

**BERWICK TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MARCH 11, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG – The Berwick Township Board of Supervisors held their regular meeting on Monday, March 11, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 85 Municipal Road, Hanover. Present were Supervisors Pete Socks, Tom Danner, Earle Black, Scott Kennedy, Bill Green, Solicitor Tim Shultis, Engineer Tim Knoebel, Secretary Jean Hawbaker.

PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS) – None.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Earle Black made a motion to approve the consent agenda, which consists of the minutes of February 12 & February 20, 2024, bill lists, unpaid bill lists and balance sheets dated March 8, 2024, Police/Fire/AREMS Reports for February 2024, and permits issued in February 2024, seconded by Bill Green. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Green – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.**

ROADMASTER’S REPORT/EMC UPDATE

ZONING/CODE ENFORCEMENT

The new Roadmaster/Code Enforcement will start working on March 18, 2024.

Apple Automotive, Inc. – Final Subdivision Plan – (Carlisle Pike/Green Springs Road) – **Must act by 3/31/24 – Request for an extension until 6/30/24.**

Tim Knoebel explained the applicant is looking for action on this plan, contingent on our comments dated March 11, 2024. There is a comprehensive list, several agreements and a lot of parties involved.

Tom Danner stated he is not prepared yet to give conditional approval.

A meeting will be held with all parties involved to discuss KPI Technology’s comments dated March 11, 2024.

Tom Danner made a motion to grant Apple Automotive LLC an extension until June 30, 2024, seconded by Scott Kennedy. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Green – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1) **Ordinance Codification**

Waiting to here back from General Code.

2) **Comprehensive plan update**

Tim Shultis stated he spoke to Rob Thaeler in this regard. It will be cheaper if we let the County do it.

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3) 2011 (1-ton truck) – sand blast, rust repair and repaint

We will wait for the new roadmaster.

4) Consider scheduling next Fall Fest workshop on April 30th at 8:30 a.m.

Pete Socks made a motion to authorize advertising a workshop on April 30, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. to discuss the Fall Fest, and anything else which may come before the Board, seconded by Earle Black. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Green – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.**

5) Water Issue – 80 Bridgeview Drive

Tim Knoebel will arrange a meeting with the builder, developer, and Tom Danner to get this issue resolved.

NEW BUSINESS

1) (2) Sewer Fund CD's mature in March

Pete Socks made a motion to approve the 6-month with RBC at a rate of 5.20%, and a 7-month with People's Bank at a rate of 5.25%, seconded by Tom Danner. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Green – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.**

ENGINEER'S REPORT

1) Sewer Plant Updates/PennVest Loan

The project cost is being updated, which will be approximately \$1.5 million. The balance of funding could come from PennVest. We are meeting with them on March 18th at 1:00 p.m. The Board will need to decide if they will proceed with the application.

Tom Danner made a motion to authorize the Solicitor and Engineer to attend this meeting, seconded by Pete Socks. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Green – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.**

2) Salt Shed

Met with Ryan Picarelli (KPI) and Lobar Assoc. (Keystone Purchasing Network). Tom Danner will bring options to the Board.

3) Sutton Run Estates – Request for an extension until 9/21/24

Tom Danner made a motion to grant Sutton Run estates an extension until 9/21/24, seconded by Earle Black. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Green – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.**

4) Legacy Eagle View waiver request from SWMO – 310.7B & 50

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Tom Danner made a motion to deny the requested waiver to the Stormwater Ordinance Section #310.7.B, seconded by Earle Black. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Green – yes, Socks – yes, Tom Danner, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.**

Pete Socks made a motion to deny the requested waiver to the Stormwater Ordinance Section 503, seconded by Tom Danner. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Green – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.**

The Solicitor will review the O&M Agreement and financial security document.

5) Legacy Eagle View Discussion – License Renewal/Update on Cease & Desist order

We met with the principals from Legacy Eagle View last week, and went through the deficiencies with their license application.

Legacy has requested to position the new homes on lots 153-157, and residents should be allowed to get permits to do work on their own lots.

Tom Danner made a motion to approve positioning the new homes on lots 153-157, and allowing residents to obtain permits to do work on their own lots conditioned on a written agreement, seconded by Scott Kennedy. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Green – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.**

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

1) Andra Slaybaugh – 23 Kelly Road

Ms. Slaybaugh agreed to sign an agreement to grant her relief of the 1 Edu, and reimbursing the township the costs to prepare the agreement. The agreement has been finalized. Earle Black made a motion authorizing the Chairman to sign the agreement, seconded by Scott Kennedy. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Green – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.**

2) 294 & 312 Race Track Road Conditional U&O Escrow Fund

The property owners were given until April 1, 2024 to have the work completed.

3) Ordinance No. 2024-01 – Ratifying the Restatement of the Non-Uniformed Pension Plan

Pete Socks made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-01, seconded by Scott Kennedy. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Green – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – yes, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.**

4) Authorize proceedings – 58 Race Track Road

Earle Black made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to initiate civil enforcement proceedings before a district justice against the property owner at 58 Race Track Road, seconded by Bill Green. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Green – yes, Socks – abstained, Danner – yes, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.**

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5) Large Animal Ordinance & Corrections to Zoning Ordinance No. 50

After corrections are made, the proposed ordinance will be advertised for the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT (GENERAL)

- 1) Nick Ribecca – 19 Egret Drive – Thanked the Board for granting a waiver to allow residents to do work on their existing lots. Have been dealing with this water issue on my property for 18 months. Will need topsoil, stabilization, and then seed it.
- 2) Margie Eldridge – 696 Abbottstown Pike – The building setback of 100 feet from every property line seems like a waste of land.

Tom Danner will discuss the 100-foot setback with the Zoning Review Committee.

- 3) John Allen – A prospective resident of Eagle View Mobile Home Park thanked the Board for looking out for the interests of the residents.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into executive session at 7:29 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter.

The Board came out of executive session at 7:55 p.m.

Tom Danner made a motion to hire Brian Racine at \$35.31 per hour for the Roadmaster/Code Enforcement position, plus benefits, seconded by Scott Kennedy. **Roll Call: Black – yes, Green – yes, Socks – yes, Danner – es, Kennedy – yes. Motion carried.**

Scott Kennedy made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m., seconded by Bill Green. Motion carried.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Berwick Township Board of Supervisors will be held on April 8, 2024, 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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