

**LOWHILL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 3, 2021**

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

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Robb Werley made a motion to approve the May 6, 2021 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. George Wessner, Jr. made a motion to accept the Ryan & Sarah Halpin final plan for review. Robb Werley seconded the motion.

The Halpin rec fees have been paid. Address of the properties must be located on the plan and Ryan Halpin will get in touch with the Lehigh County Farmland Preservation off to get written approval for the plan. Richard Hughes made a motion to approve the final plan with the condition they add the addresses and get approval from the Farmland Preservation. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The solicitor has no comment at this time. Ryan Christman said the structure for the Bear Road Bridge has been ordered and will be in by August and ready to erect.

The contractor bid has been received and opened by Ryan Christman on May 27, 2021 via Penn Bid. Seven bids were received.

Ken Rauch Excavating, Inc: Base bid: \$280,645.00 Alternates: \$6000.00

BiState Construction Co, Inc: \$296,044.00 Alternates: \$14,886.00

Semmel Excavating, LLC.: \$352,874.00 Alternates: \$11,640.00

DOLI Construction Corp: \$377,508.00 Alternates: \$14,050.00

J. Phillips Excavating & Hauling, LLC: \$437,361.50 Alternates: \$2000.00

Richard E. Pierson Construction Co, Inc.: \$487,410.00 Alternates: \$6750.00

CMR Construction Inc.: \$485,931.00 Alternates: \$485,931.00 Alternates: \$14,150.00

Alternates include rock excavation and line painting.

George Wessner, Jr. made a motion to accept the bid from Ken Rauch Excavating, Inc. for base bid \$280,645.00 and alternate \$6000.00 for the Bear Road bridge contractors bid. Robb Werley seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ryan Christman will coordinate with the contractor when the project will begin.

Brian Carl is in the process of applying for covid money. We will receive \$235,239.96, half will be received in 2021 and the other half in 2022. The original high bidder on the International dump truck never called back, the amount was to be \$33,000. It was relisted on Municibid for the second time and the high bid was \$25,000. We have decided to hold onto it until next winter or if the original bidder wants it. The \$25,000 did not meet our minimum. There was a request received for a kids at play sign on Kressley Road between Holben Valley and George Road. The Board decided it is not warranted at this time.

Joe Kalusky said in May they installed a pipe on Bausch Road, paved and mowed grass. In June they will take trees down on Bear Road, prep for oil and chip, backfill and mow grass.

Nothing has been done about the oil water separator, as it will be done as one with the salt shed. LVPC was going to come in and speak about the multimunicipal plan and have decided against it. The plan should be adopted by the end of this year.

The auditor report was received by the Township Auditors. The audit was complete and submitted to the state effective March 31, 2021. This year's audit of 2020 was completed with no issues.

The Board would like to open meetings to the public. Brian Carl said we will keep zoom and open the door but not advertise, as there is still part of the mandate in effect and we can only hold 10 people in our meeting room at this

time. Charles Waters said if you are vaccinated, you don't have to wear a mask and we can do what we are comfortable doing.

Richard Hughes opened the floor for public comment. Hearing none, Richard Hughes made a motion to adjourn. Robb Werley seconded the motion.

The Lowhill Township Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,