

**LOWHILL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OCTOBER 3, 2019
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, Township Administrator; Ryan Christman, Engineer; Charles Waters, Esq., Solicitor and Secretary Jill Seymour.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Robb Werley made a motion to approve the September 5, 2019 meeting minutes, as written. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion. Richard Hughes made a motion to pay the monthly bills, as submitted. Robb Werley seconded the motion.

Richard Hughes noted that a Budget Workshop was held this evening, as advertised and the next one will be advertised for November 7, 2019.

Solicitor comments: none.

George Wessner, Jr. asked how long it would take for permits and design for the Bear Road Bridge. Ryan Christman estimated approximately 6 months. PennDot is good, as long as we are working on a repair. The Scour will cost around \$30,000. It will be checked by PennDot either way every six months to a year. It's possible to do an aluminum bridge as well.

The planning module for KOA sewage was approved at the planning commission meeting, they will be coming in next month for a waiver.

Brian Carl did not count cars at Integrity Auto, it looks good and the complaint was withdrawn. Richard Hughes would like to keep it on the agenda until the end of the year to make sure they are in compliance.

There is a retention pond on Route 100, Brian sent a letter about the weeds. There is a detailing business 2 houses up on Route 100, Brian has not had a chance to check on that yet. 7084 Herber Road has

been cited for too many junk vehicles, they refuse to sign the certified letter. The LCA is running out of sewer allocation in Upper Macungie. The majority is owned by Weisenberg and Lowhill. Richard Hughes would like to see if they are willing to pay for our allocation. We will still keep some, but want to start the talks with LCA to see if there is any value to them to purchase the allocation. The Board is good for Brian to start the talks with LCA.

Corporate Court:

Brian Carl followed up after the September meeting with Acadia. The trash has been addressed, but not the parking. Doug Albertson is the new contact at Acadia and he will be addressing the parking. He will allow patients to enter the lot and smoke in the cars. He is looking into putting up gazebos. We could post no parking signs in the cul-de-sac and the State Police would enforce. School buses and the patients are the main issue. Brian will have an Ordinance for next month for no parking. Charles Waters said that the Reading case caused a lawsuit to ensue due to 500' rule in the planning code. It is violating the American's with disabilities act. We cannot force Acadia out of the Township. We can enforce loitering, littering and parking. The property owner and tenant would both be cited. Resident Norman Bellows said the problem is with parking cars and loitering. He said they open their backpacks and share contents and it's right in front of the school. Richard Hughes said we are trying to deal with the issue that is within our right to enforce. It is a permitted use, we are working with the tenants and property owner to get the issues corrected. Doug filed a complaint with the State but has not heard back yet. The Board would like Charles Waters to issue a complaint with the State as well.

Joseph Kalusky: September, the road crew worked at the walking trail for 14 days, tiger and grass mowed, painted the front porch on the building, had anti skid hauled in and paved Herber Road. October: will do maintenance on vehicles, mow grass, fix signage and paint lines on Herber Road.

Nothing has been done about a new salt shed yet.

Richard Hughes said that a local man came to the Township to give an estimate on a security system and camera's installed. It will play back in the office, the doors will remain locked and will need a buzzer. The

estimate is \$3100. George Wessner, Jr. would like one in the hall as well. Richard will call to get a price for another camera.

Richard Hughes made a motion to table the Ag Security of 5471 Sell Road for 6 months. Robb Werley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Richard Hughes made a motion to have trick or treat the last Saturday in October from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, rain or shine every year. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Trexler Nature Preserve will have one meeting a month to upgrade the nature preserve. They are looking for a representative from the Township. Richard Hughes will represent Lowhill on the committee.

Our auditor, Carole Dorsch has resigned, the Board thanks her for all the help and service to the Township. We now have an open position and it will be posted on the website. If anyone knows anyone interested in the position, they can contact Jill Seymour. Larry Dorsch of the Planning Commission has also resigned. The Board thanks him for his service to the Township. There is now a spot available on the Planning Commission, as well as 2 alternate spots available.

Richard Hughes opened the floor for public comment. Mae Plaksa asked if the security system is also for fire protection and sprinkler service. Richard Hughes said it is not, it is only for security. Jan Suttermeister gave an update on the community pool, they are in the process of collecting funds right now and all is on track. Brian Carl said that the walking trail is 98% complete at this time.

Hearing no more public comment, Robb Werley made a motion to adjourn. Richard Hughes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully Submitted,