

**LOWHILL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FEBRUARY 2, 2012
MINUTES**

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

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Richard Hughes added medical reimbursement to the new business section of the agenda. Richard Hughes made a motion to approve the January 3, 2012 Reorganization Minutes, as presented. Eugene Weiner seconded. Eugene Weiner made a motion to approve the January 5, 2012 Meeting Minutes, Richard Hughes seconded. Richard Hughes moved to pay the monthly bills, as submitted, Eugene Weiner seconded.

Eugene Weiner asked if there was any public comment, hearing none, he continued on with the agenda.

On January 19, 2012, Stone Haven Supply 7205 Kernsville Road, submitted an application for a minor subdivision. The center line, separating two properties would be removed, making one lot. .519 acres of property. Both the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission and the Lowhill Township Planning Commission have approved this minor subdivision. Eugene Weiner moved to accept the final plan, Richard Hughes seconded. The Lowhill Township Planning Commission has signed the final plans on January 23, 2012. Eugene Weiner moved to sign the plans, as submitted. Richard Hughes seconded.

Charles Waters had copies of the petition for the court to appoint Township Auditors. The Chairman of the Vacancy Board, Carol Betz must sign them. So far, the petitioning is for Carole Dorsch and Terry Naugle to fill two of the three vacancies. The term will only be until the Monday after the next election. Vince Smuldis has donated a little less than three acres to Lowhill Township. The Township would need to get an appraisal, so Mr. Smuldis can use it for a charitable donation on his taxes. Eugene Weiner moved to authorize an appraisal of the property, Richard Hughes seconded. Mr. Smuldis served around 20 years on the Planning Commission for Lowhill Township. Eugene Weiner moved to accept the gift from Vince Smuldis, Richard Hughes seconded.

Engineer Roy Stewart noted that he looked at Narris Road with Carl Kressley. Roy has submitted some drawings and pictures of what he would like to do with the pilings. Roy suggests to move forward with FEMA and get the bids out. Roy will submit the paperwork to FEMA, once they are approved, we can go to bid. We should also make contractors aware that there may be delays in payment. Roy suggests cutting the trees down to ground level. Roy stated that we should not have to close the road, that it should be sufficient to leave it as one lane during the project. The contractor would notify KOA if they need to close the road

for an hour or two. Richard Hughes made the motion for the Engineer to get ready to go to bid, Eugene Weiner seconded. Roy Stewart also notified that there is no issue with the parking on George Wessner Jr.'s property and he issued a letter to Mr. Wessner. Roy is working with Carl Kressley on the issue with Winchester Road to see if anything can be done by the Township. Any work would have to be done after June, due to the fishing season, as this is a stocked area. It is possible that we may have to go with full blown concrete to fix the bridge, the bags of concrete that get stacked in will not work. The biggest issue at this time is the environmental permits. Roy will also look into changing the weight limit on the bridge. Eugene Weiner said that Roy should do what needs to be done to repair the bridge. There are outstanding issues from 2010 on the paperwork from the Engineer to Integrity Auto. Originally the zoning variance states that no vehicles will be left on the property without proper inspection for parts. Reynold Reinert will do a site visit. Eugene Weiner authorized Reynold Reinert to visit the site and take appropriate action. Roy stated that the Ridgeview subdivision for lot 3, all paperwork is in order and he is good to go. The erosion sedimentation plan is approved. Charles Waters, Roy Stewart and Reynold Reinert will sit down and rewrite the driveway ordinance and grading ordinance. Eugene Weiner believes this is an urgent matter. What we have now is too restrictive. Lowhill Township should be the same as Weisenberg Township, as we share an Administrator and it would be much easier across the board. The rough drafts of the driveway and grading ordinances will be agenda items for March.

Richard Hughes would like to know if we could make the one side of Windy Road a one way, going in off of Route 100 and no left hand turn off of Route 100. Roy says that PennDot will have to be involved, due to the road being accessible to SR 100. Richard Hughes says that it is very dangerous for people coming out of Windy Road on the other side of Route 100, they have to cross two lanes of traffic and watch for people on the other side of Windy Road. Charles Waters thinks it may be easier to abandon the road and make it a cul de sac. For liquid fuels, we would need a cul de sac and 250 feet, he does not believe that they will allow a hammer head for liquid fuels. Richard Hughes would like Roy Stewart to investigate this and see what type of options we have.

Eugene Weiner moved to have the Secretary write checks from the Sewer Fund and General Fund, that are still at Wells Fargo Bank and deposit that money into the Sewer and General accounts that are already at New Tripoli Bank. Richard Hughes seconded.

Reynold Reinert said that Chris Nolls Assistant SEO rates are a little higher than Carl Wolfe's. Chris is willing to come up and discuss lowering the rates. Reynold also thinks that we should look at putting our fees up, as they have not increased in several years. Chris Noll will sit with Reynold and Reynold will bring it back to the Board. Sterling Shoemaker is moving out of the state in March. Lowhill and Weisenberg will need another assistant to do perc tests. Eugene Weiner stated that Lowhill will use whoever Weisenberg uses.

The LCATO Winter Dinner Business Meeting will be held on Friday February 10, 2012 at 6 pm. Eugene Weiner moved to invite the Planning Commission, Zoning Hearing Board, Solicitor, Engineer and Administrator. Richard Hughes seconded. The Supervisors must pay the \$20 fee and do not get reimbursed, they do get their \$50 meeting pay.

Fire Call Donations:

Tri Clover Fire Company: 2011 Fire Calls: 13 @ \$500 each, total \$6500. Eugene Weiner moved to issue a check in the amount of \$6500 to Tri Clover Fire Company. Richard Hughes seconded.

Community Fire Company of New Tripoli: 2011 Fire Calls: 3 @ \$500 each, total \$1500. Richard Hughes made a motion to issue a check in the amount of \$1500 to the Community Fire Company of New Tripoli. Eugene Weiner seconded.

Good Will Fire Company #1: 2011 Fire Calls: 12 @ \$500 each, total \$6000. Richard Hughes made a motion to issue a check in the amount of \$6000 to the Good Will fire Company # 1. Eugene Weiner seconded.

Eugene Weiner would like Jill Seymour to sit down with Carl Kressley to figure out the amount of time the road crew spent setting up and cleaning up for Night in the Country. The figure should also include fringe benefits. That money will then be transferred from the Recreation Fund to the General Fund.

Lyon Valley Garage is going through a transition at this time. Dave Powell, who is the new tenant, was present at the meeting to discuss the excess cars on the lot. Dave stated that the garage was previously occupied by Frank Soldridge. The property is in the process of being turned back over to the original owner, Mr. Bear. Some of the vehicles are Frank Soldridge's, some are Mr. Bear's and some are Dave Powell's. They are in the process of having Frank and Mr. Bear's vehicles moved out. This will take some time, as not all vehicles are in running condition. Dave spoke to Mr. Bear about putting a fence up to hide the cars that are kept outside. Dave Powell restores classic cars and does insurance claims. The property was to change hands on January 31, 2012, that has been pushed back a little, but he expects all of the paperwork to be done within days and finalized. Dave would like to know how many vehicles he can have on the property. Reynold will look into that request. Eugene Weiner would like Dave Powell and Mr. Bear to attend the March meeting.

Richard Hughes said that in the past, it was a policy to pay the employee deductibles for the medical insurance. The Township pays 100% of the cost of the premium for the employees and their dependants; the employee is responsible to pay the deductible. Richard Hughes made a motion that the Township will not pay any deductibles as of January 1, 2012. Eugene Weiner seconded.

Eugene Weiner said that Farrier Road is a muddy mess, he asked Carl Kressley to put some 1 B stone down within the next few days.

The Township received a dividend check from EMC Insurance Company in the amount of \$618.59.

Lt. Edgardo Colon of the Fogelsville State Police would like to be put on the agenda for March.

Eugene Weiner moved to adjourn. Richard Hughes seconded.

The Lowhill Township Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,