

**District Township Supervisors
Business Meeting
May 20, 2021**

BUSINESS MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ed Overberger called to order the District Township Board of Supervisors Business Meeting, held at 202 Weil Road, Boyertown, PA at 7:04 p.m. Present were Chairman Ed Overberger, Vice-Chairman Leonard Robb, Supervisor John Burger, Solicitor Gene Orlando, Engineer John Weber, Emergency Management Coordinator Tim Adam and Secretary Elaine Schwien. Resident Pam Geisinger was also present. Road Crew member Ron Leibowitz arrived at 7:50 p.m. *COVID-19 – conference call option, social distancing.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Overberger, seconded by Mr. Robb, to approve the minutes of April 15, 2021 Business Meeting. All in favor.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Resident Pam Geisinger seeking clarification on mobile home lot 384 Forgedale Road. Confusion as to which township, District or Hereford, this unit is located in. Per Mr. Weber, although the mobile home properties as a unit are taxed by District Township, this one lot is actually located in Hereford Township. Mr. Weber provided a tax map for visual reference. Any permits for this unit would need to go through Hereford Township.

SOLICITOR – Eugene Orlando

Rubbish and Waste Storage Ordinance: Solicitor Orlando provided a revised copy, approved by the Planning Commission, to the Board for their review.

Berks County UCC Board of Appeals: Solicitor Orlando briefly reviewed the modifications to the new Intergovernmental Agreement from the County with the Board. (Modifications are not substantive in terms of how the Appeals Board functions.) He also provided a Resolution to move forward if the Board wished to do so. Note, the yearly membership fee increased to \$300. Mr. Overberger made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-10 authorizing the Township to enter into an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement and participate in the Berks County Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals. Seconded by Mr. Robb. All in favor.

ROADMASTER - Ed Overberger

Bridgework: Mr. Weber reported that Fish & Wildlife in error cleared Dogwood Drive. The Township must wait until after November 1 to begin work or do another bog turtle study. The Township will wait. No permits for either location yet, Dogwood or Merkle.

2021 Roadwork:

- Base repair work completed.
- Asphalt seal coat project completed except to sweep roads.
- Line Painting – Mr. Weber provided proposal from Berks Traffic. Price increase from last year due to Texas supplier, winter weather/electric situation. Increase of .02 per linear foot. Mr. Overberger made a motion to accept the Berks Traffic proposal, dated 5/18/21, in the amount of \$5,324, for line painting of Township roads. Seconded by Mr. Robb. All in favor.

- Chew Road – Mr. Overberger reviewed the issues of concern for both ends of Chew Road. (Steep with big lip at the top, washing out, etc.) Contractors were contacted to provide an estimate on paving the entrances. Only Carl Bales Excavating came out. Fill dirt will be needed along the edges. With no further questions/comments, Mr. Overberger made a motion to accept the Carl Bales Excavating proposal to pave the two ends of Chew Road, Bid # 2021-114, in the amount of \$19,870. Seconded by Mr. Robb. All in favor.

Onroad Rebate Program - Kodiak: Mr. Overberger explained the details of a grant program which takes older diesel trucks off the road, replacing them with cleaner technology. As part of the application process Mr. Overberger would spec out a new truck and if the Township is awarded the grant money the Township would purchase the new truck and scrap the Kodiak as required. The Board authorized Mr. Overberger to move forward with the rebate program.

Vibrator System: Mr. Overberger advised a vibrator system was purchased and installed on the Freightliner.

ZONING OFFICER – John Weber

13 Long Lane: Significant progress has been made cleaning up the property. Per Mr. Weber 4 junk vehicles were removed.

875 Huffs Church Road: No additional progress.

ZHB; Jeffrey A. Windish-April 28, 2021: Variance granted for reduced lot width.

PLANNING COMMISSION—Piper Sherburne

JRP Luft Minor Subdivision: Plans signed by the Board but will not be released until the Declaration of Easement for the shared driveway is executed and copies of the deeds include language regarding the Non-Building Declaration (no septic testing done on Lot 2).

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE—Piper Sherburne

Spotted Lanternfly: No report.

BUILDING COMMITTEE-Leonard Robb

Water Dispenser: Ready Refresh advised of monthly rental fee for each bottled water dispenser. The Board briefly discussed and determined to discontinue use.

RECREATION- John Burger

Fencing: Mr. Burger reviewed the idea of installing a matching fence along Landis Store Road to replace the rocks as suggested by the Assistant Roadmaster. The Board agreed to Mr. Burger obtaining a quote from Montco Fence. (Same company that did prior fence installation.)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - Tim Adam

Per Mr. Adam EBFD responded to 38 calls in April with 5 of them being in District Township. Two were big brush fires. EBFD is expecting to receive State grant money in June which will be used to purchase a forcible entry simulator. Second reminder on fund drive went out. Chicken barbecue was a sellout.

TREASURER REPORT – Karen Krall

Elaine Schwien reported:

As of April 30, 2021 the balances were:

General Fund	\$ 1,171,382.42
State Fund	\$ 277,982.12
Capital Reserve	\$ <u>264,397.00</u>
Total	\$ 1,713,761.54

Status of Escrow Accounts:

904/906 Huffs Church Road Balance: Schwien \$250/Miller \$250.

DISBURSEMENTS

Total General & Payroll Fund Disbursement: \$46,908.24

Total State Fund Disbursement: \$0

A motion was made by Mr. Overberger to pay the bills in the amount of \$46,908.24. Seconded by Mr. Robb. All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Refresh Township Logo: No update.

NEW BUSINESS

Federal COVID Money – Budget Resolution: Required to now apply for the money per Mr. Overberger. Waiting on new clarification.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public Comment: None further.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, there was a motion made by Mr. Overberger, seconded by Mr. Robb, to adjourn the business meeting at 8:07 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elaine Schwien
District Township Secretary*