

**LOWHILL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JANUARY 4, 2018
MEETING MINUTES**

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

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Robb Werley made a motion to approve the December 7, 2017 meeting minutes, as written. Seconded by Richard Hughes. Richard Hughes made a motion to approve the 2018 Reorganization meeting minutes, as written. Seconded by Robb Werley. Richard Hughes made a motion to approve the Auditors meeting minutes, as written. Seconded by Robb Werley. Robb Werley made a motion to pay the monthly bills, as submitted. Richard Hughes seconded the motion. All motions carried.

Leroy Sorenson/Sorenson Construction sketch plan: 2883 Windy Road, dated 11/25/17. Richard Hughes made a motion to accept the sketch plan for review. Leroy said there will be one building at this time with the possibility of a second building in the future. There will be no paving in the parking area, it will be stone. There will be one restroom, with the possibility of a second in the future if an office is installed. Richard Hughes has concerns about a water runoff issue in this area. Mr. Sorenson will work with our Engineer on the best way to handle the runoff. Richard Hughes moved to approve the sketch plan and move to preliminary. Robb Werley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Solicitor Comments: None.

Ryan Christman said he has not heard anything back on the MS4 yet. There was a letter that went out to the home owners at 6289 Horseshoe Road about the septic issue. They have answered the letter in the time allotted and they are having perc tests on January 11, 2018 for a possible new system.

Brian Carl said that Penn State Extension is having a spotted lantern fly seminar on March 7, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Weisenberg Fire Company. We will put the flyer on the website for any resident that is interested in learning more about this invasive species. Still working on the multi municipal plan at this time. Matt from Pat Brown's office called to discuss our concerns with the two house bills that we wrote letters about. PSATS also sent a letter and want the townships to adopt resolutions. We will not do that, we will send them the letters we sent to Senator Brown and Representative Day. Matt said that both bills will change from their original forms, he will keep his eye on them and keep our concerns in mind. We are not the only Township that has concerns with both of these house bills.

PennDot wants to detour onto Kistler Road, Bear Road to Mill Creek Road due to upgrades they will be doing on Game Preserve Road. We will keep an eye on this because we will be doing repairs to Bear Bridge and this may not be the best detour for the State to use.

Joe Kalusky said in December they removed the leaning trees on Warden Road, put guide rails on Valley Bridge, had 8 days of winter maintenance, put weight limit signs on Winchester Bridge, per PennDot and started cleaning up the shop and taking inventory. For January, they will continue to prep for winter, work on signs and barricades on Winchester Road. Will be closing at Schiers Road and 20' from Mill Creek Road. Will be closed the entire length of .59 miles. Joe will send photos to Jeff Roback of PennDot once that is complete. Charles Waters will contact the solicitor for the Game Commission to see if they are interested in taking ownership of the road, since we are not going to be doing any road maintenance or winter maintenance on this road.

Kristofik: A default judgement has been given to the Township for \$14,400 and a lien has been put on this property. Our options are to go to sheriff's sale or see if Mr. Divers is still interested in purchasing the property. Charles Waters said let them come up with a clean-up plan and we can go from there. There is room for negotiation if this is done in a timely manner.

Wassum: This will go to magistrate on January 16, 2018. We will be going for full compliance of our driveway ordinance.

Brian will make an agreement or at least have a draft for the February meeting for the tax relief for the volunteer emergency services.

The oil water separator will be done this year. There is no new information at this time on the Bear Bridge, Narris Road Bridge or the Bittner's Corner Bridge replacement.

Richard Hughes made a motion to adopt Resolution #2018-1 for our inspection & user fees for 2018. Robb Werley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Richard Hughes made a motion to adopt Resolution #2018-2 to close the entire length of Winchester Road, which is .59 miles. Robb Werley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

We received one sealed bid for a 2007 International 6-wheel dump truck by Patriot Auto Sales for \$30,000, including delivery. Robb Werley made a motion to accept the bid from Patriot Auto Sales for the 2007 International dump truck for \$30,000, including delivery. Richard Hughes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Lehigh County Association of Township Officials will hold their annual dinner meeting on February 9, 2018 starting at 6:00 pm. It is being held at Northern Valley Emergency Services on Levans Road in Coplay Pa this year. Jill Seymour will need an attendance to let Janice Meyers know. She will remind the Supervisors via e mail next week.

Richard Hughes said that unfortunately Joseph Plaksa of the road crew had to be let go on December 12, 2017. Richard Hughes made a motion to agree to the dismissal of Mr. Plaksa. Robb Werley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Richard Hughes opened the floor for public comment. Larry Dorsch said that the Planning Commission discussed the ATV ordinance and would like to Board to take a look at it again. Richard Hughes asked Jill Seymour to put it back on the agenda and the Supervisors would look over it again.

A \$1500 donation was approved at the Reorganization meeting to the Northwestern Recreation Commission. The check was approved tonight and will go out in the mail tomorrow.

Brian Carl asked if there was a reason that the Planning Commission meeting dates have to be 2 weeks before the Board of Supervisors meeting. He would like to have it the last Monday of the month. The Board doesn't have an issue with the dates changing, as the dates for the 2018 meetings have not been advertised yet. Jill Seymour will advertise the February meeting and once it is decided at the February meeting the dates of Planning Commission meetings, advertise all 2018 meeting dates and times.

Jim Kuhns asked if he was reappointed to the Zoning Hearing Board at the Reorganization meeting. Richard Hughes said he was reappointed.

Hearing no more public comments. Robb Werley made a motion to adjourn. Richard Hughes seconded the motion.

The Lowhill Township Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,