

**LOWHILL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JUNE 12, 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; Engineer, Ryan Christman; Solicitor David Brooman, Esq.; Township Manager/Zoning Officer, Michael Siegel and Township Secretary, Jill Seymour.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Curtis Dietrich announced there are no agenda modifications. Michael Divers made a motion to approve the agenda, as written. Jack Iannantuono second the motion. Roll call: All yes. Motion carried. There were two executive sessions held. One on June 3, 2025 and another on June 12, 2025, both were to discuss litigation.

Curtis Dietrich made a motion to approve the May 8, 2025 and May 28, 2025 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. Jack Iannantuono second the motion. Roll call: All yes. Motion carried.

The floor was opened for public comment.

Joe Howard – Lowhill Township – The property at 2945 Corporate Court's grass is getting high.

Mike Siegel will contact them to cut the grass.

Sherwood Boger – Lowhill Township – There is a cemetery off Lyon Valley Road that hasn't been maintained for over 50 years. It is down behind Corporate Court, in the meadow. It is the Knerr Cemetery. Used to be a Billig farm, next to the Snyder Farm. It's possible that Scott Snyder owns the property now. There is an iron fence around the entire cemetery.

The Township will look into who owns the cemetery.

There is no one present for the Tin Rooster on Kernsville Rd in Orefield.

Eugene McGorry has completed the Emergency Operations Plan for Lowhill Township. The last one was done by Weisenberg Township. It is a working document, can be changed anytime or updated.

Michael Divers made a motion to adopt Resolution 25-5 – Approval of the Emergency Operations Plan for Lowhill Township. Jack Iannantuono second the motion. Roll call: All yes. Motion carried.

Brad Eckhart, who resides on Windy Road would like to be on the Veteran's Memorial Committee. He spoke to Jack about joining.

Jack Iannantuono made a motion to appoint Brad Eckhart as representative for Lowhill Township on the Veteran Memorial Committee. Curtis Dietrich second the motion. Roll call: All yes. Motion carried.

There will be a 250th Anniversary celebration next year. Weisenberg reached out to the local communities and historical societies to see if anyone would like to come together to plan a celebration. Weisenberg will be starting a new community center advisory committee and the first meeting will be sometime in the next few weeks. He is looking for volunteers who are interest in planning it and have invited Lowhill to become part of the planning. Jill Seymour will be on the committee with Weisenberg Township.

Jack Iannantuono gave a brief update on our general and tail policies for June 2025 through June 2026. Brown and Brown quoted and another firm in Lancaster quoted as well. Brown and Brown were the low quote. Richmond National for our linebacker policy. EMC provided a tail policy for the old linebacker policy.

Jack Iannantuono discussed the 10-year comparison of our State funded pension plan to see if the township could provide a higher percentage to eligible employees. He is looking to have an answer by the August meeting.

Capital Improvements Budget.

Curtis Dietrich is looking at setting expectations for any necessary improvements. Salt storage shed, more secure entrance, our equipment, etc. Would like the staff to put a list together so we can properly plan.

Eugene McGorry has received two quotes for a generator. Shafrisky came in under \$18,000. One other came in around \$40,000.

Mike Divers would like to see the specs.

Mike Siegel – The generator is number one on the want list.

We had a special meeting to sign the resolution to apply for a grant for the Act 537.

Ryan Christman – grant paperwork was submitted, won't hear anything until September. We can't expend any money until the grant is approved. Ryan will call DEP to get an extension of time.

Curtis Dietrich – The grant is a 50% matching grant, which is significant.

Terry Lenhart – Lowhill Township – Questions if anything was advertised about this study.

Curtis Dietrich – No, we are in limbo right now.

Jack Iannantuono moved to appoint Brown and Brown as broker of record until renewal for KMIT, workers compensation insurance. Michael Divers second the motion. Roll call: All yes. Motion carried.

David Brooman gave an update on all the litigation. Ryan Christman and Dan Miller from Keystone Engineering have been contacted by Blake Marles, Esq. Attorney Marles intends to take their deposition in the CRG Land Use Appeal matter.

Jeremy Schaller – Lowhill Township – In reference to the private request for public water, have they addressed capacity with Lehigh County Authority?

Dave Brooman – Yes, we are aware of the capacity issues in our area.

Curtis Dietrich – Yes, it's an issued we are pursuing.

Jack Iannantuono – No sewage capacity and the water is also a shortage in our area.

Terry Lenhart – Lowhill Township – That could potentially work in Lowhill's favor.

Curtis Dietrich – They want public water; I'm not convinced we have enough pressure to even provide water 2 miles up Route 100.

Ryan Christman – Received one bid for the Old Village Overlay. AMS came in at \$242,798. This is a co stars number. Will contact the PennDot Municipal contact to make sure one bid is acceptable.

Curtis Dietrich made a motion to approve the quote of \$242,798 from AMS for the Old Village Overlay project, contingent upon the municipal representative's approval and the proper bonds and insurance issued to the Township. Michael Divers second the motion. Roll call: All yes. Motion carried.

We have roughly \$268, 000 in liquid fuels money available.

Mike Siegel – Went over his monthly report. Would like to start a newsletter. Two publications a year, we provide the information, they mail. Working on updating the website, once the GIS program is completed by Keystone, that will be on the website as well.

Terry Lenhart – Lowhill Township – Questions on the properties for sale along Kernsville Road. Which properties are for sale.

Mike Siegel – I'm not sure.

Joe Plaksa – Resident – Asked if we can put a map in the newsletter, as not everyone knows the boundary lines of the township.

Mike Siegel – Working on a grant for next year to pay for gateway signage for Lowhill Township. Our signs are buried in bushes.

Jeremy Schaller – Lowhill Township – Would like a copy of the ambulance map.

Mike Siegel will work on it.

Joe Kalusky gave an update on last month and what he plans to do for this month. There was a lot of trees clean up with all the rain. Would like a stainless-steel salt spreader for the Super Duty. There is one at Kressley's. It's a year old, \$4500 for a 1 ½ yard Meyers spreader. We donated the extra desk to the Christ Church at Lowhill.

Michael Divers made a motion to purchase the 2024 Meyer's spreader from Kressley's Garage for \$4500. Jack Iannantuono second the motion. Roll call: All yes. Motion carried.

The church sent a very nice thank you card for the donation of the desk for their office.

Night in the Country will be held on Saturday August 16. Last year a man brought a dog and was asked to leave and the dog bit someone and now there is a lawsuit. No dogs will be allowed. Where Katie's was on 309, The Nest may come in as a vendor/food truck.

The floor was opened for public comment.

Sherwood Bogert asked about the Dollar General.

Mike Siegel – They are dealing with the NPDES and stormwater right now.

Curtis Dietrich – Planning Commission will look at the zoning changes at their next meeting.

Terry Lenhart – The Tin Rooster, what's the Township's position?

Mike Siegel – They currently have a certificate of compliance for the shell building. The proposed creamery is a restaurant use and will need to go in front of the board for a conditional use. The parking lot is undersized and the septic may not be able to handle the flow.

Steve Lear – PC chairman – Anything in the SALDO for storage pods?

Mike Siegel will add it to the cleanup ordinance.

David Brooman, Esq. – If they are renovating, can't really put a 30-day time limit on them.

Steve Lear – Spoke on private well contamination.

Jack Iannantuono – No insurance will cover that, commercial or residential.

Hearing no other public comment, Jack Iannantuono made a motion to adjourn. Mike Divers second the motion. Roll call: All yes. Motion carried.

The Lowhill Township Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Jill Seymour
Municipal Secretary**