

**LOWHILL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JUNE 6, 2013
MEETING MINUTES**

The Lowhill Township Board of Supervisors meeting called to order on June 6, 2013 at 7:30 pm at the Municipal Building by Chairman Richard Hughes. Also present were, George Wessner, Jr., Vice Chairman; Frank Dengler, Member; Charles Waters, Esq., Solicitor; Roy Stewart, Engineer; Brian Carl, Administrator and Jill Seymour, Secretary.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Frank Dengler made a motion to pay the monthly bills as submitted. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion, it was unanimous. Frank Dengler made a motion to approve the May 2, 2013 minutes as written. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion, it was unanimous.

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

Elizabeth A. Roma 2: Richard Hughes made a motion to sign the planning modules. Frank Dengler seconded the motion, it was unanimous.

Martin Nothstein: Minor 1 annexation & residue- Final plan dated May 3, 2013 (3878 Jordan Road). Frank Dengler made a motion to sign the final plans dated May 3, 2013. George Wessner, Jr. seconded, it was unanimous.

Friebolin Farms: Minor 1 annexation & residue; Final plan dated May 3, 2013 (2245 North Lane). George Wessner, Jr. made a motion to conditionally approve the final plans, contingent upon Upper Macungie Township's signature on the plans. Once Upper Macungie signs the plans, Lowhill Township will sign. Frank Dengler seconded the motion. Richard Hughes recuses himself, since he has personal dealings with Mr. Friebolin. Vice Chairman George Wessner, Jr. will sign in lieu of the Chairman, as well as the Secretary on the final plans.

Richard Hughes called an executive session at 7:45 pm to discuss employee matters. Meeting called back to order at 8:00 pm.

Charles Waters stated that the Burn Ordinance will be adopted at the July Board of Supervisors meeting. Nothing else to report.

Roy Stewart: North Lane Estates: Waiting for the drawing to correct the storm water issue. Looking to have extra inlets in to resolve the water issue.

Brian Carl: Waiting for the contract to be returned for the multi township grant for the roller.

The Tough Mudder event was very well organized. No complaints in Lowhill Township. Traffic was diverted through Applewood in Upper Macungie Township and they had their annual yard sale at the time, was hectic with all of the people walking around on the streets. This issue is with the Upper Macungie Police. This was a successful event, approximately 20,000 people participated. A road check was done before the event to analyze the condition of the road. Poplar Road had some ruts due to water being put down to keep the dust down. Andy Fist was at the June 3, 2013 road check and approved the repair of the road. Administration fees will be paid as well for: Carl Kressley, Charles Waters, Brian Carl, Jill Seymour, Judy Hoffman, Melanie Hanson and Roy Stewart. Roy will submit his time before the July meeting.

Carl Kressley wanted to thank Nestle Water who donated 5 cases of water to the township. They are done black topping and ready to oil and chip, mow and weed whack. They filled in and planted grass seed at Church Road by Christmas Tree Drive. Carl spoke to residents and they have no issue with a guiderail being put up. Will recheck in a few weeks or so to see if it's stabilized before installing the guiderail.

Rick is looking for a price to install a pipe on Wertman Road. We are also waiting for residents to answer a letter sent to them about the run off of waters from their driveways. They have 60 days to answer the letter. We must have a response by the July meeting.

The road crew dug out the soft spots, approximately 2' and filled in with #3's and a pipe. It is clay underneath. This is due to the ruts caused by the Tough Mudder event.

Once the plans are received by PennDot, we will contact Telco to make the timing change at the traffic light at Rt. 100 & Kernsville/Claussville Road.

The Highmark insurance premium came back from underwriting. Highmark originally quoted us \$90,000, prior to underwriting. The premium came back at \$120,000. To renew with Capital Blue Cross is \$109,000. Richard Hughes made a motion to stay with Capital Blue Cross, all insurance will remain the same, for the 2013 year. Frank Dengler seconded, it was unanimous.

Quotes received for gas and diesel fuel. Lehigh Fuels came in at .29 cents over RAC. Bernville came in at .25 cents over RAC for diesel fuel and .22 cents over RAC for gasoline. Richard Hughes made a motion to award to Bernville for the September 2013 through September 2014 season. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion, it was unanimous.

Leo Furlong sent in a proposal at the preliminary stage for a farmers market at Route 100 & Kernsville Road in Orefield, in Mr. Furlong's parking lot of his office building. Roy Stewart said this is not a permitted use in our ordinance. Since the farm goods are not produced on the property.

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

Richard Hughes made a note that the July Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Thursday July 11, 2013 @ 7:30 pm in the Municipal Building, due to the Independence Day Holiday.

Stone Have has an issue with the yard waste, etc. that is listed on our website. He would like it to be changed to: Yard waste, xmas trees, leaves, branches, grass for no charge. All other material will be taken for a fee. If a resident has a question, they may call Stone Haven.

Brian Carl will drive around the Township and check for over grown weeds and high grass.

Richard Hughes made a motion to adjourn. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion.

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

Respectfully Submitted,