

**LOWHILL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
APRIL 9, 2015
MEETING MINUTES**

The Lowhill Township Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Chairman Richard Hughes. Also in attendance was George Wessner, Jr., Vice Chairman; Brian Carl, Administrator; Charles Waters, Esq., Solicitor; Ryan Christman, Engineer and Jill Seymour, Secretary. Absent from the meeting was Robb Werley, Member of the Board.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, George Wessner, Jr. made a motion approve the February meeting minutes as written. Richard Hughes seconded the motion. Richard Hughes made a motion to pay the monthly bills, as submitted. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion. Let it be noted that the March meeting was cancelled due to bad weather, no meeting was held. At this time, the supervisors are tabling the decision to choose a construction manager for the upgrade to the Township building until Robb Werley can attend.

Richard Hughes opened the floor for public comment, hearing none, he moved on with the agenda.

Clarabelle Dengler- 2 lots and 2 annexations; minor subdivision; final plan dated 2/16/15 and planning module (2558 Route 100). Richard Hughes made a motion to accept for review the final plans. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion. Brian Carl said that the recreation fee was paid. Ryan Christman said all plans look good, no issues. Planning Commission has no comments. George Wessner, Jr. made a motion to accept the final plan. Richard Hughes seconded the motion. Richard Hughes made a motion to approve the sewage planning module for the Dengler subdivision. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion.

Eric Orth- 2 lot, minor subdivision, final plan; rev dated 3/17/15 & planning module (6636 Wieand Court). Richard Hughes made a motion to accept for review the final plan. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion. Brian Carl said the recreation fee was paid. Ryan Christman said all plans look good, no issues. Planning Commission has no comments. George Wessner, Jr. made a motion to accept the final plans. Richard Hughes seconded the motion. Richard Hughes made a motion to approve the sewage planning module for the Orth subdivision. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion.

Carole Dorsch, Chairperson of the auditors was present to give her audit report. The audit was completed on time and the State report is complete and has been turned into the State. The only reservation the auditors have at this time is the comp time given to the road crew. They feel that it is error prone and Carole Dorsch and Bob Martin both agree that it is unnecessary. Carole made a program for Jill in excel to input the time and it is working out wonderfully. The sewer account is in order. All minor issues from 2013 have been addressed. All other accounts are satisfactory and the audit was a success.

Richard Hughes said that we offer comp time to our road crew for up to 40 hours to be used at leisure in lieu of overtime pay. Put under old business for the May meeting.

Charles Waters said that the LCA agreement is complete. The supervisors can sign after the LCA signs. A motion can be made this evening to accept the agreement. George Wessner, Jr. asked if we should be concerned about the LCA closing, since it's been brought up. If they close, do we have to be concerned? Charles Waters said that if the LCA closes, whoever takes over will take over the contract for our residents. Richard Hughes made a motion to approve the wastewater agreement between the LCA and Lowhill Township. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion.

Charles Waters said he received a call from the engineer for Cottage Gates and they are looking to gear up, they will be contacting Ryan. This is behind the Leather Corner Post Hotel.

The two ordinances on the agenda will be tabled until the May meeting, as they need to be advertised again.

Brian Carl received a call from a resident requesting speed reduction on Lyon Valley Road. It is currently 40 mph. With the Board's approval, Brian will request PennDot do a study. The Board is good with Brian contacting PennDot.

Brian asked if the Board is good with signing plans, etc. or conditional approvals outside a meeting? Charles Waters said that it is actually the action taken at the meeting that matters. However, the plans must be signed by the Planning Commission and the Board. Richard Hughes and George Wessner, Jr. are good with signing outside of meetings.

Joe Kalusky said they had 8 days of winter maintenance in March. They are currently sweeping, repairing the sweeper and trucks. Tree trimming Pointe West is complete. The Manor is on hold. Brian will get in touch with them. Tiger mowed and cold patched. Joe received a phone call from a resident on 2433 Rte. 100 stating that there was a man hole cover laying in the yard. Joe told them to call PennDot. Another resident called and the State Police called. Joe then called PennDot and was told that it is our responsibility, even though Rte 100 is a state road. Ryan said that PennDot has nothing to do with storm drains. Joe Plaksa went to check on it and it was only the riser ring, the manhole was still on. Joe Plaksa is going to follow up with municipal services to find out whose responsibility the manholes are. George Wessner, Jr. would like a letter sent to PennDot notifying them that we are not responsible and do not have the equipment to repair. Joe Kalusky will call PennDot again and explain that it is a stormdrain/manhole issue and not a utility issue.

George Wessner, Jr and Joe Kalusky went to look at the guide rail issue that a resident called about on Rheuton Hill Road. They both decided to update the signs and speed limit sign as opposed to installing guide rail. The Wertman Road issue with runoff is being maintained by

the residents and it looks good. Brian will send a letter to the residents letting them know that as long as they maintain it, all is good. There are two driveways that we have washout issues with: 3188 Orchard Road and 7176 Farrier Road. The Farrier Road driveway, the resident does clean up the wash out. Richard Hughes wants Brian to send letters to both residents.

We currently have a 1971 riding lawnmower with a 36" deck to mow the grass at the Township Building. It is not going to make another year and isn't worth the cost it would be to maintain it. Joe Kalusky got three prices for a new mower. George Wessner, Jr. got a quote from a local guy who cuts grass. The cost would be \$65 per cut or \$75 to cut and weed whack. The lowest cost for a mower was \$3900 from Kermit Kistler. Richard Hughes also would like Joe to look into getting turf/bar tires for the hill. Richard Hughes made a motion to purchase the John Deere mower from Kermit Kistler, not to exceed \$4500. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion.

Resolution 2015-3: Ambulance Corp coverage between Cetronia and NOVA. Richard Hughes made a motion to accept. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion.

Aziza Road parking issues has been resolved. April 28 the Historical Society would like to hold their meeting at the Township Building. Both Supervisors agreed.

Richard Hughes made a motion to accept the Proposal of Ag Security Area, Larry and Lana Hower. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion.

Clean up day is on Saturday April 11 from 8 am to noon at the Lowhill Township Building.

Richard Hughes made a motion to allow Carol Betz to go to the TCC Conference. The Township will pay up to \$250. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion.

Mike Landis from Windy road was in attendance about a property next to his house that has tons of garbage, brush, wood, etc. lying around. He would like it cleaned up. Brian has been in touch with the owner and they have been sent a violation. Brian will go out tomorrow and check on the status.

Eastern Industries won all bids they bid on. Richard Hughes made a motion to accept Eastern Industries bid. George Wessner, Jr. seconded the motion. Asphalt Maintenance Solutions won the bid for 1 pallet of crack seal. George Wessner, Jr. made a motion to accept Asphalt Maintenance Solutions bid for the crackseal. Richard Hughes seconded the motion.

Richard Hughes opened the floor for public comment, hearing none, George Wessner, Jr. made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Richard Hughes.

The Lowhill Township Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 9:23 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,