

**LOWHILL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FEBRUARY 6, 2020
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, Supervisor; Charles Waters, Esq., Solicitor; Ryan Christman, Engineer; Brian Carl, Administrator and Secretary Jill Seymour.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Robb Werley made a motion to approve the January 6, 2020 meeting minutes, as written. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion. George Wessner, Jr. made a motion to approve the Special Meeting minutes, as written. Robb Werley seconded the motion. Robb Werley made a motion to approve the Reorganization Meeting. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion. Richard Hughes made a motion to pay the monthly bills, as submitted. Robb Werley seconded the motion.

Solicitor comments: None.

Engineer comments: Bridge inspection reports were received from PennDot, Ryan Christman will review and report at the next meeting. Bear Bridge is on this report.

Administrator comments: Brian Carl has not heard anything on Acadia Court. Brian Carl and Richard Hughes both drive through occasionally and haven't seen anything. The Lehigh Valley Planning Commission comprehensive plan is approved to sign. Our portion is \$5251.47.

Road Master comments: January: 5 days of winter maintenance. 2 rounds of tiger mowing. 13 trees were taken care of on Warden. Routine maintenance was done on equipment and vehicles. February they will be tree trimming and winter maintenance.

Nothing has been heard yet on the salt shed.

The \$120 document fee was waived by Hunter Keystone Peterbilt. Richard Hughes made a motion to pay \$60,000 for the 2008 Peterbilt. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion. The highest bid on the Municibid auction for the 1979 Mack dump truck is \$10,650. Second highest bid is \$10,550. Richard Hughes made a motion to approve the high bid, conditional upon payment. If they fail to pay by Monday 2/17/2020, the sale defaults to the second highest bidder. Robb Werley seconded the motion.

Lou Rupp has moved, either Tim Snyder can move up to a member of the Zoning Hearing Board or Glen Moyer can take the position. New auditor is Steve Doherty. We need one member for our Planning Commission and an alternate. If anyone is interested, contact Jill Seymour.

LCATO has a financial burden and will be reaching out to the Townships for a \$100 donation for the hospitality room at the PSATS convention. The Board does not have an issue with donating. Richard Hughes made a motion to donate \$100 to the LCATO, as long as other Townships are, as well. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion. There will not be a winter convention this year.

Richard Hughes opened the floor for public comment, Phillip Armstrong, Lehigh County Executive was present to discuss the current census and how important it is to the County and the Township. The last census that was done was 10 years ago. 30% were not counted, mostly from rural and inner city were the least reported. \$2093 a year was lost for every person not counted. Postcards will go out in March for the census, it can be filled out online, by phone or by mail. No one will show up at homes if the census is completed. It is a ten question census and there are no questions on citizenship. Mail in voting will also be available this year.

Jan Suttermeister was present to update progress on the public pool. She is asking for an updated letter from the Township. Brian Carl will update and send the letter to Jan. They are also developing a water safety program.

Corporal Nick Goldsmith of the Fogelsville State Police was present to let us know they have a new Lieutenant, Greg Emery and asked if we have any issue or questions for him. There were no questions, Richard Hughes thanked him for providing service to our Township.

The Township was audited by the Auditor General's office for our State Liquid Fuels Fund, there were no findings.

Joseph Plaksa asked if we sold the Yellow Mack dump truck. The dump truck was sold and approved at the Special meeting.

Hearing no other public comment, George Wessner, Jr. moved to adjourn. Robb Werley seconded the motion.

The Lowhill Township Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,