

BUFFALO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS – REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING – JULY 8, 2020

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Buffalo Township Board of Supervisors was held Wednesday, July 8, 2020, via video conference 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 II	Present
Matthew J. Sweeny	Present
Albert T. Roenigk	Present
Gary L. Risch, Sr.	Present
Michael Oehling, Jr.	Present

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

Ron Zampogna expressed condolences for the passing of Michael Oehling' s 94-year-old grandfather who was a lifetime member of this great nation.

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

- a) The Board of Supervisors met with their Solicitor in the Municipal Building for an Executive Session regarding personnel matters on June 29.
- b) The Board of Supervisors met with their Solicitor via video conference for an Executive Session prior to the meeting regarding personnel issues on July 8.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of the June 10, 2020, Regular Monthly Meeting of the Buffalo Township Board of Supervisors, as recorded, was on motion of Matt Sweeny, seconded by Albert Roenigk. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT for June 1-30, 2020 inclusive for audit, was on motion of Michael Oehling, seconded by Gary Risch. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

MONTHLY BILLS

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

There were no comments regarding Agenda Items from the public.

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OLD BUSINESS

REMOVE 2020 ROAD BIDS FROM TABLE – REMOVED FROM TABLE

On a motion of Albert Roenigk, seconded by Matt Sweeny to remove 2020 Road Bids from table. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

AWARDING OF 2020 ROAD BIDS - AWARDED

The 2020 Road Bid Packets were opened at the June 10, 2020 Regular Monthly Meeting. The Township Office only received one sealed bid packet. Albert Roenigk shared some information regarding the 2020 Road Work and discussed some of the items that were eliminated which brought the total to 60,834 S.Y. at \$1.797 per unit which totaled \$109,318.70 for the Single Bituminous Seal Coat and 60,836 S.Y. at \$0.797 per unit which totaled \$48,486.29 for the Fog Seal. This comes to a total of \$157,804.99. Bob Fletcher, Asst. Road Master had several questions regarding the roads that are going to be tarred and chipped as well as fog sealed and what roads are just going to just be tarred and chipped. Bob shared what was paved in the past. Bob stated that he feels Highpoint needs tarred and chipped but not fog sealed. Albert stated that is just going to be a single coat not fog seal. Bob stated that he came up with \$145, 875.00 which does not include Highpoint. Gary asked if we should cut all of Highpoint out and do all of Woodbury? Albert stated that those roads are smooth already and don't need done. Bob suggested that Woodbury off of Doyle Road get tarred and chipped. Gary asked how much extra would it cost to do all of Woodbury? The 81,403 S.Y. was what we had totaled. Albert stated yes, but we cut some of that out. Bob replied if we take of Sunny Lane, Carol Drive and Kimberly Drive, I think there is enough to do all of Highpoint even if we skip Woodhaven and Briarwood. Albert stated we eliminated doing Doyle Road also. Bob stated that is correct. I would say we would have enough to do everything at the same price. Gary asked Janice what she thinks. Janice replied, that was the ball park I was counting on. Albert stated that after we award this bid, the man from Russel ought to come out and go over everything with us. Bob stated that Eric from Russel would come out and figure it out so let's get together with him and he can figure out some square yardage. Gary suggested that we put a limit of \$160,000.00 since Janice said that is the most we can put out and let Albert and Bob get together and see what they can put together for that amount.

On a motion of Gary Risch, seconded by Michael Oehling to award the 2020 Road bids to Russel Standard Corporation and not to exceed \$160,000.00 for the 2020 Road Work. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION/MOTION TO APPROVE ADDING SEVEN (7) ACRES OF LAND OWNED BY JAMES RIDDLE INTO THE AG-SECURITY AREA - TABLED

Atty. Farrington stated that Mr. Riddle was at a meeting back in March. He previously had property that was put in the Ag-Security Area. This is a program devised by the PA Department of Agriculture in partnership with Butler County to preserve historic farms, farms with good soil quality and other areas that are good for conservation. When he originally did this, for whatever reason, the seven-acre parcel was omitted. It was not because that parcel was denied, it was because it was overlooked

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and left off that application. He submitted an application for that today so what we will be doing is submitting that to the Planning Commission for review. Their review is largely going to be limited to this keeping with the character of the overall plan for Buffalo Township. The property is not in one of our traditional business corridors. It has already received tentative approval from the state and the county so it is more an issue of us putting it into an Ag-Security Area. Eventually once it goes through Planning Commission, if they would recommend it, we will have to hold a hearing which should last no more than 15 minutes. In any event to try and keep that ball from moving tonight, is “A”, table it contingent of submission to the Planning Commission and “B”, I would advise approving advertising for the hearing on it just in case the ball gets moving on it. This is time sensitive, there are dead lines that we have to meet approving the advertising if Planning would approve it then everything would be ready to go. Albert asked why we need to have a hearing regarding this? When Mr. Riddle put this in the Ag-Security Area I don't think he owned that 7 acres then. All we had to do before was make a motion and it automatically was put in the Ag-Security Area. Albert shared more information regarding the Ag-Security Area. Atty. Farrington stated that he did look into this and to make any modification to an Ag-Security Area, we have to have a Public Hearing. I have reviewed his plan and I have spoken to Butler County and do not see any issue on the Townships side of things. I can't speak for the Planning Commission and Atty. Charlton but we do have to have a hearing incase there are members of the public that would have reason to oppose this. Atty. Farrington also disclosed that Mr. Riddle did use Lutz & Pawk in the past prior to his hiring.

On a motion of Gary Risch, seconded by Matt Sweeny to table adding seven (7) acres of land owned by James Riddle into the Ag-Security Area until the Planning Commission has a chance to review. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

On a motion of Matt Sweeny, seconded by Michael Oehling to set a date and advertise for a Public Hearing to be held on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 7:15 pm prior to the Regular Monthly Meeting. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

RELEASE OF SARVER'S MILL PERFORMANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$51,121.00 AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT - APPROVED

Ken Howard shared information regarding the Performance Bond as well as the Maintenance Agreement for Sarver's Mill by the Meritage Group.

On a motion of Gary Risch, seconded by Albert Roenigk to approve the release of Sarver's Mill Performance Bond in the amount of \$51,121.00 and acceptance of the Maintenance Agreement . Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

Gary Risch stated that he drives through that plan quite often and they only have about 6 lots left.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION #2020-9 FOR SEWAGE FACILITIES ACT 537 PLAN REVISION INCLUDING SARVER DOLLAR GENERAL PLANNING MODULE - ADOPTED

Ken Howard with Bankson Engineers shared information regarding adoption of Resolution #2020-9 for sewage facilities Act 537 Plan revision including Sarver Dollar General Planning Module.

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On a motion of Gary Risch, seconded by Albert Roenigk to adopt Resolution #2020-9 for Sewage Facilities Act 537 Plan Revision including Sarver Dollar General Planning Module. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

DISCUSSION/MOTION TO REIMBURSE CHRIS ZEIGLER, PRESIDENT OF TRAIL COUNCIL FOR SIGNAGE POSTED ALONG THE BUTLER-FREEPORT COMMUNITY TRAIL IN THE SHUSTER PROPERTY AREA – APPROVED

Ron Zampogna stated that the Parks and Recreation Committee were to post signs along the Butler-Freeport Community Trail in the area of the Shuster Property for several months now. Chris Zeigler, President of the Trail Council took it upon herself to take care of this. Chris stated that she posted the signs so that they can be seen when traveling in either direction along the trail. The cost of the signs were approximately \$233.00.

On a motion of Matt Sweeny, seconded by Michael Oehling to approve reimbursing Chris Zeigler in the approximate amount of \$233.00 for the signs that she purchased to be posted along the Butler-Freeport Trail in the area surrounding the Shuster Property. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

LAND DEVELOPMENT

REMARKS FROM THE FLOOR

Chris Zeigler, President of the Trail Council stated that there was no Trail Meeting in May due to Pandemic but they are thinking about having a meeting in the Cabot Pavilion this August but limiting it to the Board only and wait for a public meeting when they are allowed to have those again. We haven't moved the Caboose yet but can't wait to get that done. There were new gates installed due to vandalism and there were more gates vandalized just recently. The police have been notified. She stated that they are still trying to make a decision as far as what to do regarding the half marathon and that they have already received at least 80 applications for the race and there are things that need to get ordered as soon as possible. October is coming quickly. I am really conflicted as to what to do. There are so many that this is going to hit, not just Trail Council money wise, but the Boy Scouts, the Fire Departments, the church, radio operators and more. There has been a trail counter installed at Cabot and they are having Parking issues in Freeport-Laneville and I have asked Ken and Ouch if they could take a look at this with me. Chris also stated that there is an upcoming Outdoor Recreation Grant and suggested encouraged the Township to apply for it. They are looking for shovel ready projects.

Albert Roenigk shared that Friday, July 10th will be his mom's 100th Birthday and we will be at Concordia between 1:00 and 2:00 pm for a social distancing celebration.

Janice stated that a resident that lives on Rambler drive contacted the township to say what a great job the Road Dept. is doing around the township.

Bob Fletcher, Asst. Road Master shared some of what the Road Department has been doing in the township this last few weeks. He stated that they have been repairing and replacing catch basins

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around the township and mowing. He also stated that there are several equipment breakdowns and that the 98 International will not pass inspection, there is an issue with the 95 and the transmission went out on the 2000 Ford. Bob asked the Board for permission to get these items fixed or at least looked at so that decisions can be made on what to do? Matt suggested that Bob get a hold of Penn dba Allison in Cranberry and see what they have to say and need to do to get the transmission working in the 95 and to check with some local shops as far as what needs to be done with the Ford truck. Albert asked about the transmission and Bob stated that Mattus is who put it in and said that he said he can't fix it but I will contact him again and see what he says. Gary suggested that Albert talk to George Mattus about this. Matt stated that we need to get this stuff taken care of.

Donnie Martin Roenigk, 203 S. Pike Road shared his sympathies for Michael Oehling's family regarding the death of his Grandfather, James Oehling, Sr. who was a distinguished WWII Veteran and received a Bronze star for saving one of his fellow soldiers. Michael shared some information regarding his grandfather's service. Albert stated that those were our original hero's.

ADJOURNMENT was on a motion of Gary Risch, seconded by Matt Sweeny at 8:18 pm. Motion carried. Un. Approval.

APPROVED:

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY