LOWHILL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAY 8, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

The Lowhill Township Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chairman Curtis Dietrich. Also present were Vice Chairman Michael Divers; Supervisor Jack Iannantuono; Solicitor David Brooman, Esq.; Engineer/Zoning Officer Ryan Christman; Consultant Michael Siegel; and Secretary Jill Seymour.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Curtis Dietrich made the following agenda modification: Move Road employee above joint owned paver.

Curtis Dietrich made a motion to approve the agenda with the above modification. Michael Divers second the motion. Roll call: All yes. Motion carried.

There was an executive session held after the April Board meeting to discuss litigation.

Michael Divers made a motion to approve the April 10, 2025 and April 30, 2025 meeting minutes, as written. Jack Iannantuono second the motion. Roll call: All yes. Motion carried.

Michael Divers made a motion to pay the monthly bills, as submitted. Jack Iannantuono second the motion. Roll call: All yes. Motion carried.

Specialty Cars – 2945 Corporate Court – Preliminary/Final plan dated 4/28/2025:

Ryan Christman stated they have addressed all his comments.

Michael Siegel – The applicant went out of their way to blend in and will look nice in that area.

Michael Divers made a motion to approve the Specialty Cars – 2945 Corporate Court – Preliminary/Final plan, last revised 4/28/2025. Jack Iannantuono second the motion. Roll call: Michael Divers – Yes. Jack Iannantuono – Yes. Curtis Dietrich – Yes. Motion carried.

The floor was opened for public comment:

Joe Howard – Lowhill Township – Thanked Ryan Christman for sending a letter to the Methadone Clinic. They have cleaned up the property.

Heintzelman Waiver Request – George Road Minor Subdivision – Shared driveway request.

Daniel Heintzelman gave an update of what has been done since the Planning Commission meeting. Curtis Dietrich drove up to the property and believes that there is a hardship and having a shared driveway makes sense. Jack Iannantuono has concerns about if the property is sold in the future and the possibility of future subdivisions.

Curtis Dietrich made a motion to approve the waiver request for a shared driveway for the Heintzelman minor subdivision on George Road, contingent upon final easement conditions from our solicitor: Conditions of common driveway, no further subdivisions, reasonable easement for the driveway and all conditions will be marked on the final plans. Michael Divers second the motion. Roll call: Curtis Dietrich, yes. Michael Divers, yes. Jack Iannantuono, yes. Motion carried.

Zoning Ordinance Clean up:

Michael Siegel – Zoning Ordinance will need to be cleaned up to match our current SALDO adopted on 4/30/2025. There are other minor changes and grammar errors as well. Will have it ready for the Planning Commission to review in June.

Curtis Dietrich made a motion to forward the draft zoning ordinance clean up to the planning Commission for review. Michael Divers second the motion. Roll call: All yes. Motion carried.

Curtis Dietrich – We have a Township Manager agreement and will be hiring Michael Siegel. He will also be zoning officer. The Board thanked Ryan Christman for stepping up to do our Zoning after our split with Weisenberg.

Michael Divers made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-1, hiring a Township Manager. Jack Iannantuono second the motion. Roll call: Michael Divers – Yes. Jack Iannantuono – Yes. Curtis Dietrich – Yes. Motion carried.

Michael Divers made a motion to hire Michael Siegel as part time Township Manager and Zoning Officer. This will be effective in 5 days from today. Jack Iannantuono second the motion. Roll call: Michael Divers – Yes. Jack Iannantuono – Yes. Curtis Dietrich – Yes. Motion carried.

Susan McGorry – Planning Commission – Has immense gratitude to Michael Siegel and Ryan Christman.

Burn Ban Protocol:

Gene McGorry - If we go on an extended burn ban and the county is not, we will need a resolution. We typically follow suite with the surrounding Township's.

Curtis Dietrich made a motion to appoint Eugene McGorry as Safety Coordinator for our workers compensation. Michael Divers second the motion. Roll call: All yes. Motion carried.

The road material bids were opened at 3:00 pm and were read now:

50 Ton 9.5 MM Wearing Course 0.0-0.3 SRL-L

New Enterprise: \$78.31/ton

Lehigh Asphalt: \$72.00/ton – awarded

50 Ton 19 MM, Any ESAL, Any SRL

New Enterprise: \$66.46/ton

Lehigh Asphalt: \$65.25/ton – Awarded

50 ton #57 Stone

New Enterprise: \$20/ton picked up \$25.60/ton delivered

Lehigh Asphalt: \$17.50/ton picked up \$25.50/ton delivered – Awarded

10 ton QPR

New Enterprise: \$150/ton picked up \$155.60/ton delivered – Awarded

Lehigh Asphalt: No Bid

50 ton #4 Stone

New Enterprise: No Bid

Lehigh Asphalt: \$17.25/ton picked up \$25.25/ton delivered – Awarded

225 ton Anti Skid

New Enterprise: \$16.50/ton picked up \$22.10/ton delivered – Awarded

Lehigh Asphalt: \$17/ton picked up \$25/ton delivered

500 ton #8 Stone

New Enterprise: \$35.50/ton picked up \$41.10 delivered – Awarded

Lehigh Asphalt: No Bid

250 ton S2A

New Enterprise: \$11.85/ton picked up \$16.65/ton delivered – Awarded

Lehigh Asphalt: \$14.40/ton picked up \$22.40/ton delivered

All road material bids were approved by motion.

Curtis Dietrich made the motion to award Lehigh Asphalt 50 ton #4 stone at \$17.25/ton picked up and \$25.25/ton delivered; 50 ton #57 stone at \$17.50/ton picked up and \$25.50 delivered; 50 ton 19MM, any ESAL, ANY SRL at \$65.25/ton and 50 ton 9.5 MM wearing course 0.0-0.3 SRL-L at \$72/ton. Michael Divers second the motion. Roll call: All yes. Motion carried.

Curtis Dietrich made a motion to award New Enterprise 10 ton QPR at \$150/ton; 225 ton Anti Skid at \$16.50/ton picked up and \$22.10/ton delivered; 500 ton #8 stone at \$35.50/ton picked up and \$41.10/ton delivered; 250 ton S2A at \$11.85/ton picked up and \$16.65/ton delivered. Michael Divers second the motion. Roll call: All yes. Motion carried.

One position on the road crew has been eliminated, per leadership in that department. We will be a 2 man road crew.

Weisenberg Township contacted Curt about buying us out of the joint paver.

Michael Divers made a motion to split the balance in the paver account and give the paver to Weisenberg Township. Jack Iannantuono second the motion. Roll call: All yes. Motion carried.

Solicitor Comments: None

Ryan Christman: Bids for Old Village are due on 5/21/2025 on PennBid. There is a big tree down on Browning on the wires. Contacted the game lands and they are getting a contractor to come in and take the tree down. Church Road: Cutting access road and took part of the guiderail down. Letter was sent to the owner.

Mike Siegel: Thanked the Board for hiring him. He would like a seal for the Township. Gave a brief statement of what he'd like to do and goals for the Township.

Joe Kalusky gave an update of what was done last month and what they plan to do next month.

Mike Divers gave a recreation report: There will be Night in the Country, a few volunteers have stepped up to help.

Open Space Ordinance is tabled.

The floor was opened for public comment:

Gene McGorry – next week will ask the Board to review the EOP – Emergency manual. Would like to have it approved at the June meeting.

Michael Divers made a motion to adjourn. Jack Iannantuono second the motion. Roll call: All yes. Motion carried.

The Lowhill Township Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,