

**LOWHILL TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
JULY 11, 2013  
MEETING MINUTES**

The Lowhill Township Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order on July 11, 2013 at 7:30 pm at the Municipal Building by Chairman Richard Hughes. Also present were George Wessner, Jr., Vice Chairman; Frank Dengler, Member; Roy Stewart, Engineer; Brian Carl, Township Administrator and Secretary Jill Seymour. There was no Solicitor present for this meeting.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Frank Dengler made a motion to approve the June 6, 2013 minutes, as written. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion, it was unanimous. Richard Hughes made a motion to pay the monthly bills, as submitted. Frank Dengler seconded the motion, it was unanimous.

Richard Hughes made an addition to the agenda; he would like to add Tough Mudder under old business or under administrator comments. He also noted that all e mails, calls, letters, etc. that pertained to the motocross track have been received and reviewed. The Board is not for or against the track; it is a Zoning Board issue, as far as he is concerned, this is a dead issue at this point.

Richard Hughes opened the floor for public comment. James Yost, who lives on Kernsville Road spoke to Brian Carl on Father's day weekend. He noted that the noise was extremely loud from the track and he contacted the State Police. Brian told him that he would look into the issue. Mr. Yost would like to have the land returned to its original form. Sharmaine Fritsch, lives right in front of the race track. She said the dust was all over her yard. Jim Kuhns wanted to know if there is an Ordinance law to dismiss a Zoning Board member and what will be done? Richard Hughes assured all concerned that the motocross track is no longer operating and it is against our Zoning Ordinance, since there is at least one resident objection to the track, the Zoning Hearing Board will not issue a variance, so once again, this is a dead issue. Shirley Greenawalt said there are aggressive pit bull dogs on the property directly across from the Township building that are coming onto her property. Brian Carl said he will check the home out and recommended she contact the State Police. Ms. Greenawalt believes the property is vacant and there is a dumpster that is overflowing with trash. Jim Pudliner is appalled that no permits were issued to get the motocross park up and running. Richard Hughes said that when the issue was brought to the attention of the Board, it was immediately shut down. George Wessner, Jr. said he is not looking to upset any neighbors and he apologizes. The motocross track is shut down, it is being cleaned up and he will not be looking to go in front of the Zoning Hearing Board. He said his son used to ride back there with friends and again, he apologizes for undue stress caused to the neighbors. Michaelin Bor followed the motocross on face book, she said they have lots of fans and are being encouraged to write and call. She suggested letting the fans know that this is a done deal and

it will not be opening again. After hearing no more comments, Richard Hughes moved on with the agenda. Since there is no Solicitor this evening, Richard Hughes moved on to Engineer comments.

Roy Stewart is satisfied with the plan for the water drainage for North Lane Estates. Richard Hughes is also satisfied with the plan; they may proceed with the plan.

Brian Carl said that the Tough Mudder event went well, he said it was very well organized and there were over 20,000 people who attended this event. The escrow agreement was done, the pre inspection was done and the post inspection was done. Carl Kressley noted that there was some damage done to Poplar Road, which has been fixed. There is \$15,000 in escrow, all fees and costs to the Township total, \$11,171.42. This amount will be deducted out of the escrow amount and the remaining balance, plus interest will be sent back to Tough Mudder. Jill will call Charles Waters and find out how to proceed. Frank Dengler made a motion to deduct \$11,171.42 out of the escrow fund and reimburse Tough Mudder the remaining balance, plus interest. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion, it was unanimous.

Carl Kressley said that the repairs to Poplar Road are complete. The road crew is working on cleaning up after the storms. Lowhill will be helping Heidelberg oil and chip on Monday. Lynn and Weisenberg are complete. Lowhill is looking to start oil and chip the following Monday. There was a street sign stolen in the game lands again. Just the sign, not the post. Carl will make temporary signs until the new ones come in.

The Kheir property on SR 100 is still over grown with weeds and needs cleaning up. Roy Stewart will talk with Brian Carl on the next step to be taken tomorrow. Carl Kressley will contact Mr. Smith to discuss the water drainage issue on Wertman Road and what is to be done to correct the issue. Carl Kressley and George Wessner, Jr. will meet with Mr. Smith.

Ordinance 2013-1: Regulating open burning in Lowhill Township. George Wessner, Jr. made a motion to adopt ordinance 2013-1, Frank Dengler seconded the motion, it was unanimous. This ordinance will go into effect 5 days from today. This ordinance will be posted on our website.

The Lehigh County Association of Township Officials summer convention will be held on Friday August 9, 2013 at 9 am at the Schnecksville Fire Company.

Richard Hughes opened the floor for public comment. A resident asked if we have a noise ordinance, Roy Stewart said that yes we do, it is on the website. Jim Kuhns is interested in being an alternate on the Zoning Hearing Board. Richard Hughes also noted that Terry Naugle, who was a Township auditor for many years, is also interested in being on the Zoning

Hearing Board. James Yost wanted to thank George Wessner, Jr. for apologizing about the motocross park in front of everyone this evening; he said it is greatly appreciated. Another resident asked if the 45 mph sign that is on SR100, after the new light can be moved closer to the old Claussville school house. Brian Carl will call and see if anything can be done to move it closer to the light. Richard Hughes asked if there was any other public comment, hearing none, he moved on with the agenda.

Richard Hughes made a motion to adjourn. Frank Dengler seconded, it was unanimous.

The Lowhill Township Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,