

**BUFFALO TWP. SUPERVISORS – REG. MONTHLY MEETING – APRIL 26, 2017**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Buffalo Township Board of Supervisors was held Wednesday, April 26, 2017, in the Buffalo Township Municipal Building and convened at 7:30 p.m.

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

**ROLL CALL**

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

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

- (a) The Board of Solicitors met with their Solicitor this evening in the Township Municipal Bldg.
- (b) John Haven attended the Buffalo Township Municipal Authority Meeting on April 20.
- (c) Albert Roenigk, Ken Howard, and John Gaydos held a road tour with Representatives from Suite-Kote Paving Company on April 20.
- (d) John Haven attended the Road Grant Assessment in Washington Twp. For the BCCD DGR/LVR Grant on April 20.

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**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** of the April 12, 2017, Regular Monthly Meeting of the Buffalo Township Board of Supervisors, as recorded, was on motion of Matt Sweeny, seconded by Ron Zampogna. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**REVIEW OF ORDINANCES THAT NEED REVISED AND/OR UPDATED**

John Haven stated that we need input from all of our employees. Ray Smetana, Planning Commission Chairman, stated everyone should list the Ordinance Numbers and how they want it changed. John Haven stated that Rick Grossman is coming to the Planning Commission next week. There are several Planning Commission members that don't know him. Larry will be involved in this, also. Vicki Hoffman, Bear Creek Road, asked about the Ordinances. Ray Smetana stated we will be refining our Ordinances. John Haven stated we will also need to set them up and classify them so that

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Rhonda and possibly Mary Ann can get them ready to be on line. Vicki Hoffman asked they will all be on line? John Haven answered we will have to look at the cost; it will depend on our budget. Jim Jackson, Parker Road, will residents have input? John Haven answered yes. Atty. Lutz explained that we will have a Public Hearing before adopting them. The process was explained.

### **RICK GROSSMAN, A COUNTY PLANNING COORDINATOR WILL BE ATTENDING THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING ON MAY 3, 2017**

#### **PURCHASE OF SKID LOADER – DISCUSSION**

Bob Fletcher, Road Department, commented on the uses of this piece of equipment. I think it is a good investment. Gary Risch commented on other uses. We can rent other attachments from Sarver True Value Hardware. John Haven stated with all of the attachments it is a nice machine to have. Albert Roenigk stated we are getting a champagne taste on a Budweiser budget. We still need to look into Kepple Road. Gary Risch asked how much is Kepple Road going to cost? Albert Roenigk answered it depends on what we do. Gary Risch stated didn't you find out the cost? John Haven stated Kepple Road needs fixed. Albert Roenigk stated or we are going to lose more of it. Matt Sweeny asked without having the Freeport Sweeper available what would we pay to have somebody do it? John Haven answered we rented that one from the place in Mars. It was a couple of years ago. Bob Fletcher stated that might have been ten years ago. John Haven stated this is something we should look at. Albert Roenigk stated when you are sweeping miles of streets it is not ideal; it takes three people. Bob Fletcher stated all of our housing plans were done by Freeport last year. Albert Roenigk stated it took three weeks. Bob Fletcher stated we need a sweeper. I know Mars hasn't been here since I have been here and that is 17 years. I don't know what they charge an hour. Matt Sweeny stated we will need to look at all aspects. John Haven stated we will probably need to sweep the streets twice a year with the new Ordinance. Matt Sweeny stated we will look into it further to justify the cost.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **APPROVAL TO HIRE PART TIME POLICE OFFICER**

Lt. Tim Derringer stated with Rick retiring and all of the events we are going to be short. I have one person who is interested, John Gillette. I would recommend that you hire him as a part time officer. He can't work a lot. We will be having a lot of events and need help for traffic enforcement. I did advertise on line and contacted the Allegheny County Police Academy for new cadets. John Haven asked what is his availability? Lt. Derringer answered it depends; I will need to get his availability from him. John Haven asked does he have equipment? Lt. Derringer answered other than uniforms he has all the equipment. John Haven stated he is not familiar with the township. Lt. Derringer stated he is somewhat familiar; he is from Natrona Heights.

On motion of Gary Risch, seconded by Matt Sweeny, to approve hiring John Gillette as a part time Police Officer. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

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**DISCUSSION ESTABLISHING RATES FOR SPECIFIC CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**

Roger Kelly, Zoning Officer, stated this concerns the roof at Freeport High School. I have never granted a permit for a roof. Code Systems does issue a permit for a roof. They have standard prices for certain things. He explained the process. We could waive the fee. Atty. Lutz stated I could look into the issue of a building permit for a roof for a commercial building.

Janice Zubrin stated I received a message from Jim Russell, Code Systems, stating that Dave McGuigan and Fred Dzugan will be back working in the township.

Jim Jackson, Parker Road, asked what is Code Sys? Atty. Lutz answered our building inspector.

**AUDUBON JOINT OPERATING AGREEMENT & MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN BUFFALO TOWNSHIP AND THE AUDUBON SOCIETY OF WESTERN PA**

John Haven stated we need to have a meeting with the Audubon Society.

**RETROACTIVE APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR THE ROAD BIDS**

On motion of Albert Roenigk, seconded by Matt Sweny, to retroactively approve advertising for the road bids. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

**REMARKS FROM THE FLOOR**

Michele Lesniak stated I am the Director at the South Butler Community Library. I am here to introduce myself. She gave an overlay of things going on at the Library.

Shawn Austin, Grimm Road, came to complain about his neighbor. He has dust and dirt blowing and is in violation of the Nuisance Ordinance. There is also standing water. This is the fourth summer that I have been complaining. Roger Kelly stated I was there last week. Matt Sweeny stated he got things done with the house. Roger Kelly stated I will give him a call. Gary Risch stated this has been going on too long; give him a week and start citing him. Atty. Lutz told Roger Kelly to go and talk to him and tell him citations will start after the next meeting. It is a daily violation and he will be fined daily.

A resident from Martin Road asked about the roads that were tarred and chipped last year? Albert Roenigk stated they are going to be fixed. John Haven stated the Contractor has to come back and redo the roads.

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**ADJOURNMENT** was on motion of Gary Risch, seconded by Matt Sweeny, at 8:20 p.m. Motion Carried.  
Un. Approval.

**APPROVED:**

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**CHAIRMAN**

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**SECRETARY**