

**BERWICK TOWNSHIP, ADAMS COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The February 11, 2013 regular meeting of the Berwick Township Board of Supervisors, Adams County, was held in the Berwick Township Municipal Building, 85 Municipal Road, Hanover, PA. Chairman Robert Foltz called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Present were Supervisors Robert Foltz, Fred Nugent, Pete Socks, Earle Black and Barry Cockley. Solicitor Tim Shultis, Code Enforcement Officer Mike Hartman, and Township Secretary Karen Eakin were present. Bob Foltz asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

UNITED HOOK & LADDER – Steve Rabine, Fire Chief of United Hook & Ladder, addressed the Board regarding one of the businesses in the Township and the concerns of safety issues at the facility. Attempts were made to contact various agencies regarding the issues but responses have not been received. Fred Nugent made a **motion** for the Township Solicitor to send a letter regarding the facility to the Governor’s office with copies being sent to the Department of Public Welfare and Will Tallman’s office. The motion was seconded by Bob Foltz and passed with 5 years.

There was a discussion of a resident who had sent a letter to the editor regarding a pet which had fallen into a pond.

FIRST ENERGY – Todd Motz addressed the Board regarding the Township’s energy supplier.

EAGLE VIEW – Bea Haskins addressed the Board regarding issues at Eagle View and gave a summary of the letter which was sent to the Attorney General.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES FOR 1/28/13

BALANCE SHEETS AS OF 2/6/13

ROADMASTER’S REPORT– January 2013

Pete Socks made a **motion** to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Fred Nugent. The motion was passed with 5 years.

APPROVE BILL LIST

BILL LISTS (1/6/13 – 2/6/13)

1. Salzmann Hughes Invoice – The Township Secretary will ask for a more detailed description of the invoice.
2. KPI Invoice – Supervisor Foltz explained that the charges on the invoice were reasonable and customary.

Fred Nugent made a **motion** to pay everything with the exception of the Salzmann Hughes invoice, Pete Socks seconded. The motion was passed with 5 years.

CORRESPONDENCE

LOGGING ON HIGH ROCK ROAD – Beiler Brothers Saw Mill sent a letter to ask for their bond to be returned since logging is completed. Barry Cockley made a **motion** to send the check back pending the Road Master's approval of the condition of the road, Pete Socks seconded the motion. The motion was passed with 5 yeas.

BACKHOE – Supervisor Foltz described the condition of the backhoe to the Board and whether it should be repaired or not.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

TOWNSHIP GARAGE ELECTRIC BILL – There was a discussion of the bills which have been paid to date for the garage and the current bill for electrical work that was completed. Fred Nugent made the **motion** to pay the electrical bill from Michael Smith for the completed work, Pete Socks seconded. The motion was carried with 4 yeas, Bob Foltz voted nay.

FLOODING ON BAIR ROAD – The Code Enforcement Officer gave an explanation of the letter from the Adams County Conservation District regarding the flooding issue on Bair Road.

COMMUNITY YARD SALE – Bea Haskins presented some dates for the yard sale, April 27 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a rain date of May 4. There was a discussion of the details involved. The yard sale would be open to all residents. Ms. Haskins will draft an article for the Newsletter.

HEALTH INSURANCE – Supervisor Cockley gave an update of the Township health insurance.

NEW BUSINESS

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING – There will be Electronics Recycling Events at the Township recycling trailer on March 23, September 21, and December 28 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER – There was a discussion of the newsletter which will be sent out.

SIGNS – There was a discussion of road signs which were tampered with. Fred Nugent made a **motion** to purchase an infrared camera, Pete Socks seconded. The motion was passed with 5 yeas.

TRAINING – Fred Nugent made a **motion** to approve the Duties of the Zoning Hearing Board training on February 26 for 5 people, Pete Socks seconded. The motion was passed with 5 yeas.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/PERMIT REPORT

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT FOR JANUARY 2013 – Mike Hartman gave a summary of the parking and code violations in the Township. The report will be ongoing until the issues are resolved. A case will be filed with Magistrate Little for an unpaid parking violation. There was a discussion of the blighted properties in the Township and the measures which have been taken by the Township.

PERMIT REPORT JANUARY 2013

There was no discussion.

ZONING WITH ALTERNATIVE ENERGY – There was a discussion regarding a resident who wants to put solar panels in the front of his property.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

LINCOLN SPEEDWAY – Solicitor Shultis gave an update regarding the issue of overnight camping at Lincoln Speedway. There was a discussion regarding open fires and grills in the parking lots.

Bob Foltz made the **motion** that no fires be allowed, Pete Socks seconded. The motion was passed with 3 yeas, Barry Cockley and Earle Black voted nay.

EARP PENSION – There was a discussion of the letters that were drafted to EARP by Solicitor Shultis. The Supervisors requested changes to the letter before it is sent.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was an executive session from 8:35 – 8:55 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue.

RESUMED REGULAR MEETING

A discussion was held referencing the health insurance double premium payment for Earle Black's dependant coverage. Township employees were not affected by the double premium payment decision.

Fred Nugent made the **motion** to pay the dependant health insurance premium for February during the transition to Geinsinger Health, seconded by Barry Cockley. The motion was passed with 3 yeas, Pete Socks voted nay. Earle Black abstained from voting.

ADJOURNMENT

Pete Socks made the **motion** to adjourn at 9:00 p.m., seconded by Barry Cockley. The motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Eakin
Township Secretary