

**LOWHILL TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MARCH 2, 2017  
MEETING MINUTES**

The Lowhill Township Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Richard Hughes. Also present were, George Wessner, Jr; Vice Chairman, Robb Werley, Member; Brian Carl, Administrator; Chris Noll, Engineer; Charles Waters, Esq., Solicitor and Secretary Jill Seymour.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, there was a hearing held for Zoning ordinance 2017-1 for the mini cell towers. The Board received comments from the Planning Commission, the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission. The ordinance will be revised, advertised for adoption at the May Board of Supervisors meeting.

Robb Werley made a motion to approve the February 2, 2017 meeting minutes, as written. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion. Richard Hughes made a motion to pay the monthly bills, as submitted. Robb Werley seconded the motion. There was an executive session to discuss legal matters held prior to the Board meeting.

The Kristofik enforcement is the same at this time. Some neighbors are complaining that other neighbors in the area also have a lot of junk in their yards. Brian Carl is checking into it.

Ordinance 2017-1 for the mini cell towers has been tabled. The new ordinance number will be 2017-2. Richard Hughes made a motion to table, seconded by George Wessner, Jr. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2017-2, Tax Certification Ordinance. Richard Hughes made a motion to approve, seconded by Robb Werley. Motion carried.

Integrity Auto is making progress cleaning up the cars on their property.

Bittners Corner Bridge Replacement; Update from the County is that they would like to install a temporary bridge so the residents do not have to come out onto Route 100 from Bittners Corner Rd. Jill will keep in contact with the County on any and all updates.

Chris Noll said there are a few possibilities for an oil water separator at this time. We are currently under a waiver for the MS-4 and are waiting to hear if we are still waived at this time. George Wessner, Jr. said that by next year, any mud or debris taken out of pipes must be weighed and reported to the DEP, this is going on in Forks Township right now. This will apply to any Township that does not have an MS-4 waiver.

Solicitor Comments: None

Bear Bridge Update: Chris Noll looked at the scope of the project. Surveyors will be out next week to look at it. DEP wants it looked at as far as water flow, etc. They will not accept in kind replacement. We must meet with PennDot and the bridge authority. This could get costly. Looks like it may be a total replacement as opposed to a repair. It will cost \$5000 for the study to find out what we need to do with the bridge. Chris, Joe Kalusky and Robb Werley will meet with Gary Day to see what we can

do to save our Township money on this project. George Wessner, Jr. is against using grant money, as it is ultimately tax payers money.

Richard Hughes made a motion to have Pete Everett as a UCC Board of Appeals Alternate, seconded by George Wessner, Jr. Motion carried.

Joe Kalusky said in February they cleaned pipes and dug out black top at the Bear Bridge The beams are good, no rust. They had 2 days of winter maintenance, did vehicle maintenance and storm clean up. Did some cold patching and tree trimming. Tiger mowed and did concrete work on the wing walls of Winchester Bridge. Replaced some faded stop signs. In March they would like to continue tree trimming, tiger mowing and clean out gutters. PennDot inspected Valley Road Bridge and they would like the guide rails extended 20'

Joe Kalusky will get a list together of things to put on Municibid, the tiger flail mower, rear mower, boom mower and the roller for sure.

Richard Hughes made a motion to release \$366.50 from the Werley escrow account. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion. Robb Werley did not vote. Motion carried.

Richard Hughes said the Governor wants to tax \$25 per person for all residents of municipalities that only have State Police coverage. Gary Day reached out to Rick to see what our Board thinks about this proposal. All of the Supervisors are against this extra tax. Jill will get a letter drafted that we are not in agreement, send the draft to the Supervisors for approval, and then send to Gary Day. Larry Dorsch said that if we have to pay for State Police coverage, he would like to see what happens per year in the Township and have it documented to justify this cost.

Kristy Wolfe of Northern Valley EMS was present to introduce herself and let us know that they have handled 11 calls in Lowhill so far this year. Rick thanked her for coming in and introducing herself.

Robb Werley made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Richard Hughes.

The Lowhill Township Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,