

**BUFFALO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS – REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING – MAY 8, 2019**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Buffalo Township Board of Supervisors was held Wednesday, May 8, 2019, in the Buffalo Township Municipal Building and convened at 7:30 pm.

The Meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Ron Zampogna. This Meeting is being recorded. If anyone is taping this Meeting, please state your name and address.

**Roll Call**

Ron Zampogna III	Present
Matthew J. Sweeny	Present
Albert T. Roenigk	Present
Gary L. Risch, Sr.	Present
John Zurisko	Present

A majority of the Board of Supervisors being present, the Chairman declared the Meeting open for the transaction of business.

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**ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS; PERSONNEL; AND/OR INFO-GATHERING MEETINGS OF THE BOARD**

- a) Matt Sweeny, Albert Roenigk, Gary Risch, John Zurisko and the Planning Commission Board attended an MS4 NPDES Conceptual Pollutant Reduction Plan & Minimum Control Measures Workshop given by Ken Howard of Bankson Engineers at the Township Municipal Building on Wednesday, May 1.
- b) Matt Sweeny, Albert Roenigk, Gary Risch, and John Zurisko attended the Planning Commission Meeting on Wednesday, May 1.
- c) John Zurisko attended the Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Tuesday, May 7.
- d) The Board of Supervisors met with their Solicitor in the Township Municipal Building on Wednesday, May 8.

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**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** of the April 10, 2019, Regular Monthly Meetings, as recorded, was on motion of matt Sweeny, seconded by Albert Roenigk. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE TREASURER’S REPORT** for April 1-30, 2019 inclusive for audit, was on motion of John Zurisko, seconded by Matt Sweeny. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

**MONTHLY BILLS**

After reviewing the invoices and bills presented for payment, it was on motion of Albert Roenigk, seconded by John Zurisko to pay the monthly bills. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

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**REPORTS**

- (1) THE ELECTED TAX COLLECTOR’S REPORT (CARLA GARIA):**
  - **APRIL 2019:** Twp. Real Estate Tax is \$213,228.25, Per Capita @ Discount \$23,676.80
- (2) THE APPOINTED TAX COLLECTOR’S REPORT (BERKHEIMER):**
  - **APRIL 2019:** Earned Income Tax is \$61,900.71, Local Services Tax is \$5,722.77
- (3) THE APPOINTED TAX COLLECTOR’S REPORT (SHARPS):**
  - **APRIL 2019:** Twp. share: \$370.09
- (4) WEEKLY STAMP SALES (DEED TRANSFER’S):**
  - **MARCH 2019:** \$3,422.28
  - **APRIL 2019:** \$19,862.55
- (5) ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT (RICK HEALEY):**
  - **APRIL 2019:** 17 Permits Issued, 15 Grading Permits, 8 Single Family Residences, 1 Residential Garage, 2 Residential Storage, 2 Pools, 4 Decks/Porches/Roof, Building Permit Fee: \$8,577.37, Mileage: 135, Grading Permit Fee: \$390.00, Lot Development Fund: \$0.00
- (6) THE DISTRICT JUSTICE’S REPORT:**
  - **APRIL 2019:** Ordinance & Statute Violations \$166.64, Code Violations \$283.67
- (7) BUFFALO TWP. POLICE REPORT**
  - **APRIL 2019:** Total calls 133
- (8) BUFFALO TWP. VFC, CHIEF’S REPORT**
  - **CALL REPORT APRIL 2019:** Calls for month 55, Fire related calls 28, Medicals 27, Company Hours 35 hrs. 37 min., Staff Hours 291 hrs. 38 min., Calls for Year 210, Company Hours Year to Date 229 hrs. 53 min., Fire Damage for Month \$0.00, Fire Damage for Year \$0.00
  - **TRAINING REPORT APRIL 2019:** Company Training hours 20 hrs. 0 min., Staff Training Hours 344 hrs. 0 min., Company Training hours for year 68 hrs. 30 min., Staff Training hours for year 1134 hrs. 0 min.
  - **FUNDRAISING REPORT FOR APRIL 2019:** Company Fundraising hours 00 hrs. 00 min., Staff Fundraising hours 000 hrs. 0 min., Company Fundraising hours for year 25 hrs. 15 min., Staff Fundraising hours for year 545 hrs. 0 min.
- (9) SARVER VFC, CHIEF’S REPORT**
  - **APRIL 2019:** Calls for month 52, Fire related calls 20, Medicals 32, Calls out of Twp. 2, Calls out of Twp. to date 19, Company Hours 240.10 hrs., Staff Hours 382.55 hrs., Calls for Year 241, Fire Damage for month \$140,000.00, Fire Damage for Year \$280,000.00

**OLD BUSINESS**

**MOTION TO APPROVE PROPOSED AMENDMENT #2 TO ZONING ORDINANCE #135 – APPROVED**

On a motion of Matt Sweeny, seconded by Albert Roenigk to approve Amendment #2 to Zoning Ordinance #135, excluding the proposed addition of that subsection relating to Wind Energy Conversion Systems. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

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**MOTION TO APPROVE HOLBEIN INC. TO CONSTRUCT RETAINING WALL - APPROVED**

Gary Risch asked when we were first talking about making the building bigger down below. We discussed putting in a retaining wall above that so we could fill it in. Gary asked what everyone's thoughts are regarding that. He suggested that Holbein Inc. do the base, dig the footer, level and lay the first course of block and then have the Road Dept. extend it higher in the future. Holbein Inc. could come in and build the retaining wall at a price of \$2,749.00.

On a motion of Gary Risch, seconded by John Zurisko to approve Holbein Inc. constructing the retaining wall in the amount of \$2,749.00. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

**DISCUSSION REGARDING JERSEY BARRIERS ON KEPPLER ROAD INSTEAD OF GUARDRAILS**

Gary Risch questioned the jersey barriers that were put along Kepple Road instead of guardrails when Ken Howard said that he felt they were not safe? Gary was wondering why this was done after the meeting. Bob Fletcher with the Road Department commented. Ron Zampogna stated that this looks like a miscommunication because we did not get to talk with the Road Department after the meeting and they did what needed to be done. Matt Sweeny stated that they will have Ken Howard take a look at this to make sure everything is copasetic.

**DISCUSSION REGARDING STREET SWEEPING**

Gary Risch questioned about the street sweeping. We had people come in to sweep the streets for a week to save money, I looked around to see what was going on that week. We had 2 guys working on the old brooms that we said not to put any more money into, and they worked on that all week. Two guys patched potholes and put a whole ton of patch down that week. So, we did not save any money. They spent almost \$2,600.00 on the old sweepers again. Ron stated that he saw them using the sweeper on Parker the other day. Gary stated they put \$2,600.00 into the broom plus 2 guys labor which amounts to \$4,000.00. We can buy a new sweeper for that. Bob Fletcher with the Road Department stated that they did the intersections and then Holbein came in. Holbein's had trouble with their sweeper. Ron asked Gary if he feels that the township workers should do the sweeping? Gary stated I don't know, but we payed a company to come in when our guys did nothing. Ron stated that 2 years ago we paid our guys to do it and it cost \$10,000.00 and last year we paid \$4,000.00 to a company. Gary asked how many people it takes to sweep the streets? Bob Fletcher with the Road Dept. stated that we have discussed this before, and my recommendation would be purchase power brooms for our skid steer. We don't really use it a lot except for a forklift. We have used the Massey, but it is getting too old. I think it would take 3 guys possibly a week and a half to do all of the streets in the township. If we have a power broom with wouldn't need 5 guys. Matt Sweeny stated that we can analyze this since we have tried it a couple of different ways and maybe come up with a better game plan for next year. Gary asked how much a power broom would cost? Bob replied Bill Shaw from Walsh has a power angle for \$7,300.00, Bob Cat is about \$6,300.00 and Stephens has one that is \$2,300.00 but it is a manual one that you would have to get out and switch it. Ron stated then these are all attachments for our skid loader. Bob replied, yes. John Zurisko asked about using water with the skid loader? Bob replied; we would have to use the water truck. Bob stated that we still had to go out after Holbein was here

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because they had an issue with their sweeper and some of the plans didn't get done. Ron stated like Matt said we have a couple options; we will look into it and figure something out.

### **DISCUSSION REGARDING SELLING TRUCK AND TRAILER ON MUNICIPAL BID**

Gary Risch questioned why nothing has been done with the truck and trailer that was to be put on for Municipal Bid? Ron stated I don't know about the truck so much, but the trailer it was discussed about possibly scrapping it. It is unsafe to sell to somebody liability wise. If that is what we agree on as a group then, that is what we should do. Ron asked Matt, didn't we have somebody that looked at it? Bob Fletcher stated I think it is a good trailer we've been hauling it around, I'm not sure what you would get out of it for scrap. I think we could get a little more out of it than scrap. Ron said then we could post it if you feel we could get something out of it. Matt stated if it is still safe and can get inspected then we can possibly use it. Gary stated if you want you can put it up at my property up the road, put a for sale sign on it with the township's number for bids that is fine with me see if we could sell it and get more than scrap money out of it. Bob stated that it is mechanically sound. Matt stated we will talk about it and see if you can come to a decision on it.

### **DISCUSSION REGARDING BLACK TOP**

Gary Risch questioned why the Road Department is only getting 1 ton of cold patch at a time instead of getting a stockpile? It is usually 2 guys going to get black top at a time. Why don't we get a several tons and put it in the salt shed for when we need it? Ron asked if it would go bad? Gary stated it doesn't go bad. Albert stated it might not go bad, but it is harder to use. Gary stated in the summer it is good, but you wouldn't want to do that in the winter. Gary asked Bob Fletcher to check with Heilman's for delivery and prices.

### **DISCUSSION REGARDING CLEANING UP PROPERTY & PAVING PARKING LOT**

Gary Risch suggested that the Road Department start cleaning up the property around the township building before the parking lot possibly gets paved and moving the Girls Scout Recycling area up to the top part of the parking lot.

### **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE MONDAY AFTER PALM SUNDAY**

Gary Risch questioned why there were 4 Road Dept. workers driving around the township looking for trees that had come down? We have a police department that can tell them when any trees are down in the township. I don't think we needed 4 workers out driving around all day.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**ANNOUNCEMENT: SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE WORKSHOP, THURSDAY, MAY 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2019 FROM 10 AM TO NOON AT THE FNB BUSINESS EVENT CENTER IN LEMONT FURNACE, PA**

**FREEPORT AREA GIRLS SCOUTS REQUEST TO USE THE BUFFALO CREEK NATURE PARK FOR THEIR ANNUAL GIRL SCOUT TWILIGHT CAMP, JUNE 4-6, 2019 - APPROVED**

On a motion of Matt Sweeny, seconded by Albert Roenigk to approve the Freeport Area Girl Scouts use of the Buffalo Creek Nature Park for their Annual Girl Scout Twilight Camp. Motion Carried.  
Un. Approval.

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**SEALED BIDS FOR 2019 ROAD WORK OPENED – TABLED FOR REVIEW BY KEN HOWARD**

**1,222 TON (MORE OR LESS) SUPERPAVE WEARING COURSE, 9.5MM. IN PLACE**

Youngblood Paving Inc.	82.30 Price Per Unit	\$100,570.60
Weist Asphalt Products	75.15 Price Per Unit	\$91,833.30
Shields Asphalt Paving	78.70 Price per Unit	\$96,171.40

**68,314 S.Y. (MORE OR LESS), SINGLE BITUMINOUS SEAL COAT, SRL G IN PLACE**

Russell Standard Corp.	1.67 Per Unit	\$114,084.38
Youngblood Paving Inc.	1.71 Per Unit	\$116,816.94

**21,400 S. Y. (MORE OR LESS), BITUMINOUS FOG SEAL FOR BITUMINOUS SEAL COATS**

Russell Standard	0.85 Per Unit	\$18,190.00
Youngblood Paving Inc.	1.23 Per Unit	\$26,322.00

On motion of Matt Sweeny, seconded by John Zurisko, to table all bids until next meeting for our review. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

Gary Risch stated that he will not be attending the June Meeting and that he is in favor of not doing as much as we normally do and putting money toward the new building and to choose who will be doing the paving as soon as possible.

**ADVERTISING & SETTING DATE FOR PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING THE MS4 POLLUTANT REDUCTION PLAN – APPROVED**

On a motion of John Zurisko, seconded by Matt Sweeny to allow Bankson Engineers to advertise and set the date for the MS4 PRP Public Meeting to be held on June 12, 2019 at 6:30 pm. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

**PAYMENT FROM GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$58,778.52 TO AUDUBON SOCIETY OF WESTERN PA – APPROVED**

Ron Zampogna stated that the Audubon Society received a grant in the amount of \$200,000.00 and signed over \$100,000.00 to Buffalo Township for work at the New Buffalo Creek Nature Park. The Audubon Society is now requesting a draw in the amount of \$58,778.52.

On a motion of Gary Risch, seconded by Matt Sweeny to approve payment in the amount of \$58,778.52 to the Audubon Society of Western PA. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

**DISCUSSION REGARDING RESIDENTIAL FENCING**

John Heigert, 166 Heck Road in attendance regarding the height limits on fencing around his home. He would like to have the fence in the back of his property be 8 feet as opposed to the current 6-foot limit and the fence in his front yard be 6 feet as opposed to the 4-foot limit. Paul Cromie, 168 Heck Road was also in attendance. After much discussion between the Board of Supervisors, Atty. Lutz and the homeowner. It was decided that no change would be made.

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**MOTION TO APPROVE SUNNY LANE CUL DE SAC CHANGE ORDER REQUEST – APPROVED**

On a motion of Albert Roenigk, seconded by Matt Sweeny to approve the change order request being presented to the township in the amount of \$2,621.02. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT REQUEST BY NORTHROCK – APPROVED**

On a motion of Matt Sweeny, seconded by John Zurisko to authorize payment request of \$52,651.87 to Northrock. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

**DISCUSSION TO PURCHASE A BRUSH FOR THE SKID LOADER**

Gary Risch stated I know that we have been talking about the brush for the Skid Loader. Could we talk a little more about that? Ron stated yes. Gary stated that Bob said they have trouble with it about every time they use it and it is about 30 years old. Could we discuss maybe buying them a new brush? Ron asked Bob if that is what the pricing is for, the 3 brushes? Bob replied yes. I think we should go with the power angle. Ron asked if Bob could get these prices to Gary on paper. Matt asked how much it costs to rent and suggested that we check out the cost to rent as opposed to purchasing. If we rent one, then we wouldn't have to maintain and replace brushes. It might be more prudent to do it that way.

**LAND DEVELOPMENT**

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**REMARKS FROM THE FLOOR**

Chris Zeigler, President of the Trail Council stated that they had a meeting with Lojaks regarding an E-bike demonstration. Since the township approved the E-bike policy they are planning on having an E-bike Rental. June 29<sup>th</sup> will be "Meet Marks Friends". Mark Fike was a little boy that was killed at his school bus stop in Herman. We will be having a Bug Hunt in his memory on the trail and we will be doing this in conjunction with the Audubon Society. We are getting a trail counter from the SPC for a few weeks. We are looking at putting one in Cabot now. It will be good for Grant purposes to see how many people are using the trail. It will be set up in Cabot and then in the fall get another one and put it somewhere else. There was a survey done quite a few years ago about what trail head was the most popular and at that time it was Bonniebrook because Cabot didn't have a lot of parking. We eventually would like to get our own counter. They are about \$3,000.00. We are going to start mowing in a couple of weeks. We also voted on Monday to have Larry Burg interview families including Albert (Ouch) Roenigk and Ron Bennett regarding history of the Butler-Freeport Community Trail. We are partnering with Winfield Township in getting the parking lot back that used to be for the old Cabot UMC it is along Winfield Road. The Trail Council applied for a grant from the Butler County Tourism Bureau and we find out tomorrow night if we will get it. Winfield Township will do a loan to us, no interest, pay off in 5 years and then we will insure it. It will be used for additional parking which is what we are lacking.

Terry Tague with the Parks & Recreation Committee stated that he had no comments at this time. Chris Zeigler stated that the appropriate signs still need to be posted from the trail to the creek by the Shuster property. Matt suggested that Terry check that out and get them posted as soon as possible.

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Gary Risch stated that prayers are needed for Paul Adamik who was severely burnt.

Megan Peters, HOA President for Chesterfield Estates asked for the speed limit to be changed from 25 mph back to 15 mph in the plan. After much discussion between the Board of Supervisors, Atty. Lutz and the HOA President, it was decided that they come back with some type of a plan and map.

Matthew Beer, 141 Doyle Road stated that he is interested in putting a Coffee Shop at property located at 259 N. Pike Road. The property is located in the B-2 & A-2 Overlay District. After much discussion between the Board of Supervisors, Atty. Lutz and the resident, it was suggested that he attend the Planning Commission Meeting. Atty. Lutz also stated that since the property is along a State Road Mr. Beer would need to contact Penn DOT to have a traffic study done and would then need a Highway Occupancy Permit. Atty. Lutz stated that these are very expensive.

Terry Beer, 141 Doyle Road stated that there is a sink hole and he would like the Road Department to take a look at it and to also unclog the storm drain. Bob Fletcher with the Road Department stated that he knows where this is and will take a look at it.

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**ADJOURMENT** was on a motion of Gary Risch, seconded by Matt Sweeny at 8:40 pm. Motion carried.  
Un. Approval.

**APPROVED:**

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**CHAIRMAN**

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**SECRETARY**