

**LOWHILL TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
JULY 14, 2016  
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; Keith Strohl, Esq., Solicitor; Chris Noll, Engineer; Brian Carl, Administrator and Secretary Jill Seymour.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Richard Hughes made a motion to approve the June 2, 2016 meeting minutes, as written. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion. Richard Hughes made a motion to approve the June 9, 2016 Fire Chief meeting minutes, as written. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion. Richard Hughes made a motion to pay the monthly bills, as submitted. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion. All motions carried.

Richard Hughes opened the floor for public comment, hearing none, he moved on with the agenda.

Richard Hughes made a motion to review the Robb & Brenda Werley 3 lot final plans. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion. Robb Werley abstained. All is good with the final plans; Chris Noll and the Planning Commission recommend approval. Richard Hughes made a motion to accept the final plan for Robb & Brenda Werley's 3 lot final plans dated 6/8/16 & the planning modules for 6724, 6768 & 6796 Kernsville Road. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion. Robb Werley abstained. Motion carried.

George Wessner, Jr. made a motion to review the Kenneth & Ramzy Burns preliminary plan dated 6/9/16 for 2932 Betz Court. Robb Werley seconded the motion. Chris Noll and the Planning Commission recommend moving on to the final plans. Richard Hughes made a motion to accept and move to the final plans for Kenneth & Ramzy Burns land development for 2932 Betz Court. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Solicitor comments: None.

Chris Noll said that the application for the MS4 waiver must be submitted by September so we are qualified for the next year. He will make sure to prepare that paperwork.

Brian Carl received an e mail from another Township about the hybrid transport network, which are more popular in the Philly area. These are cell towers that are in the street and in the Township's right of way. Several other Townships have received requests to put them in their Township. Keith Strohl said we can do an ordinance to prohibit or govern them. All the supervisors would like this looked at to ensure the safety of our residents.

Brian said that the UCC permit extension act ended all permits that were not closed or renewed during that time period on 7/2/16. There were 30 outstanding permits in Lowhill Township. They either closed or renewed all of them, with the exception of 7, that are now void. George Wessner, Jr. said send final notice letters to those residents and we can move forward from there.

Joe Kalusky said that in June, they put up speed limit signs, grass mowed weed wacked around guide rails and signs. Finished building up Gruber Road. Filled in gutters with millings, we had some and got some millings from Lynn Township. Graded Browning Road and helped the other Township's oil and chip. They also tiger mowed around the Township. In July they will oil and chip, grass mow, clean the gutters, get Gruber Road paved at the end of August and tiger mow. Joe would like to oil and chip 6.3 miles of roads. Richard Hughes asked why we waited so long to get our oil and chip together. Joe said that George Wessner, Jr. said he had to wait to see how much it cost to do the black top. Richard Hughes said that we need to get the bid out for the oil and chip and have it ready for the August meeting. Jill will get the contract bid advertised next week and the opening will be at the August meeting.

Richard Hughes and Jill Seymour signed the wastewater acquisition agreement for the LCA. The sewer account currently has \$57,393.88 plus any interest. Richard Hughes made a motion to transfer \$57,393.88 plus interest into the General Fund. Robb Werley seconded the motion.

Keith Strohl said that the Ridgeview complaint has been filed, but the notice of service has not been received yet. Keith will follow up with the delay. Brian said that the Kristofik property on Weidasville Road has been being cleaned up. They are making progress, but much more has to be done. Brian is still waiting to hear on the FEMA storm reimbursement; this is a very slow process. Friday August 5 is the LCATO's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the Schnecksville Fire Company. They will be having a Clam & Chicken bake to celebrate. Letters went out to the Planning Commission, Zoning Hearing Board, and Tax Collector & Auditors, inviting them to the celebration and learning experience. The road crew, Secretary and Supervisors are also invited to attend.

Richard Hughes made a motion to accept the proposal from Service Electric for phone and cable internet for the Township building. Robb Werley seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Township will be saving almost \$200 per month switching from Verizon.

Richard Hughes made a motion to adopt resolution 2016-6 expressing the mandatory state changes to the Township non uniformed employees' pension plan. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Richard Hughes opened the floor for public comment. Jim Kuhns asked if it was possible for the Fire companies to charge insurance companies to replenish their monies for fire calls. Richard Hughes said that this was brought up numerous times, as well as at the last meeting. Their hands are tied as far as billing insurance companies, because they are not obligated to pay. Brian said they have better luck when they bill big companies for fire calls, as they are usually self-insured at a much higher deductible and typically will pay the invoice. Jim also noted that he is very grateful for the fire service that we receive from all the volunteer fire companies.

Robb Werley made a motion to adjourn. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Lowhill Township Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,