

**LOWHILL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MAY 5, 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; Brian Carl, Administrator and Secretary Jill Seymour.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Robb Werley made a motion to approve the April 14, 2016 meeting minutes, as written along with the April 16, 2016 Special 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.

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

Rick Molchaney, Director of General Services for the County of Lehigh was present to discuss the replacement of the Bitters Corner Bridge. He passed out packets to the residents that attended and the Supervisors that PennDot approved, along with traffic control. He stated that they are going to delay the project by one year, so this will take place in the summer of 2017. Time constraint is a major factor in this decision, by delaying one year, they can guarantee that they can start work right after school gets out for the summer and have a few more weeks to complete the project. He believes that there needs to be a long term solution for the site distance coming out onto Route 100 from Bittners Corner Road. He is also working on a contingency plan if the project isn't complete prior to when school begins in August 2017. For this project, the County will take initiative with PennDot, should the Township want to change Bittners Corner Road, the County will not be able to work with the State, as it is a Township and State Road issue. Rick Hughes is happy with the plan to wait a year and also the plan for the signage as well. PennDot has approved 2 electronic signs, 4 regular signs with flashing beacon lights and a flashing yellow traffic signal at the intersection of Route 100 and Bittners Corner Road. Rick Molchaney has reevaluated the right turn only coming out of Bittners Corner Road onto Route 100, they will not make that a part of their traffic plan, on request from several residents. Rick will keep the Township advised and up to date on all plans for this replacement.

A resident who lives on Aspen Court asked if it is possible for the Counties budget to be taken away for the next fiscal year. Rick said, no, it's already earmarked to be done.

Leonard Marzano of Weiland Court asked if the State could possibly delay the merging lane temporarily on Route 100. Rick said he can't answer that right now, it would need to go through the State and he will keep looking for additional traffic control from the State.

Michelle Schock said there is still no visibility coming out on Bittners Corner Road, could a mirror be put up so you can see what's coming down the hill? Rick said that PennDot said no to the mirror, due to people not using it properly and not realizing that the traffic is closer than it appears, the State believes that a mirror is too distracting to all drivers. Rick said he will continue to ask.

State Police will also be putting more patrol in place. The State Police was present at the April meeting and Jill Seymour is keeping them updated on this project.

Rick Molchany will remain in contact with the Supervisors as this project develops.

Brian Carl completed the speed study on Windy Road. He said that the road should be posted at 30 mph, assuming that Weisenberg is in favor of posting it, Lowhill will also. An ordinance will have to be adopted. All Supervisors are in favor.

Joe Kalusky said in April, the road crew cleaned up anti-skid, helped other township's blacktop, tiger mowed, painted bridges and put required reflectors on bridges. In May, they will put pipe on Gruber Road, grass mow, and do some dirt road work and helping other township's blacktop.

Lehigh County Authority is shooting for a closing date of Wednesday June 8, 2016 at their offices.

Ridgeview is progressing. The Kristofek hearing is on Monday May 9, 2016.

Brian attended the FEMA meeting yesterday; he needed some paperwork that Jill provided him this evening.

The Fire Chief's meeting that was to be held on May 19 will have to be cancelled. Rick Hughes and Buddy Wessner cannot make it. Brian said he will shoot for June and get with the other Chief's and see what date works best for all.

Pointe West will be fogged on Monday May 9, 2016, weather permitting. The residents will be notified by AMS prior to the fogging being done.

Richard Hughes made a motion to award New Enterprise 200 ton of 2RC @ \$6.50 per ton picked up in Kutztown, Pa or \$11.20 delivered. Robb Werley seconded the motion.

Crack seal was tabled until needed; the amount does not have to be bid out on an official bid package.

It has been decided that #8 stone is not needed this year and was not awarded.

Richard Hughes made a motion to award Lehigh Asphalt 200 ton of #57 stone @ \$10.50 per ton picked up in Andreas, Pa or \$16.00 delivered. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion.

Richard Hughes made a motion to award New Enterprise 5 ton of UPM @ \$116 per ton picked up in Kutztown, Pa or Ormrod, Pa. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion.

Richard Hughes made a motion to award Lehigh Asphalt 20 ton of #3 stone @ \$10.50 per ton picked up in Andreas, Pa or \$16.00 per ton delivered. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion.

Richard Hughes made a motion to award Lehigh Asphalt 50 ton of #4 stone @ \$10.50 per ton picked up in Andreas, Pa or \$16.00 per ton delivered. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion.

Richard Hughes made a motion to award Lehigh Asphalt 800 ton of anti-skid @ \$10.00 per ton picked up in Andreas, Pa or \$15.50 per ton delivered. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion.

Richard Hughes made a motion to award New Enterprise 100 ton 9.5MM any ESAL, SRL any @ \$49.50 per ton picked up in Kutztown, Ormrod or Wescosville, Pa or add \$90 per hour delivery charge. Robb Werley seconded the motion.

Richard Hughes made a motion to award New Enterprise 300 ton 9.5MM, 0.0-0.3 ESAL, SRL-1 @ \$51.50 per ton picked up in Kutztown, Ormrod or Wescosville, Pa or add \$90 per hour delivery charge. Robb Werley seconded the motion.

No bids were received for 89 octane gasoline or diesel winter blend. Jill will go out for phone bids on both.

PennDot would like to use Bear Road as a detour in 2018, when they do a box culvert project on Game Preserve Road. Rick Hughes would like to know how long they will be using Bear Road for a detour and how much traffic is anticipated so our road crew can determine if any maintenance needs to be performed prior to the detour. Rick would like this put on new business in February 2017, so the Supervisors can revisit the request.

The payroll cut off in the employee handbook will be updated to payroll cut off on Tuesday instead of Wednesday, due to direct deposit. Richard Hughes made a motion to update the handbook for a Tuesday cutoff for payroll. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion.

The road crew will get the flower beds at the township building complete as soon as the weather clears up. Joe Plaksa said the Boy Scouts used to do the flower beds years ago. Jill will contact the Boy Scouts to see if they are interested.

Richard Hughes opened the floor for public comment, hearing none; Robb Werley made a motion to adjourn, seconded by George Wessner, Jr.

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

Respectfully Submitted,