

**LOWHILL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MAY 9, 2024
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, Zoning Officer/Engineer Ryan Christman; Solicitor David Brooman, Esq.; Michael Siegel, Consultant; Secretary Jill Seymour. George Wessner, Jr., Supervisor was absent.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Michael Divers made a motion to approve the April 9, 2024 Joint Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission Meeting Minutes and the April 11, 2024 Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes, as written. Curtis Dietrich second the motion. Motion carried. Michael Divers made a motion to pay the monthly bills, as submitted. Curtis Dietrich second the motion. Motion carried.

There was an executive session at the last Board of Supervisors meeting to discuss personnel and litigation.

Michael Divers made a motion to approve the agenda. Curtis Dietrich second the motion. Motion carried.

David Brooman – Weathered Vineyards – Confirms land development is not required in Lowhill Township. They do have land development in Weisenberg Township. Ryan Christman will continue to work with them so the new driveway and stormwater is done properly.

Ryan Christman – Weathered Vineyards are addressing my comments. Will send a letter to Weisenberg Township to waive land development in Lowhill. They did get a driveway permit issued by Lowhill Township. Owner of Weathered Vineyards was present, Richard Wooley. He discussed what they are doing at the vineyard.

David Brooman – We will need an agreement that the drainage will be maintained.

Ryan Christman – The escrow will be in Weisenberg. There was a short discussion on escrow accounts and what they cover.

David Brooman will get an agreement and our expenses will be covered.

The floor was opened for public comment

Mr. Willet – Resident – Corner on Lyan Valley Road by Route 100, the creek bed is washing away the road.

David Brooman gave an update on litigation and working on getting the website updated.

Ryan Christman – Narris Road is open. It opened yesterday afternoon. He is meeting with the LCCD to do a final review for the grant.

A resident on Highland Road complained about speeding since Kernsville Road is closed at the bridge.

7071 Kernsville Road, not much has changed, will be taking them to the magistrate. The owner wants them out, he's basically squatting.

E Wyndemere in the Manor – Ryan is working with Keith from Barry Isett on building code issues. The HOA attorney is working on it as well.

**Kim Weinberg – Weisenberg Township – Any way the police can do a well check to see if anyone is living there?
Ryan will check.**

Terry Lenhart – Resident – The trailer on Kernsville Road, does it become an issue for the property owner?

Ryan Christman – We can get them for zoning ordinance violations.

David Brooman – Recommends most times to stay away from private property, however, residents are complaining.

Kim Weinberg – Weisenberg Township – Is the owner on Distillary Road? What's his name?

Ryan Christman – Dean Bucks

Ryan Christman – Narris Road change orders:

- 1. Not financial – extension of time for 15 days, which they didn't need.**

Michael Divers made a motion to approve change order #1. Curtis Dietrich second the motion. Motion carried.

- 2. Additional paving where more road caved in. The amount is \$6340.80.**

Michael Divers made a motion to approve change order #2. Curtis Dietrich second the motion. Motion carried.

Curtis Dietrich appreciates the expediency of Grace Industries to get Narris Road completed as quickly as they did.

Jim Mackin – Owner of KOA – seconds Curt's statement.

Ryan Christman – Bethlehem Precast got our panels made weeks ahead of time.

Michael Siegel – Met with the planning commission and went over some SALDO and Zoning information. He gave an update on what was discussed.

Joe Kalusky – gave an update on what the road crew did this past month and what he plans for next month. Joe would like to keep the stop sign on Country Spring Road that was used for the detour.

Ryan Christman will do an ordinance to keep the stop sign.

Michael Divers thanked the road crew for doing a great job.

Jim Mackin – Owner of KOA – is it possible to do a speed limit sign?

Joe Kalusky – There's not enough traffic on Narris to do a traffic study.

Curtis Dietrich – Asked if there are any issues?

Joe and Jim both said that speeding is a problem on Narris.

Michael Siegel suggested maybe putting up a solar powered stocker board that shows the speed limit.

Boiler Quotes:

Burkholder, no quote

Laudenslager - \$16,954

Jack Lehr - \$10,942

Curtis Dietrich will look over the proposals and report at the next meeting.

A1 Traffic was the winning bid for line painting, due to Weisenberg being over the bidding threshold for dollar amount for phone bids, Lowhill will sign the bid package.

Michael Divers – Payloader will be here by the 2nd or 3rd week of June. Clamp bracket will be here 2 weeks later in order to get a new one. The existing payloader will be posted on municibid once we receive the new one.

Curtis Dietrich has concerns about trees on the banks on Narris Road.

David Brooman – if they are on landowners' property, it is their responsibility to trim or remove.

Ryan Christman will approach the property owner. Ron Weber owns the property.

Curtis Dietrich made a motion to adopt resolution 24-2 – Depositories for Township Funds, with the noted change to #4 will be restated for money market as opposed to statement savings. Michael Divers second the motion. Motion carried.

There was discussion on FDIC and moving money within depository. We are covered under Act 72 that covers our entire balance, secures public funds.

Michael Divers gave a rec commission report. They are getting ready for Night in the Country and looking for volunteers.

The planning commission recommends an open space ordinance to preserve farmland. Curtis Dietrich expressed interest in this with AJ from EPD. There are three different ways to preserve, Act 515, Act 319 and sale of development rights (fully reserved). Curt explained each one. 515 and 319 can be broken and bought out and still be developed.

The floor was opened for public comment.

Larry Geiger – Lowhill Township – Before the warehouses started, Wessner cleaned out his trailers. Now it's loaded back up with trailers and they are constantly moving in and out. When it rains, they track mud out onto the roads.

Curtis Dietrich – David Brooman and Ryan Christman will look into it.

Curtis Dietrich made a motion to adjourn. Michael Divers second the motion. Motion carried.

The Lowhill Township Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,