

**Lowhill Township
Board of Supervisors
Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2021**

This meeting was held via zoom ap due to Governor Wolf's stay at home order

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, Richard Hughes made a motion to approve the March 4, 2021 meeting minutes, as written. Robb Werley seconded the motion. Motion carried. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion to pay the monthly bills, as submitted. Robb Werley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Richard Hughes asked Brian Carl about the Germansville Fire Company spreadsheet. Brian Carl stated that it was for recruitment retention.

Ryan & Sarah Haplin: 3606 Windy Road, Orefield: Minor Subdivision sketch plan, Dated 3/1/2021. Robb Werley made a motion to review the sketch plan. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Brian Carl said this is one lot. Richard Hughes made mention that this was his land at one time, and asked if he would need to abstain. Charles Waters, Esq. stated that he would not need to abstain. Robb Werley was the real estate agent that sold this property, Charles Waters, Esq. said there is no conflict. Brian Carl, they will need to adjust addresses due to where they are building and his parents building. Lehigh County Farmland Association has to sign off. George Wessner, Jr. made a motion to accept the sketch plan and go to final. Richard Hughes seconded the motion. Motion carried. Brian Carl noted that the conditions to clean up the plan will be done on the final.

Solicitor comments: None.

Ryan Christman gave an update on the Bear Road Bridge. The structure is out to bid, they will be received on 4/15/2021 and will award at our May meeting. Lead time could be 8 weeks. Construction bid will go out the end of April or beginning of May.

Brian Carl said we will get more information on the Cares stimulus by Memorial day. The money will have to be spent by 2024 and must follow the Covid restrictions.

Joe Kalusky: March, they tree trimmed, cleaned up anti-skid, patched roads, replaced road signs, completed the meeting room, attended the Dirt and Gravel classes, storm clean up and worked on trucks. For April, they will cold patch, work on Spooner/Schierer Road project and work on the dirt roads. Would like to start paving, etc.

George Wessner, Jr. asked if the road crew will do the demo on the Bear Road bridge. Joe said he is working with Dwight for the tree removal and is waiting for permission from the Game Commission.

Listing of work Joe would like to complete this year:

Paving: 800-900 ton of blacktop

Farrier Road, Orchard Road

Oil and Chip 30,000 gallons (5 miles)

Aspen & Wieand Court (Aspen has no top coat)

Bittners Corner Road

Old Village Road

Warden Road

Replace Pipes:

Bausch, George, Farrier and Browning

Install Millings with oil and chip and drain pipe

Browning

Richard Hughes would like to see a top coat put in on Aspen Court. Robb Werley would like to see what the cost of top coat versus oil and chip would be. Brian Carl will get a rough number for paving.

Joe will be finishing the dirt and gravel project on Spooners/Schierers, finish pipes and install DSA.

Brian Carl said that PennDot was in last week from the bridge division. The Valley Road Bridge would only need scour on the north side, wouldn't take much to repair and open the bridge back up, around \$4000-\$5000 in materials. Joe Kalusky doesn't think the road crew should do the demo on the Bear Road bridge, as we do not have the proper equipment.

Brian Carl said we did not do anything with the oil water separator yet, he is waiting to see what the set backs are for the building by the cell tower.

Jill Seymour got two quotes to replace the furnace. EF Laudenslager is \$10,940 and Brent Kincaid HVAC is \$8300. Craig Kline did not quote; he is not taking new customers at this time. Brian Carl said putting in a heat pump would provide central air as well. Would cost a little more, but ultimately be better to upgrade all at once. Richard Hughes would like to get it quoted to do the heat pump for the next meeting. Jill Seymour will get quotes.

Brian Carl: Currently we are paying \$500 per call to first responder fire companies. Brian did a few comparisons. Our budget is \$30,000 for 2021. Calls based on district would get slightly less than now. Calls per department would be slightly higher. Ultimately, Richard Hughes would like to be able to budget \$50,000 per year and give each fire company \$10,000 per year. We will meet with the fire chiefs in August or September. Richard Hughes made a motion to pay out \$30,000 equally this year to each fire company. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Municibid results: The International did not reach the reserve price. High bid was \$30,475. Richard Hughes wants to know if we can go back to the high bidder and ask for more money or if we have to stay at what they bid. Brian Carl will check with Municibid. A new plow is more money than originally quoted at \$6500, so we could possibly sell without the plow. We looked at purchasing a 2010 Kenworth dump truck. We got \$20,900 for the Mack on municibid and have roughly \$40,000 available, we would have to spend \$30,000 more. Brian Carl said he can contact the high bidder and say since the reserve was not met, we can sell for that price with no plow or \$35,000 with the plow. Richard Hughes made a motion to accept the bid for the International at \$30,475 without the plow or \$35,000 with the plow, as listed. Robb Werley seconded the motion. Motion carried. Richard Hughes made a motion to go out to bid on a used dump truck. Robb Werley seconded the motion. Motion carried. Richard Hughes made a motion to approve the sale of the 1985 Mack dump

truck with spreader and plow to Stanley German for \$20,900. Robb Werley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There will be no spring clean up event this year, due to the covid restrictions. There was driveway damage at 4124 Lawton Court reported. Joe went to look at it. It's technically not their driveway, it wraps out onto the road. It's cracked out, not broken out. It was a poor paving job. The Township is not responsible to fix it. Brian Carl will contact them. Phil Sheble contacted the township about damage done to his pick up by a trash can being pushed into it by our plow. It has been determined that the snow from the plow hit the trash can, not the actual plow. The trash can was in the street, not the driveway. Joe also said there is no way to drive fast while plowing that section of road when plowing. Robb Werley's thought are that we are not responsible for replacing mailboxes that the snow knocks over, we should not be responsible for trash cans being in the road. Richard Hughes and George Wessner, Jr. agree. Richard Hughes will contact Phil Sheble.

Richard Hughes made a motion to adopt the Ag Security resolution 2021-2 for 5471 Sell Road of 10.88 acres. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried. Brian Carl will handle getting the paperwork to the County.

Richard Hughes made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-1 to amend our SALDO, Robb Werley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Lynn Township bid the multi municipal oil this year. AMS is \$2.10 and Midland is \$1.976. Richard Hughes made a motion to accept the bid from Midland Asphalt at \$1.976 per gallon. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Joe Kalusky and Buddy Wessner will meet with potential new hire at 7:30 am one-day next week.

Richard Hughes opened the floor for public comment. Hearing none, he moved to adjourn. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Lowhill Township Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 8:49 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,