

**BERWICK TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MAY 8, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG** – The Berwick Township Board of Supervisors held their regular meeting on Monday, May 8, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 85 Municipal Road, Hanover. Present were Supervisors Pete Socks, Tom Danner, Earle Black, Barry Cockley, Scott Kennedy, Engineer Tim Knoebel, Roadmaster Bill Scott, Zoning Officer Zach Cornbower, Secretary Jean Hawbaker. Solicitor Tim Shultis was not in attendance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS)** – None.

**APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

Barry Cockley made a motion to approve the consent agenda, which consists of the minutes of April 10, 2023, bill lists, unpaid bill lists and balance sheets dated May 5, 2023, and Police/Fire/AREMS Reports for April 2023, seconded by Earle Black. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Cockley – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.**

**AGENDA ADDITION**

Pete Socks made a motion to add 86 Lobell Road, Lot 14 discussion to the agenda, seconded by Tom Danner. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Cockley – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.**

**APPEARANCES**

- 1) **Heidi Wrights – Traditions Bank** – The Board discussed putting some funds from People’s Bank into Traditions Bank. Pete Socks made a motion to put \$124,186.49 into a sewer fund checking account, \$500,000 in a 10-month Her Traditions Scholarship Sewer CD, and \$292,384.43 in a sewer fund savings account, seconded by Tom Danner. **Roll Call: Earle – yes, Cockley – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.**
  
- 2) **Harry McKean – Hanover Retail Holdings/Apple Automotive – potential for LERTA designation** – Mr. McKean explained they will be test drilling for rock for the big pipe. We are asking the Board for consideration to potentially deem this area as a LERTA designated area. LERTA is the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act, which promotes economic development by providing property tax abatements for up to 10 years for improvements to industrial, commercial, and business property. LERTA is established by ordinance of the local municipality following notice and public hearing. To establish such a district, the municipality must conclude that an area has “economically and socially undesirable land uses”, or other evidence of deterioration as defined in the Act. Once established, the County and School District may elect to participate in the LERTA, but each taxing body decides the amount and duration of the property tax abatement it will provide.

The Board will discuss this request at their next meeting.

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### ROADMASTER'S REPORT/EMC UPDATE - APRIL

- 1) Roadmaster's Report for April
- 2) Lincoln Speedway asked if we could mow around their overflow pond for the water tower.

Barry Cockley made a motion to authorize Tim Shultis to prepare an agreement and rate to mow the pond for Lincoln Speedway, seconded by Scott Kennedy. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Cockley – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.**

- 3) **Backhoe quotes** – Tom Danner made a motion to approve purchasing a hydraulic line upgrade with 18" bucket in the amount of \$20,039, and a Werk-Brau tilt coupler (fits current buckets) in the amount of \$16,625. This motion includes paying a deposit if it is required, seconded by Barry Cockley. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Cockley – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.**
- 4) Cable Company pointing fingers on damaged curb in Villa Vista. Will need a remedy or may need to get the solicitor involved.

### CODE ENFORCEMENT/PERMITS – APRIL

- 1) 10 permits issued
- 2) **PSATS Zoning Academy (Lehigh County) – 6/26 & 6/27/23** – Barry Cockley made a motion to authorize Zach Cornbower to attend the PSATS Zoning Academy, which includes training, hotel room and meals. Mr. Cornbower will use the township truck, seconded by Pete Socks. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Cockley – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.**

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1) **Salt Shed Update** – KPI Technology will have an update at the next meeting.
- 2) **Oak Hill Drive – Intermunicipal Agreement with Penn Township** – Tabled until the next meeting.

### NEW BUSINESS

- 1) **86 Lobell Road, Lot 14** – Tom Danner made a motion to authorize issuance of a temporary use & occupancy permit, seconded by Scott Kennedy. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Cockley – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.**

### ENGINEER'S REPORT/PLANS

- 1) **Sewer Plant Updates** – We are waiting to hear back on the H2O grant, which should be by the end of July. Getting ready to submit to DEP.

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- 2) **Kinneman Road North** – Sent contractor a letter regarding the defects. H&H is requesting that Berwick Township and Abbottstown Borough provide all 9.5 mm asphalt needed to complete the job. The total cost to place 200 tons of scratch/leveling course for the project was \$23,400.00, and 100 tons was not placed as part of the project for a remaining balance of \$11,700.00.

Pete Socks made a motion to decline the request from H&H General Excavating. They will need to fix the job as it was discussed onsite, and approved paying half of the \$11,700, subject to Abbottstown Borough paying the other half, seconded by Tom Danner. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Cockley – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.**

- 3) **Stanley Avenue Project** – A small area was repaired, and the job has now been completed. The remaining security of \$5,000 can be released.

Tom Danner made a motion to release the remaining security to H&H General Excavating in the amount of \$5,000, seconded by Barry Cockley. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Cockley – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.**

- 4) **Ruhlman Concrete – Final Subdivision Plan/Planning Exemption** – (Carlisle Pike) – **Must act by 5/29/23**

Tim Knoebel explained there was an issue when they went to put the soil boundaries on the plan, they discovered a floodplain and they added the floodplain line, which has created an issue with what they want to do. They are currently addressing this.

Barry Cockley made a motion to authorize and accept a time extension pending receipt of a written request to be received by May 20, 2023, if they fail to do so, the plan would be denied for failure to address the engineer's comments dated April 4, 2023, seconded by Earle Black. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Cockley – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.**

- 5) **Griffith Plumbing Land Development Plan** – **Must act by 7/10/23** – Request for plan withdrawal

Tom Danner made a motion to accept the Land Development Plan withdrawal for Griffith Plumbing, seconded by Pete Socks. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Cockley – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.**

Mr. Knoebel stated that Affordable Pet land development plan, which is in Abbottstown needs to be resigned. The owner listed another entity on the plan, so that will need to be changed.

Mr. Knoebel stated there is a pre-construction meeting with Doug Smith and Conewago Contractors on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. regarding Mr. Smith's driveway.

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**AGENDA ADDITION**

Pete Socks made a motion to add Fall Fest discussion to the agenda, second by Tom Danner. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Cockley – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.**

Pete Socks made a motion to reschedule the Fall Fest workshop from May 16, 2023 to May 23, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. and authorized advertisement, seconded by Tom Danner. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Cockley – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.**

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT** – None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (GENERAL)**

- 1) **Candi Becker – 762 Hershey Heights Road** – Asked for an update on the Conewago Valley School District plan.
- 2) **Cody Mummert – Lobell Road – Stormwater issue** – Tim Knoebel explained they had a meeting with the developer. They intend to move forward this summer to put the final coat on Lobell Road, and we told them that the drainage issue had to be addressed. We looked at a couple of options that day, and they are to get back to us with some proposed solutions so that they can incorporate this when they do that paving work.

Tom Danner will discuss this issue with the developer tomorrow.

- 3) **Rodney Wolfe** – Spoke regarding stormwater issues.

Bill Scott will look into this.

Barry Cockley made a motion to adjourn at 7:25 p.m., seconded by Scott Kennedy. Motion carried.

*The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Berwick Township Board of Supervisors will be held on June 12, 2023, 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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