

**LOWHILL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AUGUST 22, 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 David Brooman, Esq.; Engineer/Zoning Officer, Ryan Christman; Consultant Michael Siegel, Consultant Eugene McGorry and Secretary Jill Seymour. George Wessner, Jr. was absent.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mike Divers made a motion to approve the July 11, 2024 Board of Supervisors meeting minutes and the July 24, 2024 Joint Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission and EPD meeting minutes, as written. Curt Dietrich second the motion. Motion carried. Mike Divers made a motion to pay the monthly bills, as submitted. Curt Dietrich second the motion. Motion carried.

There is no need for an executive session at this time.

Mike Divers made a motion to approve the agenda. Curt Dietrich second the motion. Motion carried.

2766 Route 100 – Core5 Sewage Planning Module. Curt Dietrich made a motion to submit the Sewage Planning Module for 2766 Route 100, as completed by the Planning Commission, without a resolution. Mike Divers second the motion. Motion carried.

6689 Hollenbach Road – Preliminary Plan - Landis minor subdivision: Ryan Christman gave an update of what Mr. Landis is looking to do and Heidelberg Township's review letter. A note on the plan when existing mobile home is removed and the sewage gets capped must be on the plan. Will allow the existing multi family driveway. Conditionally approved by the Planning Commission.

Curt Dietrich made a motion to conditionally approve the preliminary plan for 6689 Hollenbach Road – Landis minor subdivision contingent upon Keystone Consulting Engineers review letter dated 7/16/2024 and 7/26/2024 and Heidelberg Township's review letter dated 7/25/2024, all comments being complete. Mike Divers second the motion. Motion carried.

The floor was opened for public comment. Hearing none, moved on with the agenda.

The solicitor gave a litigation update. CRG lost the right to know case and no appeal has been filed. An ordinance has been written to be considered for the next meeting for a stop sign on Country Spring Road.

Attorney Brooman agrees with Ryan Christman's interpretation of our weed ordinance, however does see how it could be interpreted differently.

Resident Charles Damansky of 7208 Kernsville Road was present. Neighbor complained about weeds twice.

Attorney Brooman asked if he cuts his weeds twice a year or when it is 12" high and also thanked him for cutting his weeds prior to the meeting.

Charles Damansky: two times a year, as stated in the ordinance.

A discussion about the ordinance took place.

Ryan Christman: Received the final plan for Betz Court Warehouse. Writing a review now for the Planning Commission meeting. A few grass violations sent out. The property on Kernsville Road with the trailer is going to the magistrate on September 23.

Mike Siegel: Had a meeting with EPD, got 99% hammered out. Recommends advertising. Progressing with the SALDO.

Joe Kalusky: Gave an update on what's been done on the roads and what he plans to do this month. Met with Gene McGorry and Madison Kubat of Beyond the Bulb about upgrading the lights in the shop. Madison donated a new light at the flag pole. The Miller trailer sold for \$1257. The Gallion Roller sold for \$490. Wenger's bought the flail mower for \$3400 and offered \$42,000 for the CAT loader.

Curt Dietrich said it would have cost him more than \$44,000 with the 9% buyers fee on Municibid.

Jason from CAT recommended waiting another month and relisting. Curt said go back with \$45,000 to Wenger's. If he doesn't want it, put it back on Municibid.

Fixed the brakes on the Roller. Do we have to sell it or can we reject the bid? Mike Divers made a motion to reject the bid of \$490 for the Gallion Roller. Curt Dietrich second the motion. Motion carried.

Curt Dietrich made a motion to execute final sale of the Miller Trailer for \$1257. Mike Divers second the motion. Motion carried.

Curt Dietrich made a motion to execute final sale of the John Deere Tractor with flail mower for \$3400. Mike Divers second the motion. Motion carried.

Mike Divers made a motion to purchase a computer for the shop, not to exceed \$800. Curtis Dietrich second the motion. Motion carried.

Gene McGorry: Working on a grant to complete Narris Road. Gave an update on everything he is working on.

Recreation Report: Mike Divers: Night in the Country numbers were down due to weather.

Table boiler proposals until Buddy is present.

Ron Weber gave Curt a number to call for the trees on Narris Road that need to come down.

Table the open space ordinance until we are done with the zoning ordinance.

Jay Scheffler from Germansville Fire Company is not here tonight.

Depending when we would get a submittal, we would be covered under the Multi Municipal Plan.

The zoning map and official map are ready for advertisements. The zoning ordinance is not. We will table until the September meeting.

Curt Dietrich made a motion to approve Tom Zubey as Zoning Hearing Board Alternate. Mike Divers second the motion. Motion carried.

The floor was opened for public comment.

Charles Damansky: The violation letter for a weed ordinance violation says you can appeal to the zoning hearing board, which costs \$750.

Attorney Brooman: You would appeal to the Board of Supervisors.

Curt Dietrich would like a thank you letter sent to Madison Kubat for donating the light by the flag pole.

Gene McGorry will get the Beyond the Bulb proposal out to the Board.

Jill Seymour said the Lehigh County Association of Township Officials is having their summer convention on Thursday September 12 at Lone Lane Park. It's open to all boards and public works employees of the Township. Mike Divers said he would attend.

Hearing no further public comment Curt Dietrich made a motion to adjourn. Mike Divers second the motion. Motion carried.

The Lowhill Township Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,