

**LOWHILL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FEBRUARY 13, 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/Zoning Officer Ryan Christman, Solicitor David Brooman, Esq., Consultant Michael Siegel, Emergency Management Coordinator/Administrator Gene McGorry and Secretary Jill Seymour.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Curtis Dietrich asked if we had any modifications to the agenda. There are none at this time, Michael Divers made a motion to approve the agenda. Curtis Dietrich second the motion. Roll call: All yes. Motion carried. There is no need for an executive session at this time. Michael Divers made a motion to approve the Reorganization meeting minutes, the January 6, 2025 Board of Supervisors meeting minutes and the January 15, 2025 Joint Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission meeting minutes, all 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.

The floor was opened for public comment on non-agenda items. Joe Howard – Lowhill Township asked about special exceptions on Corporate Court. He has someone from the methadone clinic urinate in his yard.

Ryan Christman sent a certified letter to the methadone clinic; they did sign for it. He hasn't heard back from them yet. He will give it a week or so, then will contact them.

Joe Howard – Lowhill Township – Property owners have the right to say no to the Zoning Hearing Board and the Board can also say no as well.

Curtis Dietrich – We have to have a valid reason to deny.

There was a discussion of conditions for Specialty Cars on Corporate Court.

David Brooman suggests having those conditions on the plans.

Gene McGorry, Ryan Christman and Mike Siegel went over our user fees and updated the fees that were too low.

Jack Iannantuono made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-01, User Fee Schedule. Michael Divers second the motion. Roll call: All yes. Motion carried.

Curtis Dietrich read Resolution 2025-02, Approving inclusion in federal highlands region of the United States. Mike Siegel explained that it opens doors for federal grants when available. The Township has been asked to participate in March by the Conservation District because they are going to extend the walking trails in the game lands and the zoo. This will be via zoom.

Michael Divers made a motion to approve resolution 2025-02 – Approving inclusion in the federal highland’s region of the United States pursuant to the Highlands Conservation Reauthorization Act. Jack Iannantuono second the motion. Roll call: All yes. Motion carried.

Core5 request for signature for PennDot application.

David Brooman explained what the request is about.

There was a discussion on the application. Curtis Dietrich would like to meet with PennDot to see what they are asking the Township to do and why we must sign.

David Brooman agrees the Township needs to know what we are signing.

Curtis Dietrich made a motion to approve the junkyard license for Rosemarie Mordaunt. Michael Divers second the motion. Roll call: all yes. Motion carried.

There is an opening on the Planning Commission. Will discuss at the next meeting.

Rural Preservation will hold Spring Clean up at the Township Building on Saturday April 5, 2025 from 8 am to noon.

David Brooman gave an update on the litigation.

Ryan Christman gave an update on zoning. Dollar General and Specialty cars preliminary plans are on the planning commission agenda for February 26, 2025.

Joe Kalusky gave an update on what was done last month and what he plans to do this month. Ordered burn ban signs. Would like to discuss getting a bigger salt shed. Joe got a quote for a new plow from EM Kutz for \$20,800.

Michael Siegel gave an update on the SALDO and cleaning up the Zoning Ordinance. Would like to have approval to advertise the SALDO at the March meeting. Would also like to work on a storm water ordinance.

Michael Divers gave a recreation commission report. Weather made Night in the Country’s profits down quite a bit. The volunteers that coordinated Night in the Country have stepped down. Looking for volunteers now. If there are none, the event will be cancelled.

Curtis Dietrich made a motion to use Frey & Company for our 2024 Audit for \$11,000 and additional \$150 per hour. Jack Iannantuono second the motion. Roll call: All yes. Motion carried.

Jack Iannantuono made a motion to consolidate the following funds: Building and Equipment into one Capital Projects fund. Recreation fund into the General fund. Curtis Dietrich second the motion. Roll call: All yes. Motion carried.

Boiler Proposals:

Apollo: \$10,800

EF Laudenslager: \$16,954

Jack Lehr: \$10,942

Michael Divers will contact Jack Lehr to see if the quote is still valid and the difference between the boiler from Apollo and Jack Lehr.

Curtis Dietrich would like Donna Wright to come in and explain Open Space.

The floor was opened for public comment.

**Jamie Shelton – Ever think about updating the driveway ordinance.
There was a discussion on the current driveway ordinance.**

2025 Bid limit increase:

Sealed bids: from \$23,200 to \$23,800

Phone/email bids: from \$12,600 to \$12,900

**Terry Lenhart – Lowhill Township – In regards to Dollar General, parking lot run off pipe.
Was it resolved?**

Ryan Christman – They need an HOP from PennDot, they designed a retention pond release.

Terry – Under the new SALDO, we can ask for different construction designs. They fall under the old SALDO.

Ryan Christman – We can ask, but they don't have to comply under the old SALDO.

Mike Siegel – We don't have specific design criteria under the old SALDO.

Ryan Christman – They are trying to make it fit in and look nicer with stone around the front of the building.

Hearing no more public comment.

The Lowhill Township Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 8:19 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,