

**LOWHILL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OCTOBER 2, 2014
MEETING MINUTES**

The Lowhill Township Board of Supervisors regular monthly 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; Ryan Christman, Engineer; Brian Carl, Administrator and Secretary Jill Seymour.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Robb Werley made a motion to approve the September 4, 2014 meeting minutes, as written. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried. Richard Hughes made a motion to pay the monthly bills, as submitted. Robb Werley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Richard Hughes opened the floor for public comment. Hearing none, he moved on with the agenda. Charles Waters, Esq. stated that there was an executive session held on September 29, 2014 at 8:00 am concerning employment matters.

Aurel Arndt, CEO of the Lehigh County Authority was present to have preliminary discussions about taking over our water and sewer services. For small customers they offer common rates, which are not the same as ours, but are very similar. We have 43 residents with water hook up. LCA already services our 43 residents with waste water at this time. Charles Waters, Ryan Christman and Brian Carl will look at how to go about LCA taking over our sewer lines. At this time, we use Upper Macungie Township Authority. Richard Hughes asked if we must turn over the money we have in our Sewer Fund. He also asked why we would turn it over if the lines are no longer our responsibility. Aurel Arndt said, ultimately, if Lowhill Township turns the money over to LCA from the Sewer Fund and there is a problem with the lines that need repair, it would prevent the customer's rates from going up. Lowhill Township is not obligated to turn the funds over to LCA, but should we turn it over, that money would be ear marked for our 43 customers only. The money could be used to expand the system as well. LCA is a municipal authority, exclusive to water and waste water at this time. Essentially a public service. LCA will come up with a proposal. Charles Waters stated that an agreement will have to be drawn up and signed by both parties. Charles Waters was involved with Heidelberg Heights take over by LCA. All three supervisors are good with one supervisor to sit down with LCA, Charles Waters and Brian Carl to throw ideas back and forth. No discussions will be made at that time. George Wessner, Jr. will meet with them.

Charles Waters: North Lane Estates is going up for auction sale in 2 weeks. He spoke with the attorney representing the estate, he would like to make sure they have all their ducks in a row. Charles Waters and Ryan Christman will draft up what needs to be done prior to buying the property. We will maintain the escrow account until all the work is complete.

Engineer Comments: None

Administrator Comments: None

Richard Hughes stated that we received a letter of resignation from Carl Kressley dated 9/29/2014. Richard Hughes made a motion to accept the resignation. Robb Werley seconded the motion. Motion carried. Joseph Kalusky will be filling in as Road Master at this time.

Joseph Kalusky said they helped Lynn Township. Mowed grass and tiger mowed and worked on Bear Bridge, which is almost complete. Richard Hughes said he spoke with Carl Kressley on Monday and that there is a new flail mower with a little rust at the township building. He asked if we can use this mower and put the boom on instead of buying a new one. Joseph Kalusky said we could do that but would have to see how long it takes to put the boom on. Tony from Weisenberg says it's an entire day, others say an hour or so. Richard Hughes said that we will use the boom mower in the fall and switch it back to a regular mower in the spring. Joe would like to keep both, due to getting behind on cutting the grass, if we have both, two guys can mow. The grass cutting is almost done. Bear Bridge is almost done. Joe would like to crack seal and start hauling in the anti-skid. Richard Hughes would like to get quotes to see what it cost for others to haul it in. Joe will get phone quotes. Joe would like to get a pallet of crack sealer at \$1772, if Heidelberg gets one as well, it will save us \$100. We need to get tire chains for winter. Joseph Plaksa used to call out and sk them to call when what he needed came in.

Lehigh County Conservation District is still waiting for the information to go through their board and will notify us when it has.

Rich Smith from Wertman Road was in to discuss what the residents are doing to keep from washing out. A contractor came out and put down two loads of stone, rebuilt the swale, secured the crown and base. Planning on a 9" box, 4" slotted pipe with stone on top. Kind of like a rip rap or French drain. Benckini is coming to see about the soil erosion, etc. Hoping that all exits is water and the wash out and erosion will be eliminated. George Wessner, Jr. recommends a 6 or 8" perforated pipe. Rich said they can put in a catch basin and he will make sure it stays clear. They will not meet the November 1, 2014 deadline, but weather permitting will get as much done as possible and finish up in the spring. Rich will keep the updates coming to Brian Carl. The Supervisors appreciate the work the residents are doing to correct the issue.

Multi municipal salt bid: 3850 Tons bid out for 8 surrounding townships.

North American Salt: No bid

American Rock Salt: No bid

Oceanport, LLC: Claymont, DE

FOB: \$67.00/ton

Delivered: \$74.10/ton

Cargill, Inc.: Northampton, Pa/Bristol, Pa

FOB: \$70.00/ton

Delivered: \$72.59/ton

Morton Salt: No pick up destination given.

FOB: \$86.00/ton

Delivered: \$86.19/ton

Eastern Salt: No Bid

Richard Hughes made a motion to accept Cargill, Inc. bid of \$70.00/ton FOB and \$72.59/ton delivered. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Richard Hughes said we had a budget meeting on September 29, 2014. Everything looks good and we are hoping to do something with the building this year.

Trick or Treat will be held on Saturday October 25, 2014 from 6 pm to 8 pm, rain or shine.

Jill Seymour sent a letter to Zachary Eckhart's parents notifying them that his name has been added to our memorial stone and they are welcome to come up anytime and leave flowers, etc. The Dirty Girl Mud Run Escrow that was left remaining after we fixed the roads was \$3127.65, which was forwarded to Jandl, per Human Movement.

George Wessner, Jr. asked if the salt storage bin was large enough. Joe Kalusky and Joe Plaksa both said yes, we just need to keep anti-skid on hand. Joe Kalusky said that he is going to have Haldeman Ford look at the truck.

Robb Werley said the Historical Society would like to use the building on January 27, 2015 and March 24, 2015. All Supervisors are ok with this.

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

The Lowhill Township Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,