

BUFFALO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS – REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING – APRIL 22, 2020

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Buffalo Township Board of Supervisors was held Wednesday, March 11, 2020, in the Buffalo Township Municipal Building 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.	Absent
Michael Oehling, Jr.	Present

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

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

- a) The Board of Supervisors met with their Solicitor via video conference for an Executive Session on Apr. 21.
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Brian Farrington with Lutz & Pawk Law was the Host of the Video Conference Meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of the March 11, 2020, Regular Monthly Meeting of the Buffalo Township Board of Supervisors, as recorded, was on motion of Matt Sweeny, seconded by Michael Oehling. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE TREASURER’S REPORT for March 1-31, 2020 inclusive for audit, was on motion of Albert Roenigk, seconded by Matt Sweeny. 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.

OLD BUSINESS

REAPPROVAL OF FINAL SITE PLAN & LOT LINE REVISION FOR BUFFALO CREEK NATURE CENTER

Ken Howard stated that the Plan was approved about 3 months ago and when Atty. Brian Farrington went to record the plan, the recorder at the Butler County Courthouse noticed that it was past the 90-day time period. The date needs changed and the plan needs resigned so that it can get recorded.

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On a motion of Matt Sweeny, seconded by Albert Roenigk to reapprove the Buffalo Creek Nature Center Final Site Plan and Lot Line Revision. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

NEW BUSINESS

ACCEPTANCE OF THE RESIGNATION OF ED TABISZ AS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

On a motion of Matt Sweeny, seconded by Michael Oehling approval was made to accept Ed Tabisz' resignation letter and to send him a letter thanking him for all of his years of service. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

DISCUSSION REGARDING EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR AND ASSISTANT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR'S

Brian Farrington stated that Oliver Hawk is the only remaining Emergency Management Coordinator in place. Matt Sweeny stated that he had been in contact with both of the Fire Departments in the township and asked if anyone would be interested in filling the vacant positions. Mike George with Sarver VFC stated that he as well as Tyler Hill would be interested. Matt also stated that Donnie Roenigk, even though not affiliated with a Fire Department would also be interested. Ron asked Brian if Oliver Hawk was still interested in holding his position. You can keep him and add the others to fill the vacancies. Albert Roenigk stated that Donnie Roenigk was a Fireman for 14 years, he was involved from 2001-2015 when he went into the Marines and then he moved away. He is still a member of the Firehall, an inactive member but still a member. He is a certified EMT and has Firefighter One. Matt suggested that he contact Mr. Hawk to get his feel on things and see if we can get this thing sorted out. Brian asked if anyone in the audience has any input on this. Ron Zampogna summarized everything for the audience. Albert stated that we have always had 2 assistants. Brian suggested that the easiest way to do this would be for someone to nominate one of these candidates for the open EMC position and then you can sort out the Emergency EMC Assistant at this time. Mr. Hawk expressed that he did not want to be the EMC Director but was still interested in the Assistant position. Matt Sweeny nominated Mike George as the EMC Director, with the Assistants being Donnie Roenigk, Tyler Hill and Oliver Hawk.

On a motion of Matt Sweeny, seconded by Michael Oehling to appoint Michael George as EMC Director, Donnie Roenigk, Tyler Hill and Oliver Hawk as the Assistants. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

DISCUSSION REGARDING MAY'S PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Ron stated that he and Brian had a discussion regarding the Planning Commission Meetings and the items that are still pending. Brian stated that we had cancelled April's Planning Commission Meeting and received continuances from those individuals to the May meeting and now with the state giving Municipal Organizations permission to operate through video conferencing, it would be my recommendation to approve having the Planning Commission Meetings through video conferencing. Now I did speak with Grant McConnell and he indicated that they would have the ability to operate through video conferencing. Grant stated that we could use Zoom as we are doing tonight. I know we do have at least 2 items on the Agenda and feel that we could move forward with this in place. Ken

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Howard with Bankson Engineers stated that he received two more submittals today so we will most likely have four items on the May Planning Commission Agenda. Larry Lutz asked if we have the means for the Planning Commission Members to have hard copies for the meetings. Grant asked Ken if he could send the electronic files to each of the Planning Commission Items. Ron asked if Atty. Charlton would send out the same link as Brian is doing. Grant stated that he would coordinate that with Joe. Atty. Lutz stated that no motion needs to be made.

REMARKS FROM THE FLOOR

Chris Zeigler, President Butler-Freeport Trail stated that the trail is extremely busy even with the Covid-19 Pandemic. People have been using social distancing, the port o johns have been removed and the flyers have been removed. I consulted with several other trails and they are doing the same thing. No other trails closed in PA. We are cancelling our next meeting which is held at Concordia and are holding off on moving the Caboose at this time. We have ordered the signs to be placed at the Shuster Property. Chris asked Ken for a map to show where the property lines are so the signs can be put up in the correct area. Ken stated that they have submitted the DCNR Grant Application today. Albert Roenigk stated that I am to get a call from Cory Schaffer with PennDOT to measure the roads. Matt stated that we need to get those bids in as soon as possible so we can get moving on this project. Ron stated that May Supervisor' meeting would be held via Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT was on a motion of Matt Sweeny, seconded by Michael Oehling at 8:00 pm. Motion carried. Un. Approval.

APPROVED:

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY