

**LOWHILL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SEPTEMBER 2, 2021
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; Keith Strohl, 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 August 5, 2021 meeting minutes, as written. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried. Richard Hughes made a motion to pay the monthly bills, as submitted. Robb Werley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A discussion was held with the Supervisors and Solicitor about New Act 65 pertaining to the amended Sunshine Act and the agenda for public meetings. Nothing that needs to be acted on can be done without being on the agenda. It can be discussed, just not acted upon until it is on the agenda.

Jeff Madtes – Minor Subdivision – Sketch Plan (3644 Highland Road). Richard Hughes made a motion to accept the sketch plan for review. Robb Werley seconded the motion. Motion carried. The planning commission has no comment. Ryan Christman: Some minor things need to be done. Richard Hughes made a motion to approve the sketch plan and move on to preliminary. Robb Werley seconded the motion. Richard Hughes asked if there are any questions, hearing none, he moved on with the agenda.

Solicitor: Gave an update on Act 65.

Ryan Christman: Bear Road Bridge: The footers will be installed on 9/14/2021, PP & L took the poles and wires out. It's moving along nicely and the bridge is ready to be delivered. Alex Masetti was present via zoom. He walked down to look at the bridge and was happy to see nothing washed out after the storm. Ryan Christman also noted that the old remnants will be taken down 1' below. He estimated mid-October the bridge should be completed. Richard Hughes

asked if there are any questions, hearing none, he moved on with the agenda. The first application payment for Bear Road Bridge has been received and approved at \$52,200.

Brian Carl: Scantek is a company that moved paper files to electronic files. We will look at this during budget time. The magistrate would like a letter signed giving Brian authorization to act on the Township's behalf. Richard Hughes signed the letter. Conservation has some money left and we could use it for Poplar Road, however, the State is looking for us to vacate and close the road. Only Game lands is located on that road. The Board is for vacating. We will get some money to put grass and swales in. Richard Hughes made a motion to start the process of vacating Poplar Road. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Joe Kalusky: August: Swept roads, line painted, worked on Spooner Road, put 7 boxes and 500' of pipe on Scheirers. Fixed and opened Valley Road Bridge. September: Work on dirt road projects and mow grass. Spooners Road is closed. Joe went out and helped firefighters evacuate KOA campground. The firefighters were grateful for his help.

Richard Hughes made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-2 for Fire Tax @ ,44 mills for 2022. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Trick or Treat will be on Saturday October 30, 2021 from 6-8 pm, rain or shine. No rain date.

We will hold a budget workshop October 7,2021 at 5 pm, followed by the regular monthly meeting. Jill will advertise.

Richard Hughes opened the floor for public comment. Don Christ was present to give an update on the Veterans Memorial. Construction is underway for a Memorial Day dedication. They have a budget of \$400,000 and have raised \$230,752 to date. Anyone willing to donate, it would be appreciated and can be done on their website: nwlehighvetsmemorial.org. He would also like to know if the Township is willing to buy a bench for the memorial. The cost is \$6000. The Township name would be on the bench. The Board will discuss at budget

time. There are 2456 names of Veterans to be engraved on eleven 6' high granite panels, located in Ontelaunee Park in New Tripoli, Pa. There are also advertisements available in their booklet as well. To date, Lowhill has donated pipe and stone to the project.

Resident William Lewis of 4153 Kistler Road was present to discuss the vacant home on Weidasville Road. There is police activity, 2 abandoned vehicles, weeds over 4' high and the house and property look terrible. Brian Carl did mention that there is a judgement against the home owner already, they are unresponsive. There are concerns that the property has been vacant for so long. Keith Strohl: We could put a levy on the property and go to sheriff sale.

George Wessner, Jr. would like to put the sale of the International dump truck on the October agenda.

Richard Hughes made a motion to proceed with the levy on 3396 Weidasville Road. Robb Werley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Robb Werley made a motion to adjourn. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Lowhill Township Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,