

**LOWHILL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MARCH 3, 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, Charles Waters, Esq.; Solicitor, Chris Noll; Engineer and Secretary Jill Seymour. Administrator Brian Carl was absent.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Robb Werley made a motion to approve the February 4, 2016 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.

Richard Hughes opened the floor for public comment. Jane Miller, resident of Pointe West was present with photos she brought that were taken two weeks ago of stone in her and her neighbors yard from winter maintenance. Bill Zoshak, also a resident of Pointe West asked if we would be oil and chipping again this spring. Richard Hughes said that yes they will be oil and chipping, what parts of the township, he is not sure. Richard said that they will take a look in spring. Chris Lakatosh, also of Pointe West, asked if anyone has been out to look at the roads lately. Richard said that he has been out; George Wessner, Jr. has been out and so has road superintendent Joe Kalusky. Dave Miller, resident of Pointe West, said that there is always a little stone in the yards, but this year is really bad. George Wessner, Jr. said that he was in Pointe West a few times this year and the oil and chip feels tight. Richard Hughes drove around the township and took photos of other residents that also have stone in their yards. He passed those photos around, along with the photos Jane Miller brought in. Richard said that it is collateral damage of winter maintenance that stone does get in the yards. George Wessner, Jr. said that they will look at the roads again in spring; however, nothing can be done until May or June. Clyde Odom, also a resident of Pointe West brought in a letter that he read to the supervisors, he will give a copy to the supervisors and it will be on record in the minute's book. Richard Hughes said he accepts the letter. David Krimmel, resident of Pointe West said that all the snow gets pushed into his yard. He repaired his lawn mower last year and said he feels that the snow

gets pushed 20' into his yard. Richard Hughes said that we provide winter maintenance and anti-skid is part of winter maintenance; there isn't much we can do about it getting into yards. Sarah Lakatos, Pointe West resident, she understands that no one is going to clean up the stone in their yards, she is looking for the township to do their best to rectify the street. George Wessner, Jr. agrees that it will be looked at again and the appropriate measures will be taken. Richard is not willing to have our guys' clean stones out of the yards of residents. Robb says it is too premature to make a decision tonight on how they will move forward. It will be looked at in the spring. Carol Fox, Pointe West resident feels the stone is more this year than other years. Joe Kalusky stated that we got 30" of snow; it had to keep being plowed over and over for resident's safety. That's how all the stone got in the snow banks and eventually melted and ended up in the yards. Clyde Odom would like to be present when the supervisors go look at Pointe West in the spring. Richard Hughes said we will advertise a special meeting and let the residents know when it will be. After a brief discussion, it was decided that the Pointe West inspection will be held on Saturday April 16, 2016 at 8 am in the Point West development. The three supervisors will be present, along with Joe Kalusky and any others that wish to attend. This will be advertised.

Richard Hughes noted that we had some issues a few months back about missing items on the agenda, if it's your turn on the agenda and you have no new business, wait for old business. That way we know what needs to stay on the agenda for old business the following month.

Joe Kalusky: February, Narris Bridge was completed. 6 days of clean up from the rain. 6 days of winter maintenance. 11 days in the shop. March: Tree trimming, repair of guide rails, get sweeper ready to sweep. Met with Bill McFadden of Dirt & Gravel, he hasn't gotten back to Joe yet. He does know that they will pay to put up jersey barriers and get the permit.

Charles Waters: LCA and UMTA worked out an agreement, at this time it looks like June. Ridgeview subdivision: complaint is being filed against them. He thinks we will get a default judgment. Richard Hughes made a motion to file a complaint to Lowhill Associates LP after he gets confirmed numbers. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion.

Upper Macungie fire calls, they are upset that we didn't pay for cancelled enroute calls. Richard will talk to Brian and get the fire chief to come to the April meeting.

Chris Noll: Cottage Gates is asking for another reduction on their letter of credit. Chris checked and approved the letter of credit to be reduced by \$156,992, leaving the letter of credit at \$503,529. Richard Hughes made a motion to approve the letter of credit reduction. Robb Werley seconded the motion.

Frank Bartholomew said that we have not received an update on the FEMA reimbursement. Chris Noll sends the chapter 94 sewer survey and submitted.

Richard Hughes made a motion to pay refund to residents who were reassessed; nothing will be paid under \$1.00. Robb Werley seconded the motion.

Resolution 2016-3, Resolution setting the pension at 8%. Richard Hughes made a motion to approve the pension rate of 8%, George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion.

Resolution 2016-4: Change Trustee to Robb Werley for the Pension. Richard Hughes made a motion to change the trustee of the pension plan to Robb Werley, George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion.

Jill said that Gary Day sent us brand new State and United States flags. We want to thank him for his generosity.

Jill Seymour gave an update on the following; Liquid fuels payment was received for \$169,854.98. We were informed that Joe Solderich of NOVA had to temporarily step down due to an ill child. Chris Greb and Rick Wescoe will be available for any questions or concerns. This year's summer convention for LCATO will be a clam bake for the 100th anniversary, we strongly encourage attendance. We received our State Police statistics for January 1 through December 31, 2015. 1 Burglary, 9 thefts, 52 crashes (two involved a fatality) and 11 DUI arrests (5 on view and 6 crash related). Jill went out for bid for the multi municipal township bid; this will be opened at the April meeting.

The Supervisors will attend an emergency management class on March 30 at 6:30 pm at the Weisenberg Fire Company. Robb Werley will not be able to attend.

The April Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Thursday April 14, same time. This was advertised after the reorganization meeting, this is just a reminder.

Robb Werley asked if Jill would mind putting the dates for the meetings on the website. She will put them on Friday morning.

Also a reminder that clean sweep will be at Lowhill Township on Saturday April 16 from 8:00 am to noon.

George Wessner, Jr. made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Robb Werley.

The Lowhill Township Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,