

**LOWHILL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SEPTEMBER 6, 2018
MEETING MINUTES**

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

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Richard Hughes made a motion to approve the August 2, 2018 meeting minutes, as written. Seconded by Robb Werley. Robb Werley made a motion to pay the monthly bills, as submitted. Seconded by George Wessner, Jr.

Dean and Diane Schaller: Minor subdivision, preliminary plan (3716 Pine Tree Road)

Richard Hughes made a motion to review the preliminary plan. Robb Werley seconded the motion. The preliminary plan was recommended for approval by the Planning Commission. The plan conforms to our ordinances now with the only exception being that he will need the family shared driveway waiver. Due to 319, Mr. Schaller will subdivide a non-building lot (due to no septic testing) this year, then will come back next year with a lot line change to add additional land which includes the area that was recently tested for septic. Robb Werley made a motion to approve the preliminary plan and go on to final. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion.

Charles Waters, Esq. spoke with the Game Commission about vacating Winchester Road. They have no issues with us vacating and are requesting that we move the barriers back a few feet to allow access to their parking lot. The Supervisors and Road Foreman agreed to move the barriers.

Ryan Christman received the bid results for the repair of the Valley Road Bridge. The low bid was \$19,000. They will put a curtain wall where it is now scoured. It will take a few weeks for Ryan to receive the permit from the DEP, but he doesn't foresee any issues. George Wessner, Jr. made a motion to accept the bid from Professional Construction Contractors, Inc. from Easton, Pa for the Valley Road bridge repair. Richard Hughes seconded the motion. No new news on the MS4 at this time. Richard Hughes said it will remain on the agenda.

Brian Carl is absent this evening. He has prepared notes for tonight's meeting, read by Richard Hughes. There is nothing new on the Kristofik enforcement. There is a hearing scheduled for September 20, 2018 at 1:30 pm on the Wassum

enforcement. Nothing has been heard on Bittner's Corner Bridge. Misc. items: Resident Jim Kuhns driveway: Brian met with Mr. Kuhn's wife, they are aware of the run off issue and it will be corrected. Jim Kuhns was present and he does have a contractor that will be working on fixing the run off. He noted that he always makes sure to clean up after a storm, however with all the rain we have been having, he couldn't keep up with it. Mr. Kuhns stated that years ago, when Carl Kressley was still road superintendent, he was going to clean out so the water ran free, but it was never done. He stated the Richard Hughes also agreed to our Road crew taking care of the issue, Mr. Hughes did not recall agreeing to the township doing the work. Mr. Kuhns knows the silt is a problem and is correcting the issue. He doesn't think it's fair that he is being singled out after all this rain. The Supervisors thanked him for taking care of the issue. Brian spoke to the resident about his water coming out onto Warden Road. There is a horse farm on this property and there are acres of land that has no grass, etc. due to the horses. This causes water to flow down, through a pipe, which shoots it directly onto Warden Road. The resident said they will take care of the issue. George Wessner, Jr. would like this put on old business to make sure it gets fixed by the resident. Adams Outdoor Advertising will be at the Zoning Hearing Board on September 18, 2018 at 7:00 pm. Steve from Steckel and Stopp, Amanda from the LVPC and Brian met to get their plan together. They are confident in our defense and are ready for the hearing. Adams is appealing our Ordinance and wants to put up a full size billboard on Route 100. We belong to a multi municipal plan with other township's that allow billboards. Jim Kuhns asked if the smaller billboards on Route 100 are grandfathered in. Richard Hughes confirmed that they are and they are less than half the size of what Adams is proposing. There was a complaint about the excess cars at Integrity Auto at the last meeting. Brian went over and counted the vehicles. They are allowed 29 per a Zoning Hearing Board decision, Brian counted 48 plus vehicles on the property. Brian will be contacting the owner to get the excess cars removed. The LCCD isn't getting anywhere with the Mark Leuthe from Cottage Gates. There are lots of outstanding E & S items at this time. We may be asked to hold some public improvement money the next time they ask for a release.

Joe Kalusky stated that in August they had 22 days of repairs from the storms. They grass mowed and tiger mowed. In September they will continue grass mowing and tiger mowing and also prep for winter maintenance. He ordered 350 ton of anti-skid, once that is delivered, he will order another 200 tons.

Robb Werley noted that there is nothing new on the Bear Bridge at this time.

Richard Hughes said there are a few additions to the agenda. The multi municipal salt bid came in today from Upper Macungie Township. The winning bid was from Eastern Salt for \$59.59 per ton. Richard Hughes made a motion to award the bid to Eastern Salt for \$59.59 per ton. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion. There is a resident that ran over wet line paint and wants the Township to reimburse for the clean-up. Jill Seymour made phone calls to the line painting

companies Insurance department and PennDot to see how they handle these types of claims. It was determined that neither pay these claims due to the State law mandates that you must maintain your lane of traffic. When you cross the yellow lines, you are not maintaining your lane. The Supervisors stated that Jill Seymour will send a letter to the resident notifying her that we will not be covering her damage claim.

Richard Hughes opened the floor for public comment. New resident, Tom Volk who lives on Horseshoe Road was present. He needs to replace his septic system and has been working with Chris Noll. Chris wanted him to put the septic in the rear of his house. When Mr. Volk told his contractor, Odenheimer where the Township wanted the septic system, they notified him that they do not have the equipment to get it in the rear of the home. They would have to lease it from a company in Philadelphia and the overall price would exceed \$15,000. Mr. Volk would like to respectfully oppose our decision and file an appeal. Mr. Volk had a Supervisor of another Township with him who mentioned PA Code Chapter 72, stating that the Supervisors have the authority to approve the appeal. Our Supervisors would like Mr. Volk to go to Brian Carl to file the appeal and also work with Chris Noll for a solution. They are not opposed to working with Mr. Volk on a solution that would benefit both the resident and the Township.

Troy Reiner said he submitted a resume for a job that was advertised and wanted to know if a decision was made on hiring anyone at this time. Richard Hughes said he will be calling the applicants for interviews next week.

Robb Werley made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by George Wessner, Jr.

The Lowhill Township Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,