

**LOWHILL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FEBRUARY 8, 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.; Engineer/Zoning Officer Ryan Christman; Solicitor David Brooman, Esq.; and Secretary Jill Seymour.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Michael Divers made a motion to approve as written minutes from the Reorganization meeting, January 2, 2024 Board of Supervisors meeting, January 23, 2024 Joint Planning Commission, Board of Supervisors and EPD Consultant meeting and Special Meeting January 24, 2024. George Wessner, Jr. second the motion. Roll call: Michael Divers, yes. George Wessner, Jr., yes. Curtis Dietrich, yes. Motion carried.

Michael Divers made a motion to pay the monthly bills, as submitted. George Wessner, Jr. second the motion. Roll call: Michael Divers, yes. George Wessner, Jr., yes. Curtis Dietrich, yes. Motion carried.

There are no executive sessions at this time. George Wessner, Jr. made a motion to approve the agenda. Michael Divers second the motion. Roll call: George Wessner, Jr., yes. Michael Divers, yes. Curtis Dietrich, yes. Motion carried. The floor was opened for public comment. Hearing none, moved on with the agenda. There are no solicitor comments at this time.

Ryan Christman gave a zoning update on Integrity Auto and 4130 E Wyndemere. Barry Isett is handling E Wyndemere. A letter was sent to 6344 Ridge Road about junk in the yard.

Narris Road is out to bid to 6 contractors. There is a pre bid meeting this Wednesday February 14 at 10 am on site. Bids are due on February 22 at 10 am at the Township meeting. There is no prevailing wage, so that will save a few dollars.

Curtis Dietrich: There will be a special meeting to award the bids. Will know more after the pre bid meeting.

Ryan Christman: Some concerns about prefab concrete panels. Pouring in place will save time.

George Wessner, Jr. asked if we will require a lead time to complete the work. Ryan said it will be 30 days once the material is received.

Ron Weber – Narris Road Resident – 2/14 is pre bid, first time looking at it. 2/22 is bid opening, correct?

Ryan Christman – Yes, they have the specs and will be seeing the project at the pre bid meeting. The pre bid meeting is mandatory for contractors. February 23 will be a special meeting for awarding the bid.

Jim Mackin – Owner of KOA Campground – Are you still shooting for an April 1 completion date?

Ryan Christman – Yes, but there is no guarantee.

David Brooman – Spoke with Ryan and concluded no bidding is required, so that saves 60 days.

Ryan Christman – Guide rail repair on Country Spring and Narris, have a quote from Penn Line who we have worked with in the past. 62.5 LF of guiderail and this will bring it up to code.

George Wessner, Jr made a motion to approve Penn Line t install the guiderail on Country Spring and Narris for \$9900. Mike Divers second the motion. Roll call: George Wessner, Jr., yes. Mike Divers, yes. Curtis Dietrich, yes. Motion carried.

Jeff Hontz will bring the information on the accident to Jill Seymour, as she needs to turn this into the insurance company.

Joe Kalusky – Signs on Narris, 20 trees down with the rain. 8 days of winter maintenance, sink holes and clean outs. 5 loads of salt delivered, maintenance on trucks and plows. Put gates on Narris and detour in place. Stop ahead on Country Spring with a light, temporary. The Dodge 5500 to Brown Daub for a recall. Filled pot holes and Narris Road is still cracking.

There was a discussion on having Frey and Company audit the books this year. George Wessner, Jr. is against spending the money at this time and would like to revisit next year. Doesn't think it's the right time to be spending \$10,000.

Mike Divers made a motion to hire Frey and Company to Audit and work with our Township auditors. Curtis Dietrich second the motion. Roll call: Mike Divers, yes. Curtis Dietrich, yes. George Wessner, Jr., no. Motion carried.

Curtis Dietrich gave an update on the website. He will speak with Bob about getting the recordings on and attachments for the agenda.

There is a property on Kernsville Road by Township Line that needs to clean up some junk. Ryan Christman will send them a letter.

Mike Divers spoke with Peter Christ of Upper Macungie Township Fire Company. Will call tomorrow and let us know when we can meet.

David Brooman – We can have a special meeting as well.

Curtis Dietrich – Discussed having Michael Segal come in as a consultant to update our ordinance's and SALDO. David Brooman can draft a contract. Mr. Segal has an extensive background in Zoning and could do the work for \$45 per hour. George Wessner, Jr. would like to see what EPD can do for us first. Curt said they won't go through our ordinance, only for what the multi municipal plan changes. George is not for Mike Segal and would like to see what EPD does first. Mike Divers thinks Mr. Segal has an extensive background and we need someone to go through our zoning ordinance and our SALDO. Needs to have a not to exceed limit in the contract. There will be no action taken tonight.

George Wessner, Jr. made a motion to have Clean Sweep at the municipal building on Saturday April 6, 2024 from 8 am to noon. Mike Divers second the motion. Roll call: George Wessner, Jr., yes. Mike Divers, yes. Curtis Dietrich, yes. Motion carried.

George Wessner, Jr. would like to have the Veteran's Memorial on the next agenda. We donated \$2000 in 2023 and would like to donate \$2000 in 2024.

Jim Mackin – Owner of KOA Campground – would like to thank the road crew for all the work they have done on Narris Road.

Ron Weber – Resident on Narris Road – The millings have made a big difference.

Carol Betz – Asked if there are any updates on the court cases.

David Brooman – Only that everything is in the courts. We don't have any decisions yet. Expecting the right to know and mandamus within 60 days.

Ron Weber – resident of Narris Road – the trash companies want trash out on Route 100. The detour signs are in the way.

Joe Kalusky – Someone made arrangements because the garbage was picked up. We won't move the signs.

Ryan Christman – Mark Benson from Integrity Auto is here. There has been an issue since 2019 on the number of vehicles at his business. He is trying to get it cleaned up. People drop off vehicles and never pick them up.

Mark Benson – Owner of Integrity Auto – I'm slowly cleaning it up. Suing one guy, there is just the issue of them dropping them off and when I give an estimate to repair, they don't pick them up.

Mike Divers – Do you have a salvage license?

Mark Benson – No.

David Brooman asked how many vehicles are on the property.

Mark Benson – 44 including employees, 40 without employees.

Wayne Schaeffer – Resident – He ran a car shop himself, it's very hard to get people to pick up junk cars.

David Brooman suggests having an executive session. The meeting was temporarily adjourned at 7:19 pm to have an executive session for possible litigation. The meeting reconvened at 7:29 pm. Floor was opened for public comment. Hearing none. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

The Lowhill Township Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,