

**LOWHILL TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
APRIL 5, 2023  
MEETING MINUTES**

**The Lowhill Township Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Vice Chairman George Wessner, Jr. Also in attendance were Supervisors Curtis Dietrich, Solicitor David Brooman, Esq.; Engineer/Zoning Officer Ryan Christman and Secretary Jill Seymour. Chairman Richard Hughes was absent.**

**After the Pledge of Allegiance, Curtis Dietrich made a motion to approve the March 9, 2023 meeting minutes, as written. George Wessner, Jr. second the motion. Motion carried. George Wessner Jr. made a motion to pay the monthly bills with the exception of the High Swartz invoice, until Attorney Brooman can review. Curtis Dietrich second the motion. Motion carried. Curtis Dietrich made a motion to approve the agenda. George Wessner, Jr. second the motion. Motion carried.**

**George Wessner, Jr. opened the floor for public comment. Resident Wayne Schaeffer questioned why at the last meeting it is not a conflict of interest if George Wessner, Jr. is a deciding vote on the Betz Ct. warehouse. George Wessner, Jr. stated he has never done that. David Brooman, Esq. said that Mr. Wessner does not vote on the CRG Warehouse, but he can vote on the other two. Resident Joe Howard discussed public water. It was noted that we do have residents in the township that have water and sewer.**

**David Brooman, Esq. discussed an update on litigation. Lowhill's insurance company has taken over all CRG and Core5 cases. CRG land use is on hold. The mandamus was heard and the judge denied preliminary objections, that case will proceed. There was a pro warrento served against Curtis Dietrich, everything is on hold until the pro warrento is decided. Attorney Brooman is happy with the insurance company's defense Attorney, Tony Sherr.**

**Ryan Christman discussed issues with Narris Road and the urgency to get repairs done. There was also a discussion on the different options of repair. George Wessner, Jr. would like to see it pile drive, since the other pile drive is holding up very well. The county has no money for the pile driving but will give money for the bridge. Joe Kalusky thinks guiderail should be installed in the short term and some paving. Curtis Dietrich asked if we could do**

something like what is on Millcreek, where there is a sign, then a stop sign, dividers, then back to a two lane. George Wessner, Jr. said there isn't enough site distance to do that on Narris Road. Looking into possibly making it one way. Mike Divers asked if it's possible to shave the bank. We can't just do that, would have to contact the land owner, the State, etc. Ryan Christman said the estimate done in 2021 was \$603,000 to pile drive. George Wessner, Jr. further discussed Narris Road, paving dirt roads, phasing and estimates. Ryan Christman will look into more funding. Joe Kalusky said the creek is eroding close to the dirt road by KOA, will eventually have the same issue. David Brooman, Esq. suggested to Ryan Christman and Joe Kalusky to come up with a proposal and submit at the next meeting.

**Joe Kalusky:** March – tree trimming, 2 days of winter maintenance, repairs to equipment, tool racks installed and anti-skid clean up. April – crack seal, prep for road repair, grass cutting, tree trimming.

Curtis Dietrich made a motion to approve Pierre & Samantha St. Jacques Ag Security for 2477 North Lane, Orefield, Pa for 27.8513 acres. George Wessner, Jr. second the motion. Motion carried.

Curtis Dietrich discussed having a workshop to start the discussion on updating our Zoning Ordinance. Gave an update on the multi municipal plan and could possibly meet at the next Planning Commission meeting or float some dates.

Matthew Sullivan, an interested party for an alternate for the Zoning Hearing Board is present. He is a 6-year resident and looking to assist the Township. Curtis Dietrich made a motion to appoint Matthew Sullivan as an alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board. George Wessner, Jr. second the motion. Motion carried.

George Wessner, Jr. would like to discuss the motion for working supervisors that Richard Hughes put on the agenda. Mr. Wessner feels that after finding out that Joe Kalusky is running for the Supervisor position, now Mr. Hughes wants to not allow working Supervisors.

Karl Reed, former chairman of the Zoning Hearing Board feels that Curtis Dietrich has the biggest conflict, as it puts him as the only one running for that seat.

**George Wessner, Jr. discussed a phone call that Joseph Kalusky received from Richard Hughes, where Mr. Hughes threatened that he would be fired if he ran for office. Mr. Kalusky said that yes, Mr. Hughes did call him and told him that he would lose his job.**

**Karl Reed asked Attorney Brooman if either Richard Hughes or Curtis Dietrich called to discuss working supervisors, Mr. Brooman said no, but George Wessner, Jr. called him today to alert him this was on the agenda. Mr. Brooman suggested tabling the motion until Richard Hughes is present.**

**George Wessner, Jr. made a motion to approve the Hincapie bicycling event to travel 300 yards through Lowhill Township on June 3, 2023. Curtis Dietrich second the motion. Motion carried.**

**Heidelberg Township bid the multi municipal oil and line painting bid this year. Bids for oil came in from Asphalt Maintenance Solutions LLC at \$2.62 per gallon and Midland Asphalt Materials, Inc. at \$2.67 per gallon. One bid for line painting was received from A1 Traffic. Curtis Dietrich asked if we have a contract for these multi municipal bids. Jill Seymour will check with Brian Carl. We are not under obligation to use this bid; it is for more or less. Jill Seymour will also go out and get quotes from other line painting companies.**

**George Wessner, Jr. made a motion to approve the bid for the CRS-2PME-3M oil from Asphalt Maintenance Solutions LLC at \$2.62 per gallon. Curtis Dietrich second the motion. Motion carried.**

**George Wessner, Jr. made a motion to approve the bid for line painting at \$528 per mile for double yellow lines. Curtis Dietrich second the motion. Motion carried.**

**Jill Seymour has received calls asking where residents can dispose of leaves and grass. George Wessner, Jr. said he cannot accept leaves and grass, he hasn't renewed his DEP permit to do so. He suggested Northampton or to go on cleansweep.com to find the closest facility that will take them.**

**Curtis Dietrich made a motion to pay High Swartz \$14,989.24 for solicitor fees. George Wessner, Jr. second the motion. Motion carried.**

**Jill Seymour reminded everyone that Spring Clean-up is being held at the Township Building this Saturday April 8 from 8 am to noon.**

**George Wessner, Jr. opened the floor for public comment.**

**Carol Betz, Tax Collector reminded everyone that Property Tax Bills went out and if anyone did not receive theirs to give her a call.**

**Resident Terry Lenhart asked about the multi municipal plan and discussed zoning changes before the multi municipal plan goes through. He is in favor of stopping all other warehouses coming into the township.**

**David Brooman, Esq. said that meeting has not yet occurred.**

**Curtis Dietrich discussed definitions in our zoning ordinance and would like to make them more clear.**

**George Wessner, Jr. doesn't want to ban warehouses all together, he would like to limit size and height.**

**David Brooman, Esq. agreed that limiting size is the way to go. We can change the ordinance and can limit the size.**

**Resident Terry Lenhart said the warehouse situation has brought a lot more people out to meetings. He would like more limitations.**

**David Brooman, Esq. explained that the property itself has the variance and preliminary land approval.**

**Curtis Dietrich would like to discuss at a workshop if we will not permit warehouses at all or limit them to certain size.**

**Resident Terry Lenhart asked what the limitations were when the current warehouses on Betz Court were built.**

**It is unknown what the limitations were at the time.**

**Hearing no other public comment, George Wessner, Jr. made a motion to adjourn. Curtis Dietrich second the motion. Motion carried.**

**The Lowhill Township Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**