

BUFFALO TWP. SUPERVISORS – REG. MONTHLY MEETING – JAN. 3. 2017

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Buffalo Township Board of Supervisors was held Tuesday, January 3, 2017, in the Buffalo Township Municipal Building and convened at 7:25 p.m. This Meeting is being recorded. If anyone is taping this Meeting, please state your name and address. The Meeting was called to order by the Chairman, John K. Haven.

ROLL CALL

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

A majority of the Board of the 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) John Haven, Albert Roenigk, Gary Risch, Ron Zampogna, and Janice Zubrin held interviews for Land Development Coordinator on Dec. 15 in the Township Municipal Building.
- (b) John Haven, Albert Roenigk, Gary Risch, Ron Zampogna, and Janice Zubrin held a meeting on Dec. 17 in the Township Municipal Bldg. to discuss the applicants for the Land Development Coordinator Position.
- (c) John Haven met with a Representative from the Teamsters and the Road Department on Dec. 20. in the Township Municipal Bldg.

John Haven asked if there is any discussion or remarks on any of the agenda items.

Gary Risch stated one of our Officers saw the fire last night at Lernerville and called it in. He thanked the Police Officer and the Fire Departments. The damage could have been a lot worse.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of the December 14, 2016, Regular Monthly Meeting of the Buffalo Township Board of Supervisors, as recorded, was on motion of Ron Zampogna, seconded by Albert Roenigk. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

MONTHLY BILLS

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

OLD BUSINESS

RETROACTIVE MOTION TO HIRE LAND DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

On motion of Ron Zampogna, seconded by Albert Roenigk, to retroactively approve hiring Rhonda Swartz effective December 17, 2016. Motion Carried. Un.Approval.

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NEW BUSINESS

IRS MILEAGE RATE DECREASED

On motion of Matt Sweeny, seconded by Gary Risch, to decrease the current standard business mileage rate from .54 cents per mile to .535 cents per mile effective January 1, 2017. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

DISCUSSION OF NEW RADIO SYSTEM FOR BUTLER COUNTY 911

John Haven stated we received two letters from Butler County. Butler County is going to a new 800 megahertz radio system. The Federal Government needs our radio frequency for cell phones. They are going to make all of the Police Departments, Fire Departments, and EMS change their radio system. The initial quote was 13 million dollars. They are now down to 9.9 million dollars. He read from the letter explaining the County's one time replacement plan. For our Police Department, we have the four vehicles it would be four mobiles, four portables, and two spares. We also have our Emergency Management Coordinator; that would be something we would have to talk to Steve Bicehouse about. I think the County should cover him because we have to have an Emergency Management Coordinator per County instructions. We have five full time Officers and four part time Officers. We are looking at approx. \$4800 per radio. Twenty five percent of that would be about \$1200 per radio. We talked to Frank Girardi, our radio person, he has a Viking which is compatible with Motorola and is quite a bit cheaper. We are looking at between \$10,000 to \$12,000 for the township part for the radios. This is going to go into effect in 2018. Lt. Tim Derringer stated I talked to Freeport's Chief to find out exact details. A Julia Road resident asked will these radios be compatible with other Counties? Lt. Derringer answered we are only compatible now with Allegheny County. Albert Roenigk stated we talked about this for a number of years. Vicki Hoffman, Bear Creek Road, asked what about the Fire Departments? John Haven answered they are on here. We have to check with our Emergency Management Coordinator. There is a meeting at Butler County Community College on January 31. Gary, Tim, and I will be attending the meeting.

DCNR GRANT RECEIVED - \$200,000 GRANT FOR BUFFALO TOWNSHIP AUDUBON NATURE PARK

John Haven stated we applied for a Grant for \$250,000; we were awarded a Grant for \$200,000 for the Nature Park. Jim Bonner wants to have a meeting this week. We need to plan for implementing the Grant. They also received a Grant. I would like Ken to attend the meeting.

APPROVAL TO DONATE DODGE DURANGO TO SARVER VOLUNTER FIRE DEPARTMENT

John Haven stated I was approached by the Sarver Fire Department after Christmas and said they were looking for a vehicle to travel to training and for general use. Albert Roenigk stated we could donate it to them.

On motion of Ron Zampogna, seconded by Matt Sweeny, to donate the 2009 Dodge Durango to the Sarver Fire Department. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

TOWNSHIP BUILDING ROOF REPAIRS OR REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING ROOF – DISCUSSION

John Haven stated John Zurisko was in last week. He is taking care of the leaks that are present right now. We need to have someone evaluate the roof replacement. This is something we need to discuss. I would like to see our buildings and grounds people investigate the cost. Gary Risch stated

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the air conditioner compressor need to get a lot of air. I think we need another rubber roof. John Haven stated the air conditioner should also be evaluated.

DEP – MS4 STORMWATER & SEDIMENTATION CONTROL – REDUCTION OF SEDIMENTATION BY TEN PERCENT

Ken Howard stated under the new MS4 Regulations the township will be required to develop a plan to reduce the sediment in urbanized areas. You will need to adopt a new Ordinance that will require developers to include this in their development. In the next year or so we will be evaluating each of the watersheds and prove to DEP that we are reducing sediment by ten percent. The DEP considers the watersheds impaired. Our goal is to evaluate each watershed and come back to the Board with the most cost effective way to reducing the sedimentation in the watersheds. We have a couple of years to develop a plan; it is due to DEP 11/30/19. There is a lot of work to do to develop the plan. The MS4 Requirements include having public meetings and training of employees. This is an unfunded mandate pushed onto the township by the EPA. They are encouraging a monthly Township Stormwater Management Fee for each resident in the township. John Haven asked we will have a new administration could this unfunded mandate be rescinded? Ken Howard answered it is hard to tell. John Haven asked how many MS4 Municipalities are there? Ken Howard answered there are four permitted in Butler County. I will keep you posted. There will be a Training Session in a couple of weeks.

REMARKS FROM THE FLOOR

Gary Risch asked about the location of a stop sign in Chesterfield Estates? Ken Howard answered the Developer's Engineer proposed putting it there and we didn't disagree with them. Jim Jackson, Parker Road, stated water runs across that street. With the stop sign there, you have to stop before you get to the ice.

Gary Risch asked about the stormwater pond? Ken Howard answered they have to take all of that sediment out of that pond, regrade, and seed it. The School regraded their pond.

ADJOURNMENT was on motion of Gary Risch, seconded by Matt Sweeny, at 7:40 p.m. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

APPROVED:

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY