

**BERWICK TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 12, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG – The Berwick Township Board of Supervisors held their regular meeting on Monday, October 12, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 85 Municipal Road, Hanover. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Supervisors Pete Socks, Tom Danner, Earle Black, Scott Kennedy, Barry Cockley, Solicitor Tim Shultis, Engineer Tim Knoebel, Zoning Officer Andrew Myers and Secretary Jean Hawbaker. Roadmaster Bill Scott was not in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS) –

Ronald Ruth and Ken Berwager were present with a petition signed by neighbors stating they do not want speed bumps placed on Kinneman Road. Mr. Ruth stated when trucks hit the bumps, it sounds like they are coming in my living room. Tom Danner stated it's been noted and suggested they contact the State Police to perform weekend patrols.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Tom Danner made a motion to approve the consent agenda which consists of the minutes of September 14, 2020; October 2, 2020; October 5, 2020, bill lists, unpaid bill lists and balance sheets dated October 9, 2020, seconded by Barry Cockley. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Cockley – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.**

ROADMASTER'S REPORT/EMC UPDATE – SEPTEMBER

Tom Danner made a motion to approve the September Roadmaster's Report, seconded by Barry Cockley. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Cockley – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.**

Tom Danner suggested some road signs may need to be checked at night since some of them are no longer reflective due to being worn out.

APPEARANCES

- 1) **Rick Weaver – Meadowbrook** – Mr. Weaver wanted to know what the status was on notifying the property owner about the right-of-way easement agreement. Tim Shultis stated he sent them the agreement and exhibit, and did not receive a response yet. Mr. Weaver asked if he could get an extension on the road widening so he can open his business, and will keep the bonding in place for the total amount. Tim Knoebel stated he will need a temporary Use and Occupancy Permit, after the Zoning Officer verifies the conditions have been met. Tom Danner made a motion that Mr. Weaver will order both headwalls and the pipe needed as agreed to by Mr. Weaver, seconded by Earle Black. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Cockley – abstained., Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.** Tom Danner made a motion for Mr. Weaver to apply for a temporary Use and Occupancy Permit. The Zoning Officer will verify all conditions have been met, and if

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they have, can issue a conditional Use and Occupancy Permit, seconded by Scott Kennedy. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Cockley – abstained, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.**

Mr. Weaver will be putting the drain pipe in at Charlie Garrett's property by end of next week.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) **Employee Raises** – Barry Cockley made a motion approving the 2021 employees raises effective January 1, 2021 – Jean Hawbaker \$1.00/hour, Bill Scott \$1.00/hour, Sean Potter \$1.00/hour and Andrew Myers \$0.50/hour, seconded by Earle Black. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Cockley – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.**
- 2) **2020 Donations** – Earle Black made a motion to approve the 2020 Donations as follows: H.A.R.T. Center – 1,000.00; Adams County Transit Authority – 250.00; Adams Rescue Mission – 500.00; Adams County SPCA – 500.00, seconded by Barry Cockley. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Cockley – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.**
- 3) **Health Insurance Renewal** – Barry Cockley made a motion to switch the health insurance from Capital Blue Cross to Highmark Blue Shield, seconded by Scott Kennedy. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Cockley – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.**
- 4) **Tom Starr resignation from the Zoning Hearing Board 12-31-20** – Tom Danner made a motion to present Mr. Starr with a plaque of recognition for his 21 years of service, seconded by Barry Cockley. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Cockley – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.**
- 5) **Villa Vista Sight Distance** - Mr. Danner received complaints at the end of Villa Vista regarding sight distance. A suggestion that came up was putting up a concave mirror to see the direction of the traffic coming down the hill. The issue there is the height of the shrubbery and how much it projects out. The shrubs are within PennDOT's right-of-way and they tell us everything is compliant based on the speed limit of the road. The Secretary will check with Municipal Services to find out if a study is required to put this type of device up.

STATE POLICE REPORT

43 calls in September

AREMS REPORT

17 calls in September

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UNITED HOOK & LADDER REPORT

3 calls in September

CODE ENFORCEMENT/PERMITS - SEPTEMBER

- 9 permits and 11 violations
- I have been invited to a meeting tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. to discuss site plans for stormwater in the Cambrian Hills development with KPI, Technology, Group Hanover, LGI and township.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- 1) Kinneman Road – Storm drainage work with Berwick and Abbottstown has been completed. The widening will be finished in the next couple of days, and overlay next week.
- 2) Development to Route 30 - Bob Sharrah is working on the development to Route 30 to make sure we can get the updated plans for that and check the as-built plan on the storm drain that was put in to see if adjustments are needed.
- 3) Development to Race Track Road - Met with Lincoln Speedway and we are working on the balance of that from the development to Race Track Road, including exhibits for the rights-of-way.

Tom Danner wanted to know if the property owners have been notified on Kinneman Road. Tim Knoebel stated they will prepare the bid first then present it to the property owners.

- 4) Harvest Chapel – Sewage Planning Exemption – Barry Cockley made a motion to approve the Sewage Planning Exemption, seconded by Pete Socks. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Cockley – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.**
- 5) JVI Group Payment Request #2 for township parking lot – Tom Danner made a motion to authorize payment to JVI Group in the amount of \$66,155.62. Retainage of 5% will continue to be held in the amount of \$9,092.31, seconded Scott Kennedy. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Cockley – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.**

They need to come back and do the seal coat at the entrance and, so what we have left on them is \$12,692.00 plus a little bit extra quantity work over excavation to the side. There is \$3,600.00 for planting the shrubs on the frontage. There are 12 shrubs, and their bid was for 6. Will need to go back to JVI to find out what their cost breakdown is going to be if the township buys the shrubs and JVI installs them. The Board agreed that the township employees can plant the shrubs.

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SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Will be discussed in executive session as per Section 708 (a) (4) & (5) of the Sunshine Act relating to Abbottstown Pike zoning issue, and one other issue.

PUBLIC COMMENT (GENERAL)

Ronald Ruth stated a couple of his cars are covered with tar when they blacktopped Kinneman Road, which will need to be cleaned. The foreman should have talked to me first that there is a possibility that this could happen. Tom Danner stated let's see what they carry insurance for and if there is a claim here, they need to address it. Will contact them.

The Board went into executive session at 7:00 p.m. to 7:02 p.m. pursuant to Section 708 (a) (4) and (5) of the Sunshine Act. The regular meeting was resumed at 7:02 p.m. (It is noted that the Solicitor then invited the public back into the meeting room).

The meeting continued with a discussion with Harry McKean and Scott Felch regarding the potential relocation of the traffic light planned at the intersection of Route 94 and Green Springs Road.

The Board went into executive session pursuant to Section 708 (a) (4) and (5) of the Sunshine Act from 7:20 p.m. to 7:54 p.m. The regular meeting was resumed at 7:54 p.m.

Tom Danner made a motion to authorize the Solicitor/Zoning Officer to withdraw the notice of violation relating to 590 Abbottstown Pike without prejudice and to request that the Zoning Committee look at a possible text amendment regarding "owner/operator" use in residential districts under no-impact home based businesses, seconded by Pete Socks. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Cockley – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.**

Earle Black made a motion to authorize the adoption process for the following zoning amendments (outdoor wood fired boilers, solar energy production facility, solar panels as an accessory use, wind turbines as an accessory use, wireless communication facilities), seconded by Tom Danner. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Cockley – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.**

Barry Cockley made a motion to adjourn at 7:56 p.m., seconded by Scott Kennedy. Motion carried.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Berwick Township Board of Supervisors will be held on November 9, 2020, 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 85 Municipal Road, Hanover, PA 17331.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean A. Hawbaker
Secretary/Treasurer
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