

**LOWHILL TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OCTOBER 5, 2017  
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 Jill Seymour, Secretary.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Robb Werley made a motion to approve the September 7, 2017 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.

Elizabeth Roma Stables- major subdivision- 3 Lot- Final Plan (2721 Post Road). George Wessner, Jr. made a motion to accept the final plan for review. Robb Werley seconded the motion. Chris Noll said all outstanding issues have been addressed. Brian Carl said there is a recreation fee of \$3000 due, Ms. Roma will not be able to pick up the signed plans until the fee is paid in full. Richard Hughes made a motion to approve the final plan for Elizabeth Roma, contingent upon the recreation fee being paid. Robb Werley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Solicitor Comments: None.

Chris Noll said that he has heard no response on our MS4 submittal from the DEP, which is good news. He will continue to update until we know if it is approved or not.

Brian Carl said he is still trying to get a meeting together with all the Municipalities and the Planning Commission to ensure that what we would like updated in the Multi-Municipal plan is approved by all that are involved. He believes we may be able to get a grant to offset the cost for this update.

The Windy Road concrete driveway has not gone to the magistrate yet. Richard Hughes asked if there is anything we can do to ensure that our equipment doesn't get damaged during snow removal, since this concrete driveway meets our road and is in our right of way. He was looking to maybe put up reflectors so the plows know where the driveway is located under the snow. We do have the right to put the reflectors up, but the home owner also has the right to remove them.

Brian Carl received an e mail from Donna from Farmland Preservation looking for a donation. Richard Hughes said he is for farmland preservation, but doesn't feel that the Township can donate to something that some residents may not be for,

plus we don't have the extra money in our budget. All Supervisors agreed that we can't donate.

Joe Kalusky said that in September they did grass mowing. The new mower is down right now. The pin slipped out and bent some brackets. They tiger mowed, trimmed trees, filled gutters and paved low spots on Horseshoe Road. We will have anti-skid hauled in. Worked on clogged pipes on Highland and helped Lynn put a roof on their building. Lynn helped us put our roof on the salt shed. In October, they will have Horseshoe Road paved, back fill shoulders, tiger and grass mow, clean pipes, prepare for winter maintenance and clean a clogged pipe on Schieres. Joe wanted to thank the Township for the use of their truck over the weekend at the church and also wanted to thank Gary Day's office for dropping off a new American Flag and State Flag.

Kristofik did not show up for his hearing. A default judgement was issued in our favor. We may put a lien on the property after the grace period if he does not pay. Richard Hughes made a motion to put a lien on the Kristofik property as soon as the grace period is over. Robb Werley seconded the motion. The Weber hearing has been rescheduled for 10/17/17. Robb Werley said there is nothing new at this time on the Bear Bridge. Chris Noll said we are a good candidate for the grant to repair Bear Bridge. There is no new information on the Bittner's corner bridge, the County is still waiting on the right of way. The Planning Commission reviewed and made suggestions on the Zoning Ordinance. Brian Carl will forward the e mail from the planning commission to the Board and a decision will be made at the next meeting. Justin from Lynn Township is against adopting Act 172 and proposed a meeting to brain storm an alternative. Steve from Heidelberg and Linda from Weisenberg are in agreement to a 4 Township meeting with one supervisor from each township in attendance. Richard Hughes will attend for Lowhill. Rick would also like this to be an advertised meeting for the public to attend.

The oil water separator for the garage will be put in the budget for next year. Robb Werley made a motion to cap the budget for the website at \$6000, with three proposals. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion.

Brian Carl met with the game commission about taking over Winchester. They will be meeting on Wednesday at 1 pm on Winchester Road to look at the bridge, etc. They will then report to a higher up to get a decision and let Brian know. George Wessner, Jr. and Joe Kalusky went to look at Narris Road bridge. It would be a big project to put the cul-de-sacs in. George Wessner, Jr. suggests just closing the road. Charles Waters, Jr. will let us know what needs to be done to close the road. Since we are closing the road, the 100 side of Narris would be Narris Court and the other side would need to be changed to something else. Brian Carl will let us know what the process would be to change the name. Brian said that the owners are putting stone down now on the Horseshoe Road driveway. They have cleaned it up a bit. Brian will send a letter notifying them that unless the driveway is put in to our ordinance specifications a certificate of occupancy will

not be issued. Joe has had some issues with multiple cars parked on the roadway during oil and chip, road work, etc. Charles Waters will check with the State Police to see if they can do periodic checks and if there is anything we can do about it. Brian Carl will post snow emergencies on WFMZ via e mail. Trick or Treat will be held on Saturday October 28, 2017 from 6 pm to 8 pm rain or shine. Lowhill will adopt an ordinance for outdoor wood burners, the same as Weisenberg. Brian Carl will get it typed up and advertised for adoption. Brian will e mail a copy of Weisenbrg's ATV ordinance regulations for the Supervisors review for the November meeting. Robb Werley questioned why the RV setbacks are so different than all the others. It's at 80' and he proposes to change it to 50' like the others. Brian Carl will update this along with all other agreed upon changes to the Zoning Ordinance.

Lower Macungie went to bid on the multi municipal salt bid. The lowest bid was Cargill at \$53.15 per ton, delivered. Richard Hughes made a motion to accept the bid from Cargill for \$53.15 per ton, delivered road salt. Robb Werley seconded the motion.

Richard Hughes opened the floor for public comment. Debbie and Jack McDermott live on the Jordan. They had the US Board on Geographic name a small unnamed stream in Lowill. The small stream will be called Cherith Brook. They would like to have a small sign with the name by the stream. Joe Plaksa and Joe Kalusky will order the sign and erect it. The McDermott's will pay for the sign.

Jim Kuhns said that someone dumped a sofa on Orchard Road. Another resident had already called it in earlier in the day. Joe Kalusky will take care of getting it removed.

Brian Carl said that the Administrative billing from Weisenberg is currently set at an hourly rate, he is proposing to bill \$15,000 per year as opposed to billing hourly. The Board agreed and Brian will take it to the Weisenberg Board this month for approval.

Richard Hughes made a motion to send a \$1500 donation to the Northwestern Recreation Commission. Seconded by George Wessner, Jr.

Robb Werley made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by George Wessner, Jr. The Lowhill Township Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,