

**LOWHILL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AUGUST 7, 2014
MEETING MINUTES**

The Lowhill Township Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Chairman Richard Hughes. Also present were George Wessner, Jr., Vice Chairman; Robb Werley, Member; Ryan Christman, Engineer; Charles Waters, Esq., Solicitor; Brian Carl, Township Administrator and Secretary Jill Seymour.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Robb Werley made a motion to approve the July 3, 2014 minutes as written. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried. George Wessner, Jr. made a motion to approve the monthly bills as submitted. Robb Werley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Richard Hughes called an executive session at 7:32 pm to discuss employee matters. Meeting called back to order at 7:50 pm.

Richard Hughes opened the floor for public comment. Resident Larry Dorsch was at the Schnecksville Fair and picked up some literature about roundabouts and funding for bridge replacement we may be eligible to qualify for. Richard Hughes thanked Larry for the information.

Solicitor comments: None.

Richard Hughes said that at the last meeting he spoke to Keith Strohl about the Kheir property on route 100. This has been a problem property, the weeds are extremely high and there is junk laying on the property. Back in December 2013, a judgment was issued against Mr. Kheir for \$689. To date this has not been paid to the Township. Charles Waters said we can pursue through the magistrate again. Brian Carl will follow up with Keith Strohl.

George Wessner, Jr. stated that by next meeting we should be ready to discuss more information on the building addition. Brian Carl has the original building plans and will look to see what options we have. Ryan Christman also has the plans and will review.

The Lehigh Valley Conservation District is looking for us to adopt a resolution understanding storm water agreement. Brian Carl and Ryan Christman said all Townships' they know of are adopting this resolution. The EPA came down hard on the LVCD. Richard Hughes made a motion to adopt resolution 2014-4, agreement between LVCD and Lowhill Township. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Brian Carl said that the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission is offering classes on Zoning, etc. for 3 days in September and subdivisions for 3 days in October. It is open to everyone from Supervisors to Zoning, Planning, etc. Richard Hughes said that Lowhill is willing to split the cost with Weisenberg for Brian to attend. All Supervisors agreed.

Brian said all the junk laying around the property on Ridge Road has finally been cleaned up and there are no more issues at this time.

Carl Kressley said the Dirty Girl 5k Mud Run post event road check wasn't too bad. Scheiers Road has one pot hole and tire ruts. Carl provided pre and post photos to Human Movement. Carl e mailed Garth from Human Movement and Luke Jaindl was out and seen the damage. Richard Hughes said to fix the road and the remaining money left in escrow goes back to Jaindl, per an e mail from Travis from Human Movement.

The road crew helped the other Townships' oil and chip. They started Lowhill and will be back on August 25 to finish up the rest of oil and chip. There won't be enough to do all of Post Road, so that will have to wait until next year. They are sweeping up the stone from oil and chip. Carl went to quote on line painting. He received one quote so far, the other two haven't returned his phone call. If the others do not call back, Carl can make note of who he called and that they didn't return his phone call, so we have it on record. Richard Hughes made a motion to use A1 Line Painting, unless a cheaper quote comes in by noon August 8, 2014. Robb Werley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3188 Orchard Road. Sediment is washing down the gutter into the road. The owner, Chad Shields has been cleaning up after the storms, but the loose

ground washes out after the next rain. Possible solution is to have him put stone down in the ruts of his driveway. Brian will draft a letter and ask him to maintain his driveway due to the water runoff. Brian said a few months back, Mr. Shields was told he couldn't do anything with the driveway. He will word the letter to say maintain the ruts in the driveway.

7979 Wertman Road shared driveway. The shared driveway is washing out again. Carl cleaned it up last week and cleaned the gutter along the road. A lot of sediment is washing down the gutter. Perhaps the dirt and gravel road people can get involved and may have the money to fix the gutters along the driveway and possibly put a pipe across Wertman. Brian will draft a letter and send copies to the Supervisors before it gets sent.

John Trumbauer 2331 North Lane asked about installing speed limit signs. He lives at the end of North Lane. A traffic study would cost between \$800-\$1000, plus the cost of installing the sign.

The horse farm at Spooners and Scheirers had Bill McFadden from soil conservation look at their property. He suggested turning the road back into a dirt road, reshaping to get water to flow down the embankment side of the road, install storm boxes with connecting drainage pipe and move the pipe on Spooners so water doesn't flow past the horse pasture into the pond. We would have to rip the road up and pay for permits, soil conservation would pay for the rest of the work.

Narris Road and Route 100. Would like to put diversions to divert the water so it flows free. Can't get the permits to clean it out.

Carl Betz would like to attend the PSTCA convention. Richard Hughes made a motion for Carol Betz to attend the convention, not to exceed \$500 expenses. Robb Werley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Richard Hughes opened the floor for public comment. Larry Dorsch asked about the weeds at the vacant property on Windy Road. Richard Hughes said they do come out every so often to clean it up.

Richard Hughes moved to adjourn. George Wessner, Jr. seconded.

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

Respectfully Submitted,