

**LOWHILL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AUGUST 2, 2012
MEETING MINUTES**

The monthly meeting of the Lowhill Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:30 pm at the Municipal Building by Chairman, Eugene Weiner. Also in attendance were, Frank Dengler, Member, Richard Hughes, Vice Chairman, Charles Waters, Esq., Roy Stewart, Engineer, Reynold Reinert, Administrator and Secretary Jill Seymour.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Frank Dengler moved to approve the July 5, 2012 meeting minutes, as written. Eugene Weiner seconded, it was unanimous. Richard Hughes moved to pay the monthly bills, Frank Dengler seconded, it was unanimous.

Executive session: None.

Eugene Weiner opened the floor for public comment, hearing none, he moved on with the agenda.

Archer Waters, son of Charles Waters, Esq. were in attendance to complete a requirement for his merit badge for the Boy Scouts of America.

Stone Haven Supply was tabled until the September meeting for a recycling and building permit.

Charles Waters update on the Township Auditors is we should hear something in 45-60 days from now, as they are sending the hearing notices, which will take place at the Lehigh County Courthouse. Charles Waters spoke to the Estate of Mr. Smuldis regarding the property that was donated to the Township. The Estate will be sending the information on the deed. An appraisal will be done. Richard Hughes asked if we should have something done to check the soil, since there was dumping on this property at one time. Charles Waters said a phase one environmental check can be done. Richard Hughes would like it on record that he has questions on this property.

Eugene Weiner stated that dumping in the Township is becoming a problem and Carl Kressley looked into having dumpsters and recycling bins put at the Township Building. These will not be for public use, only Township. Eugene Weiner moved to approve two dumpsters from Berger Sanitation to be put at the Township Building. Frank Dengler seconded. It was unanimous.

Roy Stewart would like to proceed with bids for Narris Road by the end of the month. Richard Hughes moved to proceed with the bids. Eugene Weiner seconded. It was unanimous. All permits have been received to proceed with the Winchester Bridge repairs. Carl Kressley will get together with Ryan Christman to go out for bids. Richard Hughes made

a motion to approve going to bid on the Winchester Road Bridge repairs. Frank Dengler seconded. It was unanimous. The MS4 for storm water must be filed for 5 years. Roy will be handling the application. Roy looked at North Lane Estates with the contractor. They must redesign Leisure Court to avoid reconstruction of North Lane and closure of North Lane during construction. The road will be open during construction. Construction is scheduled to start in August 2012. Roy is confident the change in plans on North Lane will not affect the Township and he will have the contractor submit the plans. The construction at the intersection of Route 100 and Clausville Road is estimated to be completed in December of 2012.

Eugene Weiner tabled the Greenway Plan; no action will be taken at this time. Richard Hughes seconded. It was unanimous.

Eugene Weiner would like to change paragraph 2 on the Weisenberg Fire Ordinance to read Township Administrator as the enforcement officer, and then contact the fire chief. Charles Waters suggest listing all the fire companies that service Lowhill Township on the Ordinance. Reynold Reinert mentioned if we can add plus attorney fees to the Ordinance, Charles Waters will check on it.

Richard Hughes made a motion to send the Township employees to the summer convention on Friday August 10, 2012. Eugene Weiner seconded, it was unanimous.

Richard Hughes made a motion to send the employees to the annual summer convention on August 10, 2012. Eugene Weiner seconded, it was unanimous.

Richard Hughes made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-4, 457 Deferred Compensation Plan for the Township employees. Frank Dengler seconded, it was unanimous. Note: there is no cost to the Township for this pension plan, this is entirely employee funded.

Reynold Reinert said Ben Houser is interested in renting a building on Betz Court. He would like to have an indoor vehicle sales business in this building. Reynold sent the proposal to Charles Waters. Anna and Ben Houser will have the landlord fax a copy of the lease to Charles Waters with restrictions. No work will be done on the outside of the building, other than washing of vehicles. Ben stated that the State of Pennsylvania allows indoor dealerships and he would specialize in exotic cars, so he would like to keep them indoors. No auto repairs will be done at all, no drive by traffic; all advertising will be done online. Since it is classified as warehousing, he needs to get approval from the Board of Supervisors and Barry Isett's office. Conditions can be added to the occupancy permit. There is approximately 2800 square feet of space. State regulations mandate that he has a sign on the outside of the building, Ben will have a magnetic sign on the entrance door. Richard Hughes, Eugene Weiner and Frank Dengler have no issues with what Mr. Houser would like to do. Eugene Weiner made a motion for Reynold Reinert to issue and occupancy permit to Ben Houser Motorcars LLC. Richard Hughes seconded. It was unanimous.

Reynold Reinert has five copies of a recycling permit for Stone Haven Supply. He would like the Supervisors to look over them and respond at the September meeting. Recycling permit will be on the agenda for September for Stone Haven Supply. Stone Haven would like to speak to the Supervisors at the September meeting to discuss if past continuances still stand for building, or if new ones will have to be made.

Reynold Reinert spoke to Mr. Khier about the weeds on his property on Route 100. Mr. Khier said he would have them cleaned up within a week or so. Jill will send a week letter.

Eugene Weiner moved to adjourn, Frank Dengler seconded. It was unanimous.

The Lowhill Township Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted