

**LOWHILL TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
JUNE 1, 2017  
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; Charles Waters, 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 May 4, 2017 meeting minutes, as written. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried. Richard Hughes made a motion to approve the monthly bills, as submitted. Robb Werley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

East Penn Self Storage-Land Development- Preliminary plan dated 5/5/17 (3176 PA Route 100). Richard Hughes made a motion to move to the end of the meeting, since there is no representative present. Robb Werley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Robert E. Brown-Minor Subdivision- 2 Lots-Preliminary/Final Plan dated 2/21/17 & revised 4/20/17 (5165 & 5166 Mill Creek Road & 5461 Browning Road). Richard Hughes made a motion to accept for review. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion. Chris Noll said this is being split into an 11.38-acre lot and a 16.5-acre lot, no new improvements and it meets all requirements. Richard Hughes made a motion to approve the 2 lot subdivision conditional upon the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission response. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The civil complaint is going out on the Kristofik enforcement. No additional efforts to clean up the property have been made.

Ridgeview: We have secured judgement and are waiting to see if they answer. Steckel & Stopp will be sending a letter to them.

Bittner's Corner Bridge Replacement: We are keeping in constant contact with the County, there are no updates since the last meeting. Rick Molchany stated that they are working to finalize the temporary bridge option and secure the right of way to make that happen. Once they confirm the right of way, he will schedule to come to a supervisors meeting. He is hoping to have an answer this month. Once we have a date that they County is coming in, Jill will send a letter to all residents to notify them of the meeting date.

Bear Bridge: Chris Noll said he received a good response from PennDot. There is a TIP program we can apply for in the fall that will take care of the cost, design, etc. PennDot takes care of everything other than 5%.

Oil/Water Separator: Chris Noll said the 315-gallon tank will cost around \$2625, the man hole frame and cover will cost around \$475 and the 6" sections will cost \$50 each.

**MS4: Have not heard back if we have been approved or not.**

**Zoning Ordinance Review: There will be an advertised workshop to review our Zoning Ordinance on Tuesday June 13, 2017 at 8:00 am at the Municipal Building. Jim Kuhns asked why we are looking at the Ordinance. Brian Carl said that the definition of membership club is pretty loose and some things are outdated.**

**Act 172: Brian Carl is meeting with Jay Scheffler on June 14, 2017 to discuss details. Weisenberg is on board with adopting. He would like to have the same process for each Township.**

**5144 Route 100 belongs to a trust. It's located across from the KOA on Narris Rd. The Trust would like to donate the property to the Township. ½ the land is creek, and worthless to the owners. The Supervisors thank the Trust for offering, but the Township is not interested in acquiring the property.**

**Joe Kalusky: May: Helped Lynn pave. Serviced the Yellow Mack and Grader. Did dirt road maintenance. Removed anti-skid from the Manor and also trimmed the trees. First round of mowing is complete.**

**June: They will spot pave, cut shoulders and do oil & chip prep. Second round of grass mowing will be done and they will sweep the cul de sacs.**

**Joe said he would like to thank Stone Haven Supply for donating mulch for the Township flower beds. Joe and Jill also worked on anti-skid vs. just salt numbers to see if it would be a good move for the Township to switch to just salt.**

**George Wessner, Jr. said that Moore Township is interested in buying our mower and agreed to pay \$7000. Since we are selling to another Municipality, we do not need to go out to bid. They are also interested in our flail mower. The Board agreed to sell the flail mower for \$2500, if they don't like that number, ask them to come up with a number. Joe will deal direct with George Wessner, Jr. for approval for any amount under \$2500.**

**Richard Hughes made a motion to hire Jeffrey Hontz for the road crew effective May 22, 2017 at the rate of \$21.00 per hour. Robb Werley seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Political signs at the Township Building during election: Barry Betz and Steve Levine had to go out and move signs due to not being 10' from the entrance. They asked if we could make a decision to use the monument as the setback for the signs. Charles Waters will check on the rules and get back to us at the next meeting. Larry Dorsch said that parking becomes an issue as well due to the pollster's cars right out front.**

**Old Henrick Property on Route 100, now owned by Steve Kheir. George Wessner, Jr. said that Willard Kressley asked when the property will be cleaned up. Brian said they are planning on building a house on that property and weed violations go out on June 15.**

**Carol Betz will have sitting dates at the Township Building to collect school taxes on August 22, 23, 24, 29, 30 & 31. The Board approved those sitting dates.**

**The Department of Agriculture stopped at the Township Building to let us know that they will be driving around in an older model pewter colored S10 pick up to look for spotted lantern flies. These flies are a nuisance to crops and trees. They will be putting sticky tape on some trees to see if we have any in our area. They have been found in surrounding Township's. There is information on the website and at the Township Building about these flies and what to do if you spot any.**

**The Township would like to thank Wanda Kalusky and Leah Landis for planting flowers in the Township flower beds. They also come up and water and weed on the weekends.**

**It has come to our attention that the driveway on Windy Road that used concrete and was told not to go to the road with concrete has done so anyway. Brian will check it out.**

**The July Board meeting will be held on the second Thursday July 13, 2017.**

**Our State Police contact for the Township is now Sgt. Dennis Long until Captain Nederostek is replaced.**

**George Wessner, Jr. wants the oil and chip bid to go out. Joe and Jill will work on getting that out and ready for award at the July meeting.**

**Richard Hughes said he would like to set up committees, due to the Sunshine Laws.**

**Bridges & Roads: Richard Hughes will chair**

**Grants, Gary Day's office & Bear Bridge: Robb Werley will chair**

**Day to Day discussions with Joe Kalusky & Roads: George Wessner, Jr. will chair**

**Updating the website: Richard Hughes will chair**

**This in no way gives one-person authority to approve anything. Approval must go through the Board as a whole.**

**We are looking to save money and did an anti-skid vs. salt comparison. Our sweeper will soon need to be replaced. North Whitehall switched to only salt and said they would never go back to having to go back and clean up anti-skid. It would be less wear and tear on our equipment, less maintenance, free up building space and our maintenance crew could be doing other work as opposed to spending days out sweeping. Joe Plaksa said it may not work on cold spots with no traffic. George Wessner, Jr. said we are just in discussions right now, nothing is decided at this time.**

**Richard Hughes opened the floor for public comment, hearing none, 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 8:35 pm.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

