

**LOWHILL TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2024  
MEETING MINUTES**

The Lowhill Township Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chairman Curtis Dietrich. Also present were Vice Chairman Michael Divers; Solicitor Sean Livesey, Esq.; Engineer/Zoning Officer Ryan Christman; Consultant Michael Siegel and Secretary Jill Seymour. Absent was Supervisor George Wessner, Jr.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Michael Divers made a motion to approve the Joint BOS, PC & EPD minutes dated August 21, 2024 and the Board of Supervisors meeting minutes dated August 22, 2024, as written. Curtis Dietrich second the motion. Motion carried. Michael Divers made a motion to pay the monthly bills, as submitted. Curtis Dietrich second the motion. Motion carried. There was no need for an executive session. Michael Divers made a motion to approve the agenda, as written. Curtis Dietrich second the motion. Motion carried. The floor was opened for public comment, hearing none, moved on with the agenda.

There are no solicitor comments at this time.

Ryan Christman gave a zoning officer update. There are two magistrate hearings. 9/23 – Kernsville Road. The tenant has been removed. Now the property must be cleaned up. 10/21 – Cisek in the Manor. They have expired permits with no CO's and there are people living in the home. The Zoning Hearing Board is meeting this month for the special exception for Specialty Cars on Corporate Court.

Mike Siegel – LVPC sent an e mail and would like township comments by 10/25 on stormwater issues. There may be possible money down the road for storm water issues. He is working on the SALDO and is about 75% finished. Would like to have a draft by Christmas for the Planning Commission to review.

Mike Divers asked about dirt and gravel grants.

Ryan Christman believes the maximum is \$130,000 per project. Ryan will work with Joe and Jamie for other roads we can apply for the grants.

Joe Kalusky gave an update of what was done on the roads last month and what they will do this month. They helped Heidelberg oil and chip. CAT repaired an oil leak on the new loader, told to keep an eye on it. The new bucket is in.

Mike Divers asked if we have everything sold that was on municibid.

**Joe Kalusky – Yes, the guy is picking up the trailer with the sand blaster next week. Will keep the Supervisors updated on the oil leak on the loader and when the bucket is delivered.**

**There is nothing to report on the recreation commission.**

**Curt Dietrich called about the trees on Narris, with no response. May need to escalate.**

**The Zoning Ordinance and Map and the official map are all ready to be advertised for public review.**

**Curtis Dietrich thanked the planning commission, Mike Siegel, EPD and everyone who helped get the zoning ordinance in order.**

**Jill Seymour – EPD will advertise and send to the LVPC.**

**Curtis Dietrich made a motion to advertise the zoning ordinance, zoning map and official map for public review. Michael Divers second the motion. Motion carried.**

**Curtis Dietrich encourages the public to review the zoning ordinance. It will be made available at the Township office during normal business hours, once advertised.**

**Investment accounts – Jack Iannantuono is working with Frey & Co certified public accountants on investment accounts.**

**Curtis Dietrich made a motion to follow through with recommendations on consolidation accounts with the exception of escrow accounts and paver account for now. Michael Divers second the motion. Motion carried.**

**Weisenberg purchased a used paver, wanted to know if we are interested in owning it with them. Joe will talk to Tony about the details. Lynn was also asked to join with it as well. The cost was less than \$5000. It needs a little work.**

**Gene McGorry is looking for ways to improve lighting in the garage and met with Mr. Kubat from Beyond the Bulb, he is also local.**

**Madison Kubat – Gave an update on his proposal to upgrade the lighting in the garage with a \$1401 utility rebate. There is a total of 21 lights in the garage that would be upgraded and more energy efficient.**

**Curtis Dietrich asked the total cost of the project.**

**Madison Kubat - \$5075, including the \$1401 rebate. Cost is for labor and maintenance for 15 years. Contractor handles all the paperwork, removing fixtures and installing new fixtures.**

**Mike Divers – We have 200-amp service, will it affect that?**

**Madison Kubat – No, it won't, we will look at the electrical box and would give a free estimate if it needs to be replaced.**

**Mike Divers – Can you give an estimate for the board room and office?**

**Madison Kubat – yes, I can give an estimate for all the lighting.**

**Kim Weinberg – Weisenberg Township – Do you tie into occupancy sensors?**

**Madison Kubat – We can, but it doesn't make sense here.**

**Curtis Dietrich – Does it save more to do the garage and front together or to just go ahead with the garage?**

**Madison Kubat – Could stay the same or it could go down. There is not a huge cost to do both since I'm local.**

**Curtis Dietrich made a motion to approve Beyond the Bulb to upgrade the lighting in the garage as proposed. Michael Divers second the motion. Motion carried.**

**Terry Lenhart – Lowhill Township – Asked if he did Paul's Hardware. Madison answered that yes, they did. Terry noted it made a huge difference.**

**Diana L. Valois Estate – 3301 Church Rd (38.619 acres) and 3306 Church Rd (37.305 acres) have been willed to the Township. Would not be developed. Sean Livesey explained what the will states. Curt would agree to accept the lands and carry out the wish of the deceased. It could be leased to a local farmer.**

**Curtis Dietrich made a motion to accept the lands of the Diana L. Valois Estate 3301 Church Rd (38.619 acres) and 3306 Church Rd (37.305 acres) willed to the Township and authorizes the solicitor to move forward with the estate attorney. Michael Divers second the motion. Motion carried.**

**Jack Iannantuono asked if the will could be contested.**

**Sean Livesey – there is always a chance.**

**Mike Siegel – Put on the official map before we adopt the new one.**

**Sean Livesey – Once it is owned, the map can be updated.**

**Rick Dorney asked about the proceeds.**

**Curt said the will indicates the Township. If we are not interested, there are provisions to sell.**

**Sean Livesey – Any sale would be under deed restrictions.**

**Michael Divers made a motion to approve the ordinance prepared for the stop sign on Country Spring Road to be advertised and adopted at the October meeting. Curtis Dietrich second the motion. Motion carried.**

**Michael Divers made a motion to advertise the budget workshops as follows, October 30 at 7:30 am and November 27 at 7:30 am at the Municipal Building. Curtis Dietrich second the motion. Motion carried.**

**The October 10 Board of Supervisors meeting has been changed to October 1, due to not having a quorum. This has been advertised. CRG has requested a stenographer for that meeting, at their cost.**

**The floor was opened for public comment. Hearing none, Curtis Dietrich made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Michael Divers second the motion. Motion carried.**

**The Lowhill Township Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 7:23 pm.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**