

**BERWICK TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORKSHOP
FEBRUARY 22, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG – The Berwick Township Board of Supervisors held a Workshop on February 22, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. in the Municipal Building, 85 Municipal Road, Hanover, to discuss the final newsletter draft, township apparel, exterior building painting, and any other business which may come before the Board. Present were Supervisors Pete Socks, Tom Danner, Barry Cockley, Earle Black, Scott Kennedy, Road Master Bill Scott, Zoning Officer Andrew Myers, Secretary Jean Hawbaker.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

APPEARANCE

- 1) Todd Witalec – PA State Police

The Board is starting to explore local police in the township with all of the development. They hear a lot from the resident's and would like to know where to start, asked for insight and collection of data.

Mr. Witalec explained that in the last 4 years, your township is between 450-550 calls per year. So, you are talking about less than 2 calls per day. Good police work isn't cheap, and cheap police work isn't good. Your own officer will be here quicker than the State Police, but over time that officer is just trying to get his badge and will move on. If there is a speeding situation, we will set up a reoccurring patrol check and will come out twice a day for maybe 2 weeks. We don't have enough troopers to do that all the time, so that will never go away. If you hire someone, they will cover the hours they are working, not just speeding, but everything. If help is needed, we will send help. If you hire someone, keep politics out of it. One thing to keep in mind, police officers can do everything right in a situation, and still get sued, so you need to be prepared for some liability issues.

Tom Danner will gather further information from Eastern Adams Regional Police Department.

BUSINESS

- 1) **Final Newsletter Draft** – The Board discussed sending a newsletter to the residents twice a year. (Spring/Summer and Fall/Winter). Pete Socks will be making a couple of final revisions. Minuteman Press will fold, tab and mail 1,100 newsletters for a total cost of \$1,594.90. Tom Danner made a motion to approve with a cost of \$1,594.90, seconded by Earle Black. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Cockley – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.**
- 2) **Township Apparel** – The employees need to determine what they need. Will discuss at the next meeting.

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- 3) **Exterior Building Painting** – Tom Danner made a motion to cut down the 2 trees at the front of the office, seconded by Earle Black. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Cockley – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.**

Tom Danner made a motion to authorize Bill Scott to get quotes to paint the building exterior, and quotes for gutter replacement, seconded by Earle Black. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Cockley – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.**

- 4) **Fall Fest** – Todd Grim offered to do hayrides. Pete Socks authorized Jean Hawbaker to send letters to businesses seeking sponsorship to help offset some of the costs of the event, seconded by Barry Cockley. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Cockley – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.**

Pete Socks made a motion to schedule a workshop on March 22, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. and invite Scott Gobrecht to discuss the Fall Fest, and authorized advertisement to include any other business, which may come before the Board, seconded by Tom Danner. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Cockley – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.**

- 5) **Road Maintenance Schedule** – Bill Scott presented a list of roads with square yards and year completed and those that are scheduled to be chipped and sealed including the year of completion. In 2022, the plans are to chip seal and fog seal Deer Trail, Orchard View N., Orchard View S., Fawn Hill, Little, Kelly and Stanley. Mr. Scott will get prices on line painting for Kinneman Road and touchups on Race Track Road.

Bill Scott stated he needs to get clarification from PennDOT on which road signs the township is responsible for maintaining. Left another door hanger for the property at the entrance of Villa Vista to cut their shrubs. Will need to find out when they will be cutting them.

Scott Kennedy left the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

- 6) **Meeting Room Table** – Earle Black will have Andrew Maher come in and take measurements.
- 7) **Annual Biosolids Report** – Tom Danner made a motion to authorize signature and forward the Annual Biosolids Report to DEP pending Ryan Swope's review, seconded by Barry Cockley. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Cockley – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes. Motion carried.**
- 8) **Shredding Event** – Barry Cockley stated All-Shred has us scheduled for September 10, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Tom Danner made a motion to add conditional U&O discussion to the agenda for 245 Abbottstown Pike, seconded by Barry Cockley. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Cockley – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes. Motion carried.**

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Andrew Myers stated there is some site work that can't be completed right now due to the weather. Tom Danner made a motion to approve issuing the conditional U&O to 245 Abbottstown Pike and posting \$4,000 as security, seconded by Barry Cockley. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Cockley – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes. Motion carried.**

Adjournment was at 10:09 a.m. on motion of Barry Cockley, seconded by Earle Black. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean A. Hawbaker
Secretary/Treasurer
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