

**BERWICK TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 9, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG – The Berwick Township Board of Supervisors held their regular meeting on Monday, August 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 85 Municipal Road, Hanover. Present were Supervisors Pete Socks, Tom Danner, Barry Cockley, Earle Black, Scott Kennedy, Solicitor Tim Shultis, Engineer Tim Knoebel, Roadmaster Bill Scott, Zoning Officer Andrew Myers. Secretary Jean Hawbaker was not in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS)

- 1) Jean Hoffheins asked about the status of the Brian Hoffheins Final Subdivision Plan

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Barry Cockley made a motion to approve the consent agenda which consists of the minutes of July 12, 2021, bill lists, unpaid bill lists and balance sheets dated August 6, 2021, and Police/Fire/AREMS Reports for July 2021, seconded by Tom Danner. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Cockley – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.**

APPEARANCES

- 1) **Ray Gouker** – Community Media was present to discuss local fiber optic broadband. Mr. Gouker presented Community Media’s overall plan to install a fiberoptic system in Adams County. Phase I will be Abbottstown to New Oxford. Ultimately, they will run the backbone across Adams County and loop off of that main line into communities. Mr. Gouker is requesting a letter of support from Berwick Township to help secure a grant for Phase I.

Pete Socks made a motion to send a letter of support to help secure a grant, seconded by Tom Danner. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Cockley – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.**

ROADMASTER’S REPORT/EMC UPDATE – JULY

- 1) Update on tar and chipped roads. Returning August 22nd to do fog seal.
- 2) Line painting could be delayed 6-8 weeks, as they would prefer to do Race Track Road and Kinneman Road at the same time. The Board will discuss Kinneman Road line painting, and possibly vote on at the next meeting. Mr. Scott will calculate costs. Tom Danner asked Mr. Scott to explore herbicide spraying training and find out what is offered.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/PERMITS – JULY

- 1) 26 permits and 9 violations issued in July.

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Barry Cockley asked about repeat parking offenders on Kinneman Road. Mr. Myers reported he only checked once.

- 2) Received 2 complaints concerning dead trees on Green Springs Road.

Tim Shultis advised Mr. Myers to direct the resident to contact PennDOT, since Green Springs Road is a state road.

- 3) A discussion was held relative to fences being allowed up to the property line, and a situation where neighbors put fences against each other, and fence maintenance becomes impossible. Mr. Shultis suggested an ordinance amendment relative to fence setbacks.

Tom Danner made a motion authorizing Tim Shultis to prepare an ordinance amendment addressing setbacks for fences to 2 feet, with the good side of the fence facing the exterior side of the property, seconded by Scott Kennedy. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Cockley – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) **Consider Blacktopping Pump Stations** – Will be discussed at the workshop meeting on August 12th.
- 2) **Charging minimal road crew sewer labor out of General Fund** – Earle Black suggested the road crew document all time spent at the sewer plant. Mr. Scott will start this week.
- 3) **York Adams Tax Bureau Discussion** – Barry Cockley provided an update from the last quarterly meeting.

ENGINEER'S REPORT/PLANS

- 1) **Kinneman Road Projects** – Lincoln Speedway end of Kinneman Road work is still on schedule. Preconstruction meeting is scheduled for this Thursday. Paving was completed on the north end.
- 2) **Kinneman Road North Phase II** – Contract payment request No. 2 was submitted for payment. Paving work was not included in this pay request.

Barry Cockley made a motion to approve payment of Berwick's portion of the invoice in the amount of \$79,309.60, seconded by Tom Danner. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Cockley – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.**

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- 3) **Update on Summerfield** – KPI made the developer and all parties aware that Berwick had concerns on running the sewer line into Berwick. The owner did call KPI and is going to look at the plan.
- 4) **Apple Automotive Sewage Planning Exemption** – Tim Knoebel discovered no sewage plan was completed for the commercial lots. Capacity is not an issue, but a sewer planning exemption is needed. Pete Socks made a motion to sign the Sewer Planning Exemption subject to review by KPI and Tim Shultis, and the condition that prior to land development plan approval they would have to secure needed capacity, seconded by Tom Danner. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Cockley – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.**
- 5) **Hanover Auto Group Sewer Inquiry** – Doug Stambaugh from Hanover Auto Group is requesting to hook into the Cambrian Hills pump station for the properties on the opposite side of Carlisle Street in Oxford Township. Properties of Hanover Auto Group in question are the Volkswagen dealership, the Toyota dealership, and former Allen's Kartway. Other properties include: Poncho's, the Subaru dealership, and a few residential hookups. Tim Knoebel suggested Mr. Stambaugh go to Oxford Township for their approval.

Pete Socks made a motion to authorize KPI and Tim Shultis review the impact of the request by Hanover Auto Group on steps needed, and the feasibility, seconded by Earle Black. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Cockley – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.**

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- 1) **Cambrian Hills Development Agreement Amendment (pump station)** – The Board did not have any comments. Mr. Shultis will provide the Agreement Amendment to Cambrian Hill's developer to review.
- 2) **Report on Zoning Amendment (Signs)** – Rob Thaeler created the adoption document. Mr. Shultis will advertise a public hearing with intent to adopt on September 13th at 6:00 p.m.
- 3) **Lincoln Speedway's Zoning Hearing Board application and Civil Fine** – Lincoln has applied for a Special Exception. Mr. Danner informed the Board of the Planning Commission discussion. They requested camping in the overflow lot be limited to certain events with 24-hour surveillance, and a dump station to be installed. Mr. Shultis sent them a letter about the amended fine. Tom Danner made a motion to have Mr. Shultis represent the township at the Zoning Hearing relative to their request, seconded by Barry Cockley. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Cockley – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.**
- 4) **Mondorff Resolution (Beaver Creek Road dedication of corner of High Rock Road and Beaver Creek Road)** - Tom Danner made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 21-07 accepting dedicated right-of-way for the purpose of road improvements, seconded by Barry

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Cockley. Roll Call: Black – yes, Cockley – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (GENERAL) – None.

Barry Cockley made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m., seconded by Scott Kennedy. Motion carried.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Berwick Township Board of Supervisors will be held on September 13, 2021, 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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