

**District Township Supervisors
BUSINESS MEETING
February 20, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

The BUSINESS meeting of the District Township Board of Supervisors was held on February 20, 2025 at the Township Municipal Building, 202 Weil Road, Boyertown, PA at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Chairman Ed Overberger, Supervisor Ron Leibowitz, Solicitor Eugene Orlando, Engineer John Weber, Emergency Management Coordinator Tim Adam, Secretary Jen Sauerwald, Seisholtzville Fire Company Chief Jennifer Sacks, Mike Mutter of Eastern Berks Fire Department and Bally Ambulance Chief Mike Groff. Mr. Overberger called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

The February 20, 2025 BUSINESS meeting agenda was posted to the District Township website and municipal building on 2/18/2025.

MINUTES

- A motion was made by Mr. Overberger, seconded by Mr. Leibowitz, to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2025 Business Meeting as written. All in favor.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- None

SOLICITOR – Eugene Orlando

- The advertised continued public hearing of the Solar Ordinance was held tonight at 7:00pm to recommend adoption of the Ordinance to be listed as “Ordinance NO. 2025-01 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DISTRICT TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE OF 2018 (2018-01) AND ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE INSTALLATION, OPERATION AND DECOMMISSIONING OF SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS AS PRINCIPAL AND ACCESSORY USES”. A motion was made by Mr. Overberger, seconded by Mr. Leibowitz, to adopt Ordinance 2025. All in favor.
- Eastern Berks Fire Department Agreement – Solicitor Orlando recommended signing the agreement for allocations for this fiscal year now that it has been signed by EBFD. A motion was made by Mr. Overberger, seconded by Mr. Leibowitz to enter into the agreement with Easter Berks Fire Department for distribution of funds for 2025. All in favor

ZONING OFFICER/ENGINEER – John Weber

- Lutz Road Culvert – Mr. Weber informed the board that LTL has received the permit for this project. A motion was made by Mr. Overberger, seconded by Mr. Leibowitz to authorize LTL to advertise for bids for the Lutz Road Culvert Replacement. All in favor

ROADMASTER REPORT – Ed Overberger

- Chew Road Bridge
 - A motion was made by Mr. Overberger, seconded by Mr. Leibowitz, to accept the proposal from Benesch Engineering for the design and specification for the Chew Road Bridge replacement final design. PP03-252231 with a cost not to exceed \$80,800. All in Favor.

- A motion was made by Mr. Leibowitz, seconded by Mr. Overberger, to authorize Chairman Overberger to sign off on the Benesch proposal #PP03-252231 for the Chew Road Bridge Replacement design dated January 8, 2025. All in favor.
- Dump Truck – Will move this to the March BOS meeting. In the process of obtaining more bids on cab chassis and quotes on an up-fit.
- Delong Road Guiderail
 - An estimate from Collinson Inc. to repair the guiderail that was damaged by a tree fall for \$2,525.00. The insurance company paid, less our deductible of \$500 \$2,025.00 . A motion was made by Mr. Leibowitz seconded by Mr. Overberger, to authorize Collinson Inc. to repair the guiderail on Delong Road not to exceed \$2,025.00 based on the estimated dated January 3, 2025. All in favor.
 - A motion was made by Mr. Overberger, seconded by Mr. Leibowitz to authorize Mr. Leibowitz to sign the Collinson Inc. document. All in favor.
- CoStars Salt Contract – A motion was made by Mr. Overberger, seconded by Mr. Leibowitz to approve the CoStars salt contract for the 2025-2026 season for 100 tons. All in favor
- Missing sign – The Treichler Rd and Huffs Church Rd sign was knocked over and taken.

Emergency Management – Tim Adams

- RM Server update – Mr. Adam reported that EBFD will assist him with the software update
- Baldy Hill Road Incident on 2/20/2025 Mr. Adams asserted that the response from PennDot was completely unacceptable. It can be handled better and should be followed up with action.
- Bally Ambulance – 119 calls for month of January – 3 in District Twp, Provided 2024 Budget Vs. Actual
- EBFD – Tim Adam – 53 calls for month of January – 7 in District Twp, Hosted a forestry training meeting with PA DCNR very well attended.
- Seisholtzville FD - 21 calls for month of January – 2 in District Twp

TREASURER –

- Monthly report as of January 31, 2024

General Fund	\$ 985,607.59
State Fund	230,958.68
Capital Reserve	296,056.06
Culvert/Bridge Fund	280,592.23
Fire Tax Fund	<u>2,922.04</u>
TOTAL	\$1,796,136.60

Disbursements

General Fund: \$37,273.94

- A motion was made by Mr. Overberger, seconded by Mr. Leibowitz, to pay the bills in the amount of \$37,27.94. All in Favor
- Note the PLGIT/PRIME went down from 4.5% to 4.75%

PLANNING COMMISSION – Piper Sherburne

- EBJCP A meeting was held with Solicitor Orlando, Ms. Sherburne, Mr. Carr and Mr. Overberger to discuss the next steps on how to clearly let the planning team know this is our plan and not theirs.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE –

- No Report

BUILDING COMMITTEE – Leonard Robb

- No report

Recreation Committee – Ron Leibowitz

- Basketball Court - Mr. Leibowitz obtained a quote from In Bound Sports Group to quote a ½ and a full basketball court. The quotes were \$38,302.89 and \$54,788.50 respectively. Discussion followed and no action was taken.
- Tennis / Pickle Ball Court –
 - A motion was made by Mr. Leibowitz, seconded by Mr. Overberger to authorize In Bound Sports Group to recondition the tennis court and also create a pickle ball court based on their job estimate dated 12/16/2025 in the amount of \$10,949.47. All in favor.
 - A motion was made by Mr. Overberger, seconded by Mr. Leibowitz to authorize Mr. Leibowitz to sign on behalf of the township. All in favor.
- Mr. Leibowitz inquired about upgrading the baseball field and maybe converting it to a soccer field. Obstacles noted, no fence along woods, lack of bathroom facilities & parking.

Old Business

- Auditor's recommendation to initial the tax collector's reports to be initialed on line items carried over by the Treasurer or one of the Supervisors.

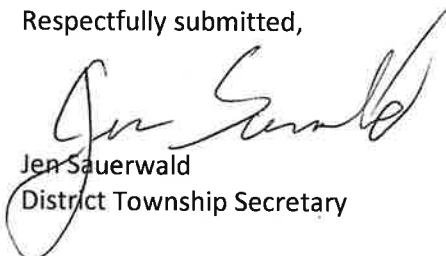
New Business:

- A motion was made by Mr. Overberger, seconded by Mr. Leibowitz to appoint Rob Hatfield to the Zoning Hearing Board for a term of 3 years effective 2/20/2025. All in favor.
- Juneteenth falls on June BOS meeting to be reconsidered as we get closer to June.
- An Executive Session was held to discuss personnel issue.
 - A motion was made by Mr. Overberger, seconded by Mr. Leibowitz, that following the probationary 90 day period for the secretary, Jen Sauerwald; to increase her hourly wage to \$23 per hour for the balance of 2025, effective March 1, 2025. All in favor.

Adjournment:

With no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Mr. Overberger, seconded by Mr. Leibowitz, to adjourn the BUSINESS meeting at 8:25 pm. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Jen Sauerwald
District Township Secretary