

**LOWHILL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JULY 11, 2024
MEETING MINUTES**

The Lowhill Township Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order by Chairman Curtis Dietrich. Also present were Vice Chairman Michael Divers; Supervisor George Wessner, Jr.; Solicitor David Brooman, Esq.; Zoning Officer/Engineer Ryan Christman; Consultant Mike Siegel and Secretary Jill Seymour.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Michael Divers made a motion to approve the June 13, 2024 Board of Supervisors meeting minutes and the Joint Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission and EPD meeting minutes from June 26, 2024, as written. George Wessner, Jr. second the motion. Roll call: All, yes. Motion carried. Michael Divers made a motion to pay the monthly bills, as submitted. George Wessner, Jr. second the motion. Roll call: All, yes. Motion carried. There was no executive session. Michael Divers made a motion to approve the agenda. Curtis Dietrich second the motion. Roll call: All, yes. Motion carried. The floor was opened for public comment, hearing none, moved on with the agenda.

Weathered Vineyards Sewage Planning Module – 7618 Carpet Road. We have an escrow, will keep track of the amount and have it replenished, as needed. The module was signed by the planning commission. Resolution 2024-5 was adopted with this module.

Solicitor comments: The courts ruled in favor of the Township in the Right to Know case on June 26, 2024. All other cases, no update.

Ryan Christman – Sent plan dates for extensions out.

Mike Siegel – Working with AJ coordinating text amendments for the new SALDO and the zoning map. Extensive uses in RC should be conditional uses.

Curtis Dietrich – discussed steep slope earth disturbance.

Mike Siegel – EP ordinance will not restrict, if need be, for homeowners.

Curtis Dietrich – There will be a joint meeting with the Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission and EPD on Wednesday July 24, 2024 at 6:00 pm at the township building.

David Brooman – Will coordinate amendments with Jill, so she knows who to notify.

Joe Kalusky gave an update on what the road crew has been doing. Brought equipment over from the Greenwald's to clean up and sell. There was a truck fire by Kressley's garage on Route 100. Joe went over with the loader and dug out. Brian Carl will send an accident report, that is a billable use. The diesel and gas pumps are leaking. Getting a quote. Buddy will call Boyko, see if they can come out and repair.

Surplus equipment – Flail mower, grader, roller and loader. Put on for 30 days on Municibid. Payloader will have a reserve of \$50,000 for 20 days on Municibid. Joe will think about possibly selling the Peterbilt dump truck and discuss at the next meeting.

Kim Weinberg – Weisenberg Township – Joe did you say a tractor trailer had to be lifted around a curve on Horseshoe Road?

Joe Kalusky – Yes, they were delivering to the camp. There is a sign for no trucks except for local delivery. Now would like a sign for no trucks over 30' long.

Kim Weinberg – Weisenberg Township – The covered bridge incident, is that posted?

Joe Kalusky – Yes, it is.

Terry Lenhart – Lowhill Township – When that fire was on route 100. The fire company was directing traffic down Kernsville Road.

Joe Kalusky – No they weren't. They did not direct traffic to Kernsville.

Recreation Update: Mike Divers had not update and nothing to report. Waiting on information and insurance on the skate park and an issue with the septic in one bathroom.

Boiler proposals: Buddy spoke to both. Laudenslager is not on demand. It is exactly what we have now. They will reprice with a regular boiler. We will wait to see what comes in on that one.

Curtis Dietrich – Nothing to report on the Narris Road trees. Giving the property owner time to respond.

We will keep the open space ordinance on the agenda.

Online banking for New Tripoli Bank. All three Supervisors, Jill Seymour and Geno McGorry will have access. All Supervisors agreed.

Curtis Dietrich made a motion for the three Supervisors, Jill Seymour and Geno McGorry to have access to online banking. Stipulation of an e mail to the Supervisors for any transactions done online. Second by Michael Divers. Roll call: All, yes. Motion carried.

Proposed zoning map, regional use 1 and regional use 2 have been added.

David Brooman – Authorize advertisement, send to LVPC and the law library. Then advertise for public hearing at the next meeting. Suggest waiting until the text is complete for public hearing in September.

Curtis Dietrich made a motion to post the zoning map for public viewing and text from Mike Siegel to put on the website. Michael Divers second the motion. Roll call: All, yes. Motion carried.

Michael Divers made a motion to approve the Agreement for implementation of the Northern Lehigh Multi municipal Comprehensive Plan for payment by the County to a 3rd party consultant. Totaling \$30,000. Lowhill's portion is \$2769.87. George Wessner, Jr. second the motion. Roll call: All, yes. Motion carried.

The auditor report is complete. They gave suggestions, the conclusion is a clean audit. No items noted to state otherwise.

The floor was opened for public comment.

David Brooman – Stop sign at Narris Road and Country Spring Road would need to draft an ordinance.

George Wessner, Jr. – The trees and bushes are down now. It's a clean intersection now.

Stephen Lear – Lowhill Township – When Mike Siegel puts info on the website, put his number on, so questions don't go to Jill.

Mike Siegel – I'll put my email on.

Kim Weinberg – Weisenberg Township – Are state roads on the map?

Mike Siegel – Yes.

Hearing no other public comment. Curtis Dietrich adjourned the meeting.

The Lowhill Township Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Jill Seymour
Municipal Secretary**