressed the Board of Supervisors relative to sewage issues and recent dye-testing which was conducted by the Township SEO. The property owners stated their concerns relative to a neighboring property located uphill that they believe may have a malfunctioning septic system which may be causing sewage to be detected in a drainage culvert along State Street. The property owners requested a letter from the Township confirming that

their septic system is not malfunctioning as well as a copy of the dye-test results upon completion of the testing. Chairman Wyka stated that he will review the issue with the Township Sewage Enforcement Officer.

ENGINEERING AND PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

The Township Solicitor reviewed details of a Stipulation Agreement relative to PennDOT's Bridge Replacement Project over Swabia Creek. Sean Summers explained the final Agreement will be executed between the Township, the Hopko's, and PennDOT upon further revision.

The Township Engineer reviewed details of the project and explained the terms and purpose of the Agreement which is necessary to protect the Township and the Hopko's property from further legal condemnation proceedings relative to PennDOT's project.

Mike Sacks made a **motion** approving the Stipulation Agreement for execution between the Township, the Hopko's, and PennDOT, subject to the Township Professional's final review; 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 expired on June 30, 2016 and noted that property owners in Cycle 2 of the Program are now required to begin pumping their on-lot septic systems at this time.

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

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

Chairman Wyka requested the Board's consideration to waive fees owed to the Township for performing a sludge judge on behalf of a disabled property owner of the Township.

Mike Sacks made a **motion** to waive the \$35.00 fee owed to the Township for performing a sludge judge for a property owner on Hemphill Street; Randy Sicher seconded the motion. All in favor.

ZONING AND CODES ENFORCEMENT

LTL Consultants, Ltd. Report for May 31, 2016 to June 27, 2016

Chairman Wyka reviewed the activities as noted in the Zoning and Codes Enforcement Report for the period of May 31, 2016 to June 27, 2016.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Status of Bear Creek Amusement Taxes

The Township Solicitor informed the Board of Supervisors that their Office has filed a Notice of Appeal of the court's previously-issued Decision for the collection of Amusement Taxes from Bear Creek.

RECREATION REPORT

Chairman/Park and Recreation Director, Steve Wyka announced the July Park & Recreation Commission Meeting is cancelled.

Chairman Wyka informed the Board of Supervisors, as well as the audience in attendance that Hunsicker’s Grove sustained significant property damage and vandalism. Steve recommended that the gates remain locked at the Grove when the Township Road Crew is not present and working at the property until surveillance cameras can be installed.

Mike Sacks made a **motion** to purchase surveillance cameras and equipment not to exceed \$500.00 for installation at Hunsicker’s Grove; Randy Sicher seconded the motion. All in favor.

ROADMASTER REPORT

2016 Traffic Paint & Beads Bids

The Township Secretary reviewed the bids received for the 2016 Township Traffic Paint and Beads. It was noted three Bids were received and opened by Township Roadmaster, Scott Miller, at a previously advertised public meeting held on Thursday, June 23, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. which was attended by Scott Miller, Roadmaster; and Jennifer Wassell-Bonser, Township Secretary.

Bids were received from E.J. Breneman L.P., Ennis Paint, Inc., and SWARCO Industries, LLC. The Township Secretary noted based on the bids received, it is the Township Roadmaster’s recommendation to award the contract for Traffic Paint to Ennis Paint, Inc. based on their total bid of \$45,100.00 and to award the contract for Traffic Beads to E.J. Breneman based on their total bid of \$8,664.00, as provided:

	<u>E.J. Breneman</u>	<u>Ennis Paint</u>	<u>SWARCO</u>
50 Drums White Paint	No Bid	\$22,687.50	No Bid
50 Drums Yellow Paint	No Bid	\$22,412.50	No Bid
480 Bags Traffic Beads	\$ 8,664.00	No Bid	\$10,800.00

Mike Sacks made a **motion** to accept bids received for traffic paint and beads from E.J. Breneman L.P., Ennis Paint, Inc., and SWARCO Industries, LLC and to award the 2016 Traffic Paint contract to Ennis Paint, Inc. based on their bid of \$45,100.00 and to award the contract for 2016 Traffic Beads contract to E.J. Breneman L.P. based on their total bid of \$8,664.00; Randy Sicher seconded the motion. All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Joyce Marin addressed the Board of Supervisors relative to her concerns of truck routes through the Township. Ms. Marin questioned the Township’s stance on what roads trucks are permitted to route through the Township. Ms. Marin expressed her views related to the influx and recent increase of truck traffic.

Chairman Wyka thanked Ms. Marin for sharing her concerns and stated that a traffic study would be warranted if the warehouse project would come to fruition in the future. The Township Engineer also explained that the Township has undertaken several traffic studies in the past upon the Board's direction due to specific long-term issues.

A Pennsylvania State Trooper was present at the meeting and offered his assistance to bring any issues warranting the attention of the state police back to the barracks for review. The Board of Supervisors and various audience members thanked the Trooper for his attendance and service to the community.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Randy Sicher made a **motion** to approve processing for payment, bills totaling \$168,060.96 and transfers totaling \$36,203.63 for the period of June 15, 2016 through July 12, 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 7:54 p.m.; Mike Sacks seconded the motion. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer A. Wassell-Bonser
Township Secretary