

**LOWHILL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
APRIL 5, 2012
MINUTES**

The regular monthly meeting of the Lowhill Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:30 pm in the Municipal Building by Chairman Eugene Weiner. Also present were Member Frank Dengler, Keith Strohl, Esq., Administrator Reynold Reinert, Engineer Roy Stewart and Secretary Jill Seymour. Vice Chairman Richard Hughes was absent.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Frank Dengler moved to approve the March 1, 2012 meeting minutes, as written. Eugene Weiner seconded. Frank Dengler moved to pay the monthly bills, as submitted. Eugene Weiner seconded.

Executive Session: None.

Eugene Weiner opened the floor for public comment. Larry Dorsch had some comments on the proposed Driveway Ordinance. Larry stated that he drove through the Township and noticed that the residents could not repair their driveways without coming for review. Eugene Weiner stated that there are measures that the residents with existing driveways can do to prevent them from having to come in front of the Board for minor repairs.

Keith Strohl stated that all of the paperwork is complete and ready to submit to Lehigh County to have our Township Auditors appointed. He needs Eugene Weiner's signature on two original copies and also, Vacancy Board Chairwoman, Carol Betz. He will meet up with Carol and have her sign the documents, then submit them. Keith noted that Mr. Vince Smuldis, formerly a Lowhill Township resident, had donated property to the Township, sadly, Mr. Smuldis passed away. Mr. Smuldis' daughter is handling the Estate. Chuck Waters had sent a letter of condolence to the Estate and will await their response. Eugene Weiner spoke to Mr. Smuldis' daughter and she would like to carry through with her father's wishes of donating the property to the Township. The appraisal has not been ordered at this time.

Roy Stewart stated that the geotech report for Narris Road is complete. We could possibly go out to bid in May for the repair. They are designing piles and lagging. Roy will coordinate with Jill Seymour for bidding. In regards to Winchester Bridge, once the permit is issued, we can start repair on one side. The Township will need an Erosion and Sedimentation Plan to store fill on the Township property. The onetime cost to the Township will be around \$1000. Roy will check to see if the fill is worth getting the plan completed. Integrity Auto has put the posts up for the fence around the trash receptacle, but has not yet put up the fence.

Eugene Weiner stated that he was at Narris Road when the geotech's were there boring. Eugene would like to see the results. Roy will get copies to Jill Seymour as soon as they are available.

On Lot Sewage User Fee Resolution # 2012-1.

Reynold Reinert stated that it has been three years since the last fee update, the fees went up approximately 9-10%. Eugene Weiner moved to adopt Resolution # 2012-1, Frank Dengler seconded.

Driveway Ordinance # 2012-2 (Old Ordinance # 2010-1).

Reynold Reinert met with Charles Waters and composed a final draft. Eugene Weiner noted that all of the Supervisors have reviewed this proposed Ordinance, as well as the Planning Commission. Reynold Reinert said that if after a few months, there is an issue, we can revise this Ordinance at any time. A subdivision Ordinance can also be revised. Frank Dengler moved to adopt Ordinance 2012-2, replacing Ordinance 2010-1. Eugene Weiner seconded.

Site Grading Ordinance # 2012-1.

Reynold Reinert noted that this proposed Ordinance is identical to Weisenberg Township's Site Grading Ordinance. Eugene Weiner moved to adopt Ordinance 2012-1. Frank Dengler seconded.

Site Grading Fee Schedule Resolution # 2012-3.

Eugene Weiner moved to adopt Resolution 2012-3. Frank Dengler seconded.

Ordinances to be effective 5 days from this date, even though Vice Chairman Richard Hughes has not signed them, per Keith Strohl.

Spring Clean Up will be held on Saturday April 14, 2012 from 8 am to Noon. Lowhill Township does not make any money from this event. Lowhill Township only donates the property for use.

Health Care Renewal will be tabled until the May 3, 2012 meeting, so Vice Chairman Richard Hughes can review the rates as well.

Kenneth Blieler, Perc Test Technician. The position was incorrectly identified on the agenda. Eugene Weiner moved to accept Kenneth Blieler as the perc test technician for Lowhill Township. Frank Dengler seconded. Mr. Blieler will be taking over Sterling Shoemaker's position.

The Township received \$124,844.53 for State Liquid Fuels. This amount is up approximately \$2600 from last year.

Prevailing Wage Reform Resolution # 2012-2.

Prevailing Wage Reform eliminates too low of bids. 1963 is the last time that this was changed. We are supporting this change. Eugene Weiner moved to adopt Resolution # 2012-2. Frank Dengler seconded.

QuickBooks is the computer program that is used at Lowhill Township. Mary Coble is our consultant. The yearly contract is due for renewal; nothing has changed since last year. Eugene Weiner moved to approve the contract renewal. Frank Dengler seconded.

FOR THE RECORD:

Secretary Jill Seymour spoke with Vice President Richard Hughes regarding the Ordinances and Resolutions that were adopted this evening. He is in favor of adopting all of them.

Eugene Weiner moved to adjourn. Frank Dengler seconded.

The Lowhill Township Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,