

LOWHILL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DECEMBER 3, 2015
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 President; Robb Werley, Member; Keith Strohl, Esq., Solicitor; Chris Noll, Engineer; Brian Carl, Administrator and Secretary Jill Seymour.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Robb Werley made a motion to approve the November 5, 2015 meeting minutes, as written. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion. Richard Hughes made a motion to pay the monthly bills, as submitted. Robb Werley seconded the motion.

Richard Hughes opened the floor for public comment. Gary Wassom of 3641 Windy Road Orefield was present, asking for a waiver for his driveway. He wants to concrete the driveway as opposed to asphalt. Richard Hughes is concerned about the concrete meeting our road and the snow plow catching it. Gary said he will not put the concrete all the way to the road. Joe Kalusky and Brian Carl will meet with Gary and his contractor to look at it and advise on how it must be done. The swale is also a concern to the Supervisors. Richard Hughes made a motion to waiver the 25' similar material as the road from the driveway ordinance for Gary Wassom of 3641 Windy Road, Orefield, Pa. Robb Werley seconded the motion.

Ronald Bogert minor 2 lot subdivision final plans dated 11/6/15 for 2944 Edgewood Ct. George Wessner, Jr. made a motion to review the final plans. Robb Werley seconded the motion. Chris Noll stated that all is straight forward with the plan and nothing is outstanding. Richard Hughes made a motion for a conditional approval upon receipt of the module from DEP. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion. Check # 913 for \$1500 was received from Ronald Bogert for the recreation fee.

Lillian Rupp Estate major 2 lot preliminary plan dated 10/28/15 for 7816 Claussville Road. George Wessner, Jr. made a motion to accept the preliminary plan for review. Robb Werley seconded the motion. Chris Noll stated that it is straight forward with no issues. They are looking to have a shared driveway since his son will be building behind him. Richard Hughes would like to have it show on the plan that a separate driveway could be put in and would also like to make sure that if the properties are ever sold that another driveway be put in. Richard Hughes made a motion to approve the preliminary plan and move to final. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion.

Keith Strohl noted that the LCA is still in the works to go through the beginning of next year.

Chris Noll will be meeting with Mr. Bedesso of Hollenbach Road to discuss his water issues next week.

Brian Carl said that we are filing a civil complaint against Mr. Krisofik of Weidasville Road due to not cleaning up his property. This was approved at the July meeting, however, Mr. Krisofik was involved with some domestic issues and we let it go as long as we could.

Joe Kalusky said that they finished grading the dirt roads, finished leaf clean up and had line painting completed in November. Jordan Road had a heave about 25' long. They saw cut it, put 4's in and double fabric and repaved. It would never have lasted the winter if they wouldn't have fixed it. For December, they will be doing equipment service, tree trimming and would like to crack seal before the snow comes.

The Emergency class has cancelled. Frank Bartholomew will be rescheduling it for either March or April 2016.

Resolution 2015-5: 2016 Millage will remain at .66425 mils for 2016. Richard Hughes made a motion to keep the mils at .66425 for 2016. Robb Werley seconded the motion.

2016 budget. \$1,633,858 total assets. Total budget is \$1,633,977. George Wessner, Jr. made a motion to adopt the 2016 budget. Robb Werley seconded the motion.

Tri Clover Fire Company is buying a new truck for \$420,000 and is asking for a donation from the Township. This will be tabled until the end of 2016, since the budget is already approved, if we are under budget, then we will donate.

Richard Hughes made a motion to renew Bruce Mordant's junkyard license. Robb Werley seconded the motion.

Richard Hughes made a motion to renew the contract with the Sanctuary at Haafsville, not to exceed \$500.

Cetronia Ambulance is looking for a donation. We are not interested at this time, due to the budget already being approved.

Meeting dates: Reorganization is on Monday January 4, 2016 @ 7pm. An auditor meeting is on Tuesday January 5, 2016 @ 7 pm. January Board meeting will be on Thursday January 7, 2016 @ 7:30 pm. All will be held at the municipal building.

Richard Hughes noted that we opened a checking account for the building fund @ \$250,000; and an equipment fund @ \$65,000 at New Tripoli Bank. Two signers will be needed for all checks; all three supervisors will be authorized signers.

Lowhill Associates, Aspen Court developers have not paid for 2014-2015 winter maintenance. The roads are private property and have not been turned over to the township yet. The road is not complete. Richard Hughes would like to stop winter maintenance on these roads. George Wessner, Jr. stated that they are still our residents. Glen Grim said, what about fires, etc. Brian will check the letter of credit and where they are at with the contract before we decide if we will plow or not. Brian will also get Jill the names and addresses of the residents.

George Wessner, Jr. asked about the Integrity Auto lot. He said there are an awful lot of vehicles there that do not move or are unmovable, which is in violation. Brian will check into all the vehicles on the lot, as well as the house. This will be put on old business for January's agenda.

Robb Werley made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Richard Hughes.

The Lowhill Township Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,