

**LOWHILL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JUNE 7, 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 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, Robb Werley made a motion to pay the monthly bills, as submitted. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion. George Wessner, Jr. made a motion to approve the May 3, 2018 meeting minutes, as written. Robb Werley seconded the motion.

Dean & Diane Schaller: Sketch plan dated 5/3/18, 3716 Pine Tree Road, Orefield. Bob Hoppes was present, along with Dean Schaller. They are asking for a waiver for the shared driveway. The property is 22.85 acres on lot 1 and 5.28 acres on lot 2. There will be a second driveway on the drawing in the event the property is sold to a non-family member. At this time, Dean is looking to share the driveway with his son. Richard Hughes asked that he come back and bring a sketch plan showing the shared driveway and the proposed second driveway. The sketch plan was denied by the planning commission.

Solicitors comments: None.

Engineers comments: Ryan is keeping track of the MS4, there is no news at this time.

Randy Metzger, deputy chief, along with several other members of the Germansville Fire Company fire fighters were in attendance. Randy said they are in the process of spec'ing out a new fire truck to replace the 1991 they have now. They are looking for a contribution towards the new truck. At this time, they have \$200,000 saved up and continue to raise funds. They are also working with the State for funds, but it will not cover the entire cost of the truck. They will take whatever we are willing to donate. They attended the Lynn Township meeting and asked the Board for \$80,000. It continues to get tougher to raise funds at the fire companies. He is not asking for a number tonight. He asks that the Supervisors look over the proposal he provided them and use the phone numbers to ask questions, etc. Richard Hughes said they will review the proposal and we will provide assistance, but we are not in a position to donate thousands of dollars at this time.

There is no update on Winchester Road at this time. Phil Armstrong, Lehigh County Executive was in attendance and provided an update on Bittners Corner Bridge. The reason the temporary bridge is being dismantled is the bridge must be made of US steel as part of the contract. The contractor used foreign steel, so they had to take the bridge apart and use US steel. The bridge is still ahead of schedule at this time and the residents still have the one lane bridge to exit their neighborhood safely.

The appeal of Adams Outdoor Advertising will be heard at the Zoning Hearing Board hearing on June 19, 2018. Lowhill Township will be represented by Steckel & Stopp. Lowhill Township is part of a Multimunicipal Comprehensive Plan.

Road Master Comments: May: Tree trimming was done, crack seal and oil and chip were completed. Sweeping and storm cleanup was done. Grass mowing and tiger mowing was also done. For June, they will work on dirt roads, do weed whacking, grass mowing and tiger mowing and line painting.

Nothing has been heard from Mr. Wassum. We can start charging \$500 per day for each day he is in violation. This would be done as a lien on his property. Joe Kalusky stopped at Mr. Wassum's home to talk to him and he wasn't home. Joe left his phone number with his wife. Mr. Wassum never called Joe.

There is no new information on the Bear Bridge. The ATV Ordinance will be removed from the agenda, as nothing is being done at this time.

Road Material Bid: The road material bid was advertised for last month's meeting; no bids were received. It was advertised again for this meeting. We received two bids, one from Lehigh Asphalt Maintenance and one from Eureka Stone. Richard Hughes is employed by Eureka Stone and asked Charles Waters if he should abstain or if the bid should be denied from Eureka Stone. Charles said he should just abstain and noted that the company bid, not Richard Hughes. George Wessner, Jr. tabled the road material bid until the July meeting until Jill Seymour could get the formula to calculate distance rates for trucking.

In place paving bid: Lehigh Asphalt Maintenance bid the in place paving, the total bid is for \$116,121. This is over our budget for this year. Richard Hughes made a motion to deny the bid for in place paving and hold off until next year. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion.

The LCATO summer convention will be held on Friday August 3, 2018 at the Schnecksville Fire Company. The Board gave approval to invite the Planning Commission, Zoning Hearing Board, UCC Board of Appeals, Tax Collector and Auditors. Jill Seymour will send out a letter of invitation.

Richard Hughes opened the floor for public comment. Resident Jim Kuhns said he missed a few meetings due to being ill and wanted to know why there is a new

stop sign on Farrier Road. He does not believe there should be a stop sign on this road. Richard Hughes said that it was discussed at prior meetings and decided that a stop sign was needed. Mr. Hughes is not happy because he doesn't feel like anyone can call and complain and automatically get a stop sign put up. He's also not happy that he now has to stop going both ways.

Phil Armstrong, Lehigh County Executive said that he has been to every township's meetings this year, we are the last on his list. He likes to see that we are working with the Fire Companies because money is hard to come by these days. He said that should we ever have any questions; we are welcome to call him any time. Richard Hughes thanked him for coming and updating on the Bittner's Corner Bridge.

George Wessner, Jr. made a motion to adjourn. Robb Werley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Lowhill Township Board of Supervisor's meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,