

**LOWHILL TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
FEBRUARY 1, 2018  
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; Brian Carl, Administrator; Charles Waters, Esq., Solicitor; Ryan Christman, Engineer and Secretary Jill Seymour.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Richard Hughes noted there was an executive session held on Friday January 19, 2018 to discuss employment. Present were, Richard Hughes, George Wessner, Jr. and Robb Werley.

Robb Werley made a motion to approve the January 4, 2018 minutes, as written. Richard Hughes seconded the motion. Richard Hughes made a motion to pay the monthly bills, as submitted. Robb Werley seconded the motion.

There was a discussion on public improvement regarding land development on 2883 Windy Road. Leroy Sorenson doesn't own the property yet, that is contingent upon approval for what he wants to do with the property. He wants to make sure the Board doesn't want more done than what Brian Carl, Ryan Christman and Joe Kalusky suggested. All improvements will be on the next plan for the Planning Commission.

Solicitor comments: None.

Ryan Christman said there has been no word on the MS4. 6289 Horseshoe Road septic drain field was tested on January 8 & 9 and he expects permits to be ordered soon. At this time, there is no one living on the property, to our knowledge. The owners are looking to sell.

Brian Carl said there is a meeting to discuss the multi municipal plan next Tuesday at 5:30 pm. They will be held at the Lowhill Township building the first Tuesday of each month until the updates are complete. Joe Kalusky will make sure the heat is on in the meeting room. There is no news on the Game Preserve Road detour from PennDot yet.

Joe Kalusky said that in January the road crew put new nozzles on the fuel pumps, performed maintenance on the vehicles, closed Winchester Road and had 6 days of winter maintenance and 3 days of tiger mowing. In February, in addition to any winter maintenance, they will tiger mow, tree trim and continue to clean up and organize the shop.

There has been no word on the Kristofik enforcement. The Wassum hearing was held, Mr. Wassum did not show up, we will get a default judgement. Ryan Christman said the County thinks it will be more efficient if we bundle our repairs on Bear Road with a county project. Ryan is working with Rick Molchany from the County. No updates on Narris bridge or Bittners Corner Bridge. Winchester Road Bridge was closed. Brian Carl said they are moving along with the tax relief for volunteer emergency services. Brian sent out a draft of what each Township would likely pay, Lowhill's portion is minimal. Larry Geiger communicated that Steve Lear of the Planning Commission would like the Board to take another look at the ATV ordinance, he has some concerns about ATV riding on small properties day and night. The Board will review the ordinance. Brian will send a copy of Weisenberg's ordinance to the Board to review. We will order the oil water separator so we have it on hand when we have time to install it. The updates have been made to the Zoning ordinance and approved by Charles Waters. It will still need to go to our planning commission and the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission prior to adoption. We will look to adopt in April. This is approved for advertisement for adoption at our April 12, 2018 meeting. Jill Seymour made mention that our April meeting will be held on the second Thursday of the month.

The Planning Commission meetings will be held the last Monday of each month, as needed other than May and December. May will be held on May 21, 2018 and December will be held on December 17, 2018, due to Memorial Day and New Year's Eve falling on the last Monday's of May and December.

Richard Hughes made a motion to approve in lieu of medical insurance, an employee can receive \$500 per month as long as they show proof that they are covered under a medical insurance plan. Robb Werley seconded the motion. All are in favor. Motion carried.

Richard Hughes made a motion to hire Terry Stewart as a full time road employee at the rate of \$21.63 per hour. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Richard Hughes opened the floor for public comment. Resident Jim Kuhns said he is upset that we mentioned that an employee was let go at the last meeting, he believes that should be private and it wasn't in the minutes and it was never mentioned at the meetings before when other employees were left go. Charles Waters said that we are required to mention dismissal in a motion. Jill Seymour said that each employee that has been let go has been mentioned at public meetings and is in the minutes. Mr. Kuhns said who? Jill said, Erik Lynch, Dean Newhard and Carl Kressley were all released and it is in the minutes for each of them. Robb Werley said that it is in January's minutes that an employee was let go from employment. Resident Tom Ebanks is upset about an employee being left go after 23 years of employment and after 23 years can do whatever he wants to do. He said this employee was the best worker we had and we better teach our other guys the roads because they can't plow. Richard Hughes said he should park

his truck in his driveway if he wants his road plowed better. Mr. Ebanks said he shouldn't worry about his truck, that it's none of his business. Rick said that he's parked on our roads. Tom was upset, he said Rick said that the employee was fired and he wants the minutes rewritten. Rick said he didn't recall saying he was fired, that he was unfortunately let go. He asked Charles Waters if he should retract the motion and make a new one. Mr. Ebanks said it doesn't matter because Mr. Waters didn't say anything when it was said. Mr. Ebanks called for Rick's resignation. The conversation was ended at that time.

George Wessner, Jr. made a motion to have spring cleanup at the township building this year on Saturday April 14, 2018. Robb Werley seconded the motion.

Richard Hughes made a motion to adjourn, seconded by George Wessner, Jr.

The Lowhill Township Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,