

**BUFFALO TWP. SUPERVISORS – REG. MONTHLY MEETING – JULY 12, 2017**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Buffalo Township Board of Supervisors was held Wednesday, July 12, 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

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) The Board of Supervisors met with their Solicitor this evening in the Township Municipal Bldg.
- (b) John Haven attended the MABT Meeting on June 15.
- (c) John Haven met with Carly Dobbins Bucklad, Regional Transportation Alliance, in reference to the Trail Extension to Butler-Junction.
- (d) John Haven, Albert Roenigk, and Ken Howard met with Penn Dot and JC Lee Officials to inspect Section 3 of the Resurfacing Project on June 23.
- (e) John Haven and Ken Howard met several times with JC Lee Representatives throughout the Resurfacing Project.

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**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** of the June 14, 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.

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE TREASURER’S REPORT**

The Treasurer’s Report for June 2017 was read by John Haven. Acceptance of the Treasurer’s Report for June 1 – 30, 2017, inclusive for audit, was on motion of Ron Zampogna, seconded by Albert Roenigk. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

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**MONTHLY BILLS**

After reviewing 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.

**REPORTS**

- (1) **THE ELECTED TAX COLLECTOR’S REPORT** received from Carla Garia for June 2017 included \$15,120.66 for Twp. Real Estate @ discount, \$2,180 for Per Capita @ face, and \$1,910.00 in Exonerations
- (2) **THE APPOINTED TAX COLLECTOR’S REPORT** from Berkheimer Tax Administrator for June 2017 is \$121,089.74 in Earned Income Tax and \$495.67 in Local Services Tax
- (3) **THE APPOINTED TAX COLLECTOR’S REPORT** from Sharp Collections for June 2017 is \$1,051.52 in delinquent Earned Income Tax
- (4) **ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT** for June 2017 is for 9 permits issued; 3 Single Family Residences, 2 Pools, 2 Decks, Porches, Roofs, 2 Grading Permits  
Building Permit Fee: \$2,597.46                      Grading Permit Fee: \$20.00  
Mileage: 220 Miles                                      Lot Development Fund: \$1,032.13

**OLD BUSINESS**

**THE NEXT WORKSHOP WILL BE WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2017, AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BLDG.**

**SUITE-KOTE REPAVING OF TOWNSHIP ROADS – DISCUSSION**

John Haven stated they would like to schedule for August 24 which is the first day of school. We need to talk to the Representatives to reschedule. Albert Roenigk stated John Gaydos already called him and reminded him. They can’t do it the first day of school.

**PAY REQUEST #2 FROM JC LEE CONSTRUCTION AND SUPPLY COMPANY – APPROVED**

Ken Howard stated this is an update of the Trail Resurfacing Project. Section 3 has been completed. It is acceptable; Penn Dot did a final inspection. This is pay request #2 for \$153,483.49. The approval would be for us to request reimbursement from Penn Dot and to make payment to the Contractor. We recommend approval.

On motion of Gary Risch, second by Albert Roenigk, to approve pay request #2 from JC Lee Construction and Supply Company in the amount of \$153,483.49 for the resurfacing project on Section 3 of the Butler-Freeport Trail. This is to request reimbursement from Penn Dot and to make payment to the Contractor. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

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**LETTER FROM THE MYERS FAMILY ON POSSIBLE RESOLUTION TO THE CHICKEN COOP AND CHICKENS IN AN “R-1” ZONING DISTRICT ON GARDEN WAY** was read by John Haven. The letter explains that they have worked out a lease agreement with their neighbor on Sunset Drive. They have been permitted to begin building a shelter on the property as well as a fenced run and/or chicken tractor. They have also begun a management plan for culling the oldest and least productive laying hens. John Haven asked Roger Kelly to find out a date and time when these things will be completed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **AMERIKOHL MINING, INC. – DISCUSSION**

John Haven read a letter from Amerikohl Mining, Inc. which states that as part of yearly permit renewal that they have to send out a letter concerning their overburden blasting in compliance with all State and Federal Laws as written within the “Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977”. This is for the surface coal mining operations located on the lands of David K. Thompson and Donald K. Thompson. Jim Bonner, Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania, stated we received the same letter the day after the last meeting.

#### **CHANGING THE ADDRESS AT 503 SARVER ROAD – DISCUSSION**

Rhonda Swartz stated I contacted Emergency Management in Butler County regarding addressing the Kelly Building. They need an address because they are going to open a preschool. The address we worked out was going to be 490; but since they changed the road in that area, the address that the house there has is 503. They feel that it is necessary for that address to change to an even number for that side of the road. They didn’t think emergency people would know which house to go to with them being 503. John Haven asked what would be the designated address? Rhonda Swartz answered it would have to be before 490. The house at the end of Sarver Road is 440. John Haven stated this is an anomaly because the road was changed. Albert Roenigk stated as long as we can blame it on 911. Albert Roenigk asked the 400 number is coming down Sarver Hill then 400 would pick up again there? Wouldn’t that be a new block? Rhonda Swartz stated Buffalo Elementary School is 500. The Post Office said that anything after 440 would be fine for the Kelly Building. Atty. Lutz stated what Ouch is suggesting is that maybe you should start 500 where Adamik is so you would have 400’s on one side of 356 and 500’s on the other side. Albert Roenigk stated that is more confusing than the way it is now. Rhonda Swartz stated Buffalo Elementary School has had their address for a long time.

#### **ORDINANCE FOR NO PARKING ALONG MONROE ROAD – DISCUSSION**

John Haven stated maybe we can work something out. I think that side of the road is mostly school property; this is something we can discuss with the School Board. Lt. Tim Derringer stated I don’t recall that being an issue; the road isn’t blocked. Gary Risch stated we have had a lot of complaints. Gary Risch asked how much does it cost to do an Ordinance? Janice Zubrin answered it varies. Atty.

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Lutz stated there are advertising fees (approx. \$200), Court Reporter for a Hearing (approx. \$100), and my time. The Ordinance changes that are being currently worked on will not be ready by football season. Atty. Lutz stated we could do a comprehensive parking ordinance. Maybe I should take a look at our existing parking ordinance. John Haven stated we could discuss this at a School Board Meeting; they can put signs up on their property.

**BUTLER COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES HOLDING A TWO (2) DAY COURSE ON DISASTER RECOVERY ON AUGUST 9 AND 10**

There are thirty (30) openings. Anyone interested in attending must register. Vicki Hoffman, Bear Creek Road, commented.

**EVANGEL HEIGHTS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY REQUEST TO USE THE TRAIL AND PROPERTY AT THE MONROE ROAD TRAIL HEAD – APPROVED**

On motion of Ron Zampogna, seconded by Gary Risch, to approve the request from Evangel Heights Christian Academy to use the Trail and property at the Monroe Road Trail Head for their 5<sup>th</sup> Annual EHCA Eagle 5K Race on September 16, 2017. They have spoken with Mr. Jim Bonner about using the Audubon Nature Park Property and the building for this event. They will need to begin set up for the event at 7 a.m. and the race will start at 9 a.m. Jim Bonner stated it is fine. I told them to talk with Terry Tague, also. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

**PRESENTATION OF NEW CONCEPT FOR THE BUFFALO TWP./AUDUBON NATURE PARK, FROM JIM BONNER, AUDUBON SOCIETY OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA**

Jim Bonner stated this is the revised layout that we worked out with Pashek, our Architect. This is in response that we got from feedback from the Department of Environmental Protection with regard to complying with the rules and regulations about putting in something near a high quality stream. The dotted lines show the 100 and 150' setbacks. We tried to move things away from that as much as possible. We reduced the size of the pavilions. We decided to reuse the foundation of the existing building and put a larger one there and do a smaller one outside of the 150' line. This gives us a little bit more flexibility. We tried to minimize the workings of the roads. We opened up a nice lawn area in the center. We pulled improving the grass parking area off the design right now and will address it as maintenance sometime in the future. We rearranged the components. We still have a nature play area. Ron Zampogna asked is the teaching pavilion a permanent structure? Jim Bonner answered yes; it is a permanent structure. There will be ADA Access for the Trail. Gary Risch suggested making copies of the maps and putting them in the businesses. Jim Bonner stated we will actually be doing a direct mailing to every resident later this summer.

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**THE AUDUBON WILL HAVE 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE TODD NATURE RESERVE**

Jim Bonner stated the Todd Nature Reserve's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is this year. We will have a celebration on Saturday, July 29 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Buffalo Township /Audubon Nature Park on Monroe Road. We will also be celebrating the kick off for the park. We will have the coming soon signs going up. Renee has been working on activities for that day. John Haven asked how are we going to handle grass mowing? Jim Bonner answered we will need to talk about that and will coordinate with the Parks and Recreation Committee. We will, also, need to talk about utilities.

**STORAGE OF RECYCLING BINS – DISCUSSION**

John Haven stated we need to store 800 recycling bins. Gary Risch asked how many are on a pallet? In the new building we are going to cement the section in the back; there are pallet racks that are going to be put up. They could probably be put on them. There is probably going to be room in the Ecoz Room when we take the equipment out. Janice Zubrin stated I would like to order them as soon as possible. Ron Zampogna asked how long will it take to get them? Janice Zubrin answered I am not sure. Vicki Hoffman asked what are the plans for the bins? John Haven answered we will issue them to the public. Vicki Hoffman stated a lot of people in the township don't recycle. John Haven stated we received a Grant to get them at a reduced rate. Albert Roenigk stated originally there was a \$4 deposit. Janice Zubrin stated that is when we paid for them not when we got a Grant.

**APPROVAL TO PAY FOR CULVERT PIPE**

John Haven stated there was an issue with the culvert pipe that was found during the Trail Resurfacing that wasn't included in the bid. The cost is \$2500 and will need paid to JC Lee.

On motion of Albert Roenigk, seconded by Ron Zampogna, to pay \$2500 to JC Lee to fix the culvert. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Gary Risch asked Roger Kelly what he found out about the swimming pool at the end of Coe Street across from Parker Road? Does he have a permit for the pool? He doesn't have a gate on it. Roger Kelly answered I didn't check that out. Gary Risch asked Roger Kelly to check it out.

Gary Risch asked Chris Ziegler, President Butler-Freeport Trail, to do a report every month so the Board knows what is going on.

**APPROVAL FOR WORK ON TRAIL**

Chris Ziegler stated the bridge in Butler is flooding out. She explained what they would like to do this summer. If we get it cleaned up and taken care of, we won't ever have to worry about it. Ken Howard stated we talked about it; we recommend doing this. John Haven asked Ken to make sure it is to code. Ken Howard stated there is no engineering required.

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On motion of Gary Risch, seconded by Matt Sweeny, to approve doing the repair. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

Chris Ziegler commented on a problem on the Trail and a solution. There was much discussion. Ken Howard stated we will need to talk about this.

Janice Zubrin stated Penn Dot gave us permission to put the signs up that were requested by the Church.

**ADJOURNMENT** was on motion of Gary Risch, seconded by Matt Sweeny, at 8:26 p.m. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

**APPROVED:**

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**CHAIRMAN**

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**SECRETARY**