

**LOWHILL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FEBRUARY 4, 2021
MEETING MINUTES**

HELD VIA ZOOM APP, DUE TO GOVERNOR WOLF'S COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS

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; Brian Carl, Administrator; Charles Waters, Esq., Solicitor; Ryan Christman, Engineer and Secretary Jill Seymour.

Manor Residents present: Alex Massetti, Kay Krapf and Gabrielle.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Robb Werley made a motion to approve the Reorganization meeting minutes and the January 4, 2021 meeting minutes, as written Richard Hughes seconded the motion. Motion carried. Richard Hughes made a motion to pay the monthly bills, as submitted. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

No executive session was held. The solicitor has no comments at this time. Ryan Christman gave an update on the Bear Road Bridge. He is trying to cut down on delivery of structure. Currently it is at 8 to 10 weeks. He is looking to order the structure before we go to bid on the site work, it could potentially save 3 to 4 weeks. We will advertise two weeks for the structure. We need the Geo Tech study; they are coming next week. It appears there will be a 50' span as opposed to the 40' span we originally intended. Ryan will work on getting the structure bid ready for our March meeting. Richard Hughes made a motion to go to bid for the structure, once Ryan has all the information needed. Robb Werley seconded the motion. Motion carried. George Wessner, Jr. asked Ryan if he sees any issue with us getting the structure and someone else installing. Ryan doesn't see any issues with us getting the structure and someone else installing. Brian Carl agreed, as they did the same in Weisenberg Township. George Wessner, Jr. will talk to Joe Kalusky about taking the bridge down to save some money. Ryan thinks it could save \$15,000 and we could save some of the decking for future use. Richard Hughes is not opposed to our road crew taking the bridge down, as long as they have the extra time to do so. Ryan Christman advised that we have received our MS4 waiver permit and it is good for 5 years.

Brian Carl feels that the Lowhill Township meeting room could be complete by the next meeting, weather permitting. All four townships' will be taking the Dirt and Gravel course at the Weisenberg Township building. The warehouse update is they can't get approval to hook up to public water. They would have to do well and septic. We had a couple of mailboxes that were knocked down due to the last storm. Brian went and looked at all of them and none were directly hit by our plows, they were taken down by snow. We do not replace mailboxes, unless it is a direct hit by a vehicle.

Alex Massetti thanked the Township for the great job of cleaning up the snow and wanted us to know that the effort is appreciated. He also thanked the Township for the update on the Bear Bridge.

No road master report, as they are out plowing.

Fire departments will go on old business for the next meeting.

Richard Hughes advised that unfortunately an employee had to be let go. Michael Hontz last day of work was Friday January 22, 2021. The Supervisors agreed that Glen and Gavin Grim can be used for part time employees. Glen is already set up; Gavin would need to be set up with Jill Seymour.

Richard Hughes opened the floor for public comment, hearing none, he moved on with the agenda. Brian Carl is still waiting on the LVPC to answer back on our ordinance changes. He thinks it looks good. Richard Hughes said that Jaindl moved barricades on Valley Bridge and crossed a closed bridge with farm equipment. Joe Kalusky put them back and made it so they can't be moved. The Supervisors would like to bill Jaindl for the road crews time in putting the barriers back on the closed bridge.

Charles Waters, Esq. would like a motion to confirm the employee termination.

Richard Hughes made a motion to terminate Michael Hontz employment as of Friday January 22, 2021. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Robb Werley made a motion to adjourn, Richard Hughes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Lowhill Township Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,