

**LOWHILL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JANUARY 2, 2024
MEETING MINUTES**

The Lowhill Township Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order by Chairman Curtis Dietrich. Also, present were Vice Chairman Michael Divers, Supervisor George Wessner, Jr., Zoning Officer/Engineer Ryan Christman, Solicitor David Brooman, Esq., and Secretary Jill Seymour.

George Wessner, Jr. made a motion to approve the December 14, 2023 meeting minutes, as written. Michael Divers second the motion. Roll call: All, yes. Motion carried. Michael Divers made a motion to pay the monthly bills, as submitted. George Wessner, Jr. second the motion. Roll call: All, yes. Motion carried. Michael Divers made a motion to approve the agenda. George Wessner, Jr. second the motion. Roll call; All, yes. Motion carried.

There was not executive session needed. The floor was opened for public comment, hearing none, they moved on with the agenda.

Solicitor comments: David Brooman gave an update on the warehouse litigation. There is a hearing for the Core5 deemed approval at the old courthouse on January 5, 2024 at 9 am. Upper Macungie Township has extended our fire agreement until March 1, 2024. We need to have a meeting with the Chiefs. Mike Divers will contact them to set a date for the meeting. This will be an advertised special meeting in February.

Ryan Christman: Narris Road, the road has fallen in and is down to one lane. George Wessner, Jr. drove by and noticed the road is tweaking in the middle as well. There was a discussion on here the issue is and how to repair it. George Wessner, Jr. recommends steel pile drivers. Ryan agreed that is what's going to work. Curtis Dietrich asked the approximate cost. Ryan has several estimated. Buddy said the road is going to collapse, we need to do something that's going to work. \$600,000 for all of it. Estimates we can do 165' to 175'. Ryan will go out to bid on it, we can't close the road, there's two bridges.

Resident Ron Weber: he's lived here 56 years and this should have been done years ago.

Ryan has specs. He will check with the GeoTech and go out to bid.

Curt Dietrich: If the borings don't work, what are out other options?

Ryan: longer I beam, possibly.

Jim Mackin, resident and owner of KOA Campground: The campground opens in April. Can't bring campers in the back way. They are fully booked through 2024.

George Wessner, Jr.: We have been looking at this for years. The water is moving the fill. Our guys have been trying to keep it safe. We can no longer keep it safe for two lanes. Want to get it fixed as soon as possible.

David Brooman suggests Mr. Mackin comes to meetings for communication.

Gene Tapper, former owner of KOA Campground: Fix it right. It started when trees died and nothing to hold it anymore.

George Wessner, Jr.; The best solution is to pile drive it. The blacktop isn't going to hold.

Mike Divers: Ryan go to bid and get it done.

George Wessner, Jr.: Ryan keep the supervisors copied on everything o we can get this done, We can have a special meeting to award.

Ryan Christman will look at the test bores tomorrow.

George Wessner, Jr.: The road will be closed for a day or two, but the back will be open for cars.

Mike Divers: Asked the road crew if they can blacktop since it won't be driven on.

Jeff Hontz: We have done it a few times and it doesn't hold.

Jamie Shelton: Best way is pilings all the way down.

Curtis Dietrich: Probably a half a million to get this done.

Nothing has been happening with the Mill Creek Tree. Ryan is working with Jack on the NPDES and others.

Jeff Hontz: Been working on winter maintenance, trees, plows. Put the salt spreaders on, cleared pipes, worked on Narris. Next will be signs and flashers on Narris and winter maintenance.

There was a discussion on stray cats between the supervisors.

Andrea McNaugle: Resident: why wouldn't you keep assistance for stray cats?

There was discussion about No Nonsense Neutering and the Sanctuary at Haafsville.

George Wessner, Jr. made a motion to use No Nonsense Neutering for stray cats at \$40 per cat for TNR, not to exceed \$500 per year. Curtis Dietrich second the motion. Roll call, All yes. Motion carried.

George Wessner, Jr. made a motion to adopt resolution 2024-1 for User Fees. Michael Divers second the motion. Roll call: All yes. Motion carried. Curtis Dietrich would like proposals from Frey and Herbine for auditing.

Curtis Dietrich: Road employees are down one person. Spoke with Joe and he doesn't want to act on this right now.

Jamie Shelton and Jeff Hontz: WE need one now. We have snow and oil and chip in the spring.

Jill Seymour will post the position on Indeed.

The floor was opened for public comment.

Mike Divers: The property on Kernsville at Township Line is a mess.

Barry Betz: Will go talk to them.

Ryan Christman will send a letter. Ryan will go look at the property on Ridge Road as well.

Terry Lenhart, Resident: Status on Integrity Auto.

Ryan Christman hasn't heard anything, will most likely have to take to the magistrate.

Terry Lenhart, Resident: Status on Township storing equipment.

Heidelberg will get back to us, they don't want the equipment outside.

Jill Seymour: 2024 Bid Limits: For advertisement will increase from \$22,500 to \$23,200. For telephone quotes will increase from \$12,200 to 12,600.

Michael Divers made a motion to adjourn. George Wessner, Jr. second the motion.

The Lowhill Township Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,