

**LOWHILL TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
JANUARY 3, 2023  
MEETING MINUTES  
DONE BY RECORDING**

The Lowhill Township Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order at the Fogelsville Fire Company by Chairman Richard Hughes. Also present were, Vice Chairman George Wessner, Jr.; Supervisor Curtis Dietrich, Zoning Officer/Engineer Ryan Christman, Solicitor David Brooman, Esq.; and Secretary Jill Seymour.

After the Pledge of Allegiance there was a moment of silence for our fallen fire fighters from New Tripoli Fire Company. Richard Hughes thanked the road crew for helping with the funeral services. Jeff Hontz and Jamie Shelton attended the services.

Curtis Dietrich made a motion to approve the December 1, 2022 meeting minutes, as written. Richard Hughes second the motion. Roll call: Curtis Dietrich, yes. Richard Hughes, yes and George Wessner, Jr., yes. Motion carried.

Richard Hughes made a motion to pay the monthly bills as submitted. Curtis Dietrich second the motion. Roll call: Richard Hughes, yes. Curtis Dietrich, yes and George Wessner, Jr., yes. Motion carried.

Attorney David Brooman: the executive session can be held at the end. He would like to give an update on the Core5 and CRG appeals and litigation. Richard Hughes does not want George Wessner, Jr. in the executive session. Attorney Brooman: Mr. Wessner is not recused, nor does he need to be under Core5 and has recused himself under CRG.

The floor was opened for public comment, hearing none, Richard Hughes moved on with the agenda.

Solicitor comments: Atty. Brooman: There are two land use appeals that have been filed. One by CRG and one by Core5. There are also two litigations called mandamus' also filed by CRG and Core5. He has never seen them filed together. Attorney Brooman gave an update on both. He thanked Jill Seymour and Ryan Christman for getting the paperwork together for both cases. In addition, Core5 also published a deemed approval in the Morning Call Newspaper. Attorney Brooman explained a deemed approval and will file an appeal.

George Wessner, Jr. stated that this is happening because we didn't do things right. Richard Hughes disagrees.

Ryan Christman: Nothing new on the engineering side. Zoning has had a few permits and waiting on the Jost final subdivision paperwork.

**CRG filed final plans. Those plans were returned due to not having preliminary approval.**

**Route 100 traffic signal: PennDot recommendations are that the signal is working properly and the timing is correct. Telco is the company that handles the maintenance on the traffic light. Joe Kalusky and Ryan Christman will get together with Telco and ask them to make sure the timing is working properly. If it is working properly, doesn't recommend changing anything.**

**Mike Divers: questioned the timing of the green and red lights going east and west. George Wessner, Jr. remembers that we check that before and we are maximized on Route 100. Not sure if we change going east and west if it will affect Route 100 timing.**

**There is a request from Cottage Gates to put down wearing course. Ryan Christman met with them to check the base. There are some repairs that need to be done. We have about \$60,000 remaining in escrow.**

**Mike Divers asked if there will be street lighting. Ryan Christman stated there will not be street lighting.**

**Joe Kalusky: December: 3 days of winter maintenance, assisted with funeral services for the fallen fire fighters. Tim Wessner was off work from November 16 through December 12. Replaced the hot water heater. Replaced the auger motor on the Mack, repaired plows and hitches. Put snow sticks in the cul de sacs. Had tree clean up and road sign repairs. Repaired tire chains and repaired the furnace. For January: Will crack seal and maintenance as needed.**

**The Zoning Ordinance amendments continue to be tabled. George Wessner, Jr. would like to see what the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission has to say about the changes. All three Supervisors would like to keep it tabled at this time.**

**Curtis Dietrich gave an update on the possible changes to the website and would like to have our web designer come to a meeting to discuss and answer any questions. Jill Seymour will contact him to see if he can attend the February Board meeting.**

**Richard Hughes made a motion to accept Resolution 2023-1 to establish inspection and user fees. George Wessner, Jr. second the motion. Roll call: Richard Hughes, yes. George Wessner, Jr., yes. Curtis Dietrich, yes. Motion carried.**

**George Wessner, Jr. made a motion to accept AG Security Application for 6948 Farrier Road & 6843 Farrier Road, 63.1 Acres. Curtis Dietrich second the motion. Roll Call: Richard Hughes, yes. George Wessner, Jr., yes. Curtis Dietrich, yes. Motion carried. We will hold for 6 months, at that time it will be back on the July agenda and adopted via resolution and filed.**

**Richard Hughes opened the floor for public comment. George Wessner, Jr. : with the pending lawsuits against us, we have spent \$8300 in attorney fees so far, we spent \$9600 last year. We only budgeted for \$10,000. Richard Hughes blames George Wessner, Jr. because he's selling his property. A heated discussion took place between the two.**

**Mike Divers: The road crew is doing a great job on snow removal, a few of his neighbors have also brought this to his attention.**

**Sally Schoffstall: Agrees that good legal counsel is expensive. Asked if she needs to participate in retaining legal counsel for the Zoning Hearing Board.**

**Richard Hughes: All bills are on the table for the public to view. The Zoning Hearing Board should hold a reorganization meeting and choose their solicitor.**

**Mike Divers: We have never seen what we are seeing now, so our legal fees will be higher.**

**George Wessner, Jr.: I've been on the board for at least 7 years. We added zero for our roads and \$10,000 for attorney fees. This is going to hit our Township hard. He's concerned for the Township.**

**Hearing no more public comment, Curtis Dietrich made a motion to adjourn. Richard Hughes second the motion. Roll call: Richard Hughes, yes. Curtis Dietrich, yes. George Wessner, Jr., yes. Motion carried.**

**The Lowhill Township Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**