

**LOWHILL TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MAY 7, 2015  
MEETING MINUTES**

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

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Robb Werley made a motion to approve the April 9, 2015 meeting minutes, as written. Richard Hughes seconded the motion. Richard Hughes made a motion to pay the monthly bills, as submitted. Robb Werley seconded the motion. Richard Hughes opened the floor for public comment, hearing none, he moved on with the agenda.

Charles Waters stated the Lehigh County Authority took action to approve the proposal for the transfer of our sewer lines. Charles has a punch list of items to provide to them, he will keep it rolling.

Engineer comments: none.

Brian Carl asked Pierre St. Jacques of 2477 North Lane to report an incident a few weeks ago involving speeding excessively. Mr. St. Jacques was present and noted that he called the State Police and they brought to his attention that there is no speed limit posted on North Lane, which makes the speed limit 55 mph. There are children that live on this stretch of road and Mr. St. Jacques is looking to get a lower speed limit posted. Richard Hughes said that Brian should do whatever study needs to be done to get the speed limit lowered. Mr. St. Jacques thanked the Board. Update on 3609 Windy Road. Mr. Namous is working on cleaning up the property, with the exception of some branches. He will have it cleaned up as quickly as possible. Manor tree trimming. Joe Kalusky never heard anything from Ken Rizzi. Brian sent several e mails, he will send one more then take action, if necessary. Bob Mohr of 3488 Apollo Road was present to say that cars are speeding around his neighborhood. He is looking to get watch children signs, etc. Joe Kalusky will put some signs up in the

neighborhood, down Apollo by Highland and one at Apollo and Molasses. Brian got a call from Jay Scheffler from the Germansville Fire Company. He wanted to know if we are interested in meeting with the fire companies that provide volunteer service to Lowhill Township. Richard Hughes said yes we are. Brian will coordinate. Brian wanted to know if we would like to be included in the red flag warning issued by Lehigh County, which provides burn bans, etc. Richard Hughes and Robb Werley are good with being included.

Joseph Kalusky: April: Repaired both sweepers and swept, tree trimming, cold patched, washed bridges, tiger mowed, gutter cleaned. Richard Hughes said that Old Village Road has bad potholes and is a school bus route. Joe said he can put millings down and oil and chip. Rick and Robb are good with doing that to repair the road. The lawn mower is coming tomorrow. The manhole cover update is we are not responsible. Joe will be attending a dirt and gravel course in Wilkes Barre on May 26 & May 27.

Building expansion is tabled until the June meeting, due to Buddy being absent.

Ordinance 2015-1: Authorizing participation in the PA Townships health insurance cooperative trust. Richard Hughes made a motion to adopt this ordinance. Robb Werley seconded the motion.

Ordinance 2015-2: Approving penalty, interest & Fee Schedule for Collection of delinquent real estate<sup>4</sup> taxes. Richard Hughes made a motion to adopt this ordinance. Robb Werley seconded the motion.

Comp time/vacation time has been tabled until the June meeting due to Buddy being absent.

4 Township Oil bid: \$2.14/gallon by Asphalt Maintenance, who was the only bidder. Heidelberg already approved at their last meeting. Richard Hughes made a motion to accept this bid, Robb Werley seconded the motion.

LCATO summer convention is scheduled for Friday August 7, 2015 at the Schnecksville Fire Company. Richard Hughes said to make sure we invite the Planning Commission and Zoning Hearing Board, Tax Collector, etc. Larry Dorsch asked if there is an agenda. Jill Seymour said there is not an agenda, as

**we are in the preliminary planning stages at this time. Once the agenda is complete, it will be put on the website.**

**Richard Hughes opened the floor for public comment. Matt Schuler from Senator Pat Brown's office was in attendance to see if there is anything he can do for our Township. Rick asked if there are any grants available for upgrade on our building. Matt will reach out to Brian Carl.**

**Doug Rothrock was in attendance to discuss some issues he has with his property on 5151 Mill Road. He said that our cement pile that announces Lowhill Township boundaries is down and the county won't fix it. The road crew will check it out and see what the best option is. To remove it or to put it back in place. He also would like to know what 5116 Mill Road is zoned. Brian Carl said it is zoned as rural conservation. Three acres is needed, each to subdivide. Can do Ag, single home, etc, cannot do commercial. Mr. Rothrock would need to file a variance to put a business on the property. He could do farming, animal husbandry, cows, etc. 300' from the closest neighbor. Mr. Rothrock would like to put all property into One Township. It used to be done years ago, however it is not done anymore. Charles Waters said it could be one in the 70's, but can't be done anymore. Mr. Rothrock wants to put the property into the farm act 319. Charles Waters said it doesn't matter how many township's the property is in, they all count.**

**Jim Kuhns also noted that there is a concrete pile down on Clausville Road. The road crew will check this one out as well.**

**Voting will be held at the township building on Tuesday May 19, 2015 from 7 am to 8 pm.**

**Richard Hughes made a motion to adjourn. Robb Werley seconded the motion.**

**The Lowhill Township Board of Supervisor's meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**