

**LOWHILL TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 5, 2013**

The Lowhill Township Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm at the Municipal Building by Chairman Richard Hughes. Also present were, George Wessner, Jr., Vice Chairman; Brian Carl, Administrator; Roy Stewart, Engineer; Charles Waters, Esq., Solicitor; and Jill Seymour, Secretary. Member, Frank Dengler was absent.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, George Wessner, Jr. made a motion to approve the August 1, 2013 meeting minutes, as written. Richard Hughes seconded the motion. Motion carried. Richard Hughes made a motion to pay the monthly bills, as submitted. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Richard Hughes announced that member; Frank Dengler has gone through unexpected surgery. He has come out of surgery ok and will be coming home tomorrow. The Board will be holding his seat.

Richard Hughes made a motion to accept the final plan for review for the Werley minor lot line adjustment dated 7/28/2013 for 2893 Post Road. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried. Roy Stewart noted that all is in order. Richard Hughes made a motion to accept the final plan. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3188 Orchard Road; Chad and Tammy Shields driveway permit. Ed Schoch said that they are not building a new driveway or changing anything since the 1998 permit was issued. Richard Hughes said if he wants to change, he must conform to the 2012 ordinance. The way it is now, no safety personnel will be able to get up the driveway if there is need. Should issues arise when equipment comes to deliver material, new permits may need to be issued. They must fix the issue of water washing out the Township Road. Roy Stewart said that if they have to excavate, the Conservation District will have to be notified and they will deal with the steep slopes.

Solicitor comments: None.

Roy Stewart noted that the contract is signed with the paver for North Lane Estates; the road will be complete by the end of September. Charles Waters, Esq., and Brian Carl are working on a draft for the blanket ordinance for the four township roller. Roy Stewart said that the DEP storm water issue is they want to know where the final outlet is for the storm water. It is to the creek. We won't qualify for the MS4 waiver and we may have to get a permit.

Richard Hughes asked if for minor lot line adjustments, can we eliminate the sketch plans? Roy Stewart said yes we can and he will review the SALDO.

Brian Carl Comments: None.

Carl Kressley said that the spring road check issue on Schiers Road has been corrected. Wertman Road, still nothing has been done. We will need to push to get the work done. Send a letter to find out what has been done to date to rectify. Lines have been painted and oil and chip is complete. Several trees came down from the recent storms that have been cleaned up and are currently working on replacing street signs and stop signs with reflective. George Wessner, Jr. and Carl are going to Warden Road tomorrow.

Richard Hughes noted that on the 2013 budget, oil and chip was budgeted at \$66,500 and the actual amount was \$61,081.

Steven Khier property on Route 100; Brian Carl is working with Keith Strohl, Esq. on getting after him for weeds, etc.

Brian Carl noted that one of the members of the UCC Board of appeals passed away. Weisenberg and Lowhill share the same Board. Looking for someone with building or design back ground to replace this member.

Trick or Treat will be held Saturday October 26, 2013 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm, no rain date.

Jill Seymour finally got in touch with someone from Tough Mudder about the money left in escrow. Jill will get the appropriate information to Tough Mudder in order to refund them.

Real Estate tax exemptions, used to be interims. We used to bill every interim whether \$1 or \$10,000. They county will not bill for anything under \$10,000, which would be around \$6.32 for the Township. The other three townships' will follow suit with the county. We will adopt a resolution at the next meeting stating that we will also be following the county. Brian and Charles Waters, Esq. will work on it.

A letter was sent by Capital Blue Cross asking if we want to go with early renewal of our health plan at a 9.5% increase. We would have to renew for December 2013, which will reset all of our deductibles. However, should we wait to renew until May 2014, the increase will possibly be near 30%. We can renew and still go out to quote for other options. Richard Hughes made a motion to accept the 9.5% increase for Capital Blue Cross for 12/1/2013 through 11/30/2014. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Richard Hughes opened the floor for public comment. Resident Larry Dorsch noted that at the light at Route 100 & Kernsville Road, a motorcycle will not trip the light. Brian Carl will check with PennDot on this issue.

A resident on Windy Road is accumulating a lot of cars and they are tarped. Brian Carl will take a ride and check out the issue.

Richard Hughes moved to adjourn the meeting. George Wessner, Jr. seconded. Motion carried. The Lowhill Township Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

