

BUFFALO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS – REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING – JANUARY 3, 2022

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Buffalo Township Board of Supervisors was held Monday, January 3, 2022 and convened at 7:15 p.m. The Meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Ron Zampogna III. This Meeting is being recorded, if anyone is taping this Meeting, please state your name and address.

ROLL CALL

Ron Zampogna III	Present
Matthew J. Sweeny	Present
Albert T. Roenigk	Present
Gary L. Risch Sr.	Present
Michael Oehling	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 in the Township Building regarding personnel matters on Dec. 16.
- b) The Board of Supervisors met in the Township Building with their Solicitor and Auditor regarding personnel matters on Dec. 28.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of the December 8, 2021, 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 December 1-31, 2021 inclusive for audit, was on motion of Albert Roenigk, seconded by Gary Risch. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

MONTHLY BILLS

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

REPORTS

(1) THE ELECTED TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT (ROBYN FLEISHMAN):

- **DECEMBER 2021:** Twp. Real Estate Tax is \$3,812.35, Per Capita @ Face is \$0.00
Per Capita @ Penalty is \$605.00

(2) THE APPOINTED TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT (BERKHEIMER):

- **DECEMBER 2021:** Earned Income Tax is \$135,101.73, Local Services Tax is \$621.17

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(3) THE APPOINTED TAX COLLECTOR’S REPORT (SHARPS):

- **DECEMBER 2021**: Twp. share: \$70.00

(4) WEEKLY STAMP SALES (DEED TRANSFER’S):

- **DECEMBER 2021**: \$32,128.50

(5) ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT (RICK HEALEY):

- **DECEMBER 2021**: 7 Permits Issued, 3 Single Family Residences, 0 Residential Storage, 4 Porch/Decks/Roof, Building Permit Fee: \$3575.32, Mileage: 100, Grading Permit Fee: \$300.00, Lot Development Fund: \$4,500.00

(6) THE DISTRICT JUSTICE’S REPORT:

- **DECEMBER 2021**: Ordinance & Statute Violations \$0.00, Code Violations \$0.00

(7) BUFFALO TWP. POLICE REPORT

- **DECEMBER 2021**: Total calls 196

OLD BUSINESS

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2022-4 REGARDING UPDATING THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR BUFFALO TOWNSHIP’S MS4 PROGRAM – ADOPTED

Ken Howard with Bankson Engineers stated that over the past two meetings you have had a draft of what we have prepared as the update to your MS4 Program Policies and Procedures and tonight we have a bound booklet that has these written Policies and Procedures spelled out and we are recommending tonight that you take action on these and officially adopt these that we would follow in this upcoming year. Having this being updated helps with the requirements more precisely in accordance with the data audit that we received from DEP last year. So, we are recommending that you take action by Resolution to adopt these written updates that have been published on the website, they have been presented at the Township’s Meetings and we have requested comments from the public. This booklet has changed slightly since the version that we had last month. This new one would be the gospel booklet moving forward and we ask that you take action to approve this.

On a motion of Michael Oehling, seconded by Matt Sweeny to adopt Resolution #2022-4 regarding updating the policies and procedures for Buffalo Township’s MS4 Program. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

Ken stated that as we go forward into the monthly meetings, we will have these forms available for anyone in the public that wishes to participate in the MS4 Program. If they would like to provide comments, willing to volunteer or reporting of illicit discharges that they want to report. This form will be available here at the Township Building for their use. At each monthly meeting we will request people to participate to help meet our MS4 requirements moving forward.

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ADDITION: Addition of New Business #3: Motion to add the Police Union Contract to the Agenda.

On a motion of Gary Risch, seconded by Matt Sweeny to add the Police Union Contract to the Agenda. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

ADDITION: Addition of New Business #4: Motion to add approval of Bids for the Crescent Hill Road Project to the Agenda.

On a motion of Gary Risch, seconded by Michael Oehling to approve adding the Bids for Crescent Hill Drive Project to Agenda. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

NEW BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENT: IRS INCREASED MILEAGE RATE FROM .56¢ IN 2021 TO .58.5¢ PER MILE IN 2022

MOTION TO SEND DELEGATE/DELEGATES TO 2022 STATE CONVENTION IN HERSHEY APRIL 24-27, 2022

Gary Risch stated that he would like to go and asked Mike if he would be interested and he said he would. Gary made a motion that we let anyone that wants to attend the Convention permission to go.

On a motion of Gary Risch, seconded by Michael Oehling to send the Supervisors to the state convention in Hershey April 24-27, 2022 if they would like to go. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

Gary stated we can see what all we can learn out there. Ken Howard stated that there is a lot of educational materials presented.

MOTION TO APPROVE POLICE UNION CONTRACT – APPROVED

Atty. Farrington stated that the Township has been renegotiating the Police Contract which was up on December 31, 2021 and with retroactive approval will go from January 1, 2022 thru December 31, 2026. It contains all the terms that the Township wished to include. If the Supervisors wish to approve it, we had to sign for administrative purposes last week to provide back pay of wages for 3 days to meet the new contract amount for January 1st through January 3rd, 2022. This is subject to any final issues that their solicitor would have according to the terms of this with respect to Mr. Derringer, I have to make sure that USW Representative is aware of the 12-week short term/long term disability discussion that we had.

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On a motion of Matt Sweeny, seconded by Michael Oehling to approve the Police Union Contract from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2026. Motion Carried on a Roll Call Vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ron Zampogna – Yes Matt Sweeney – Yes Albert Roenigk – Yes
 Gary Risch – No Michael Oehling – Yes

Chris Zeigler, President of the Butler-Freeport Trail Council gave an update regarding the trail. We had a last day hike on December 31st and there was about 25 people. The Caboose was open and the weather was great not like in past years. We have another Bike Fix-It station to be installed at the Bonniebrook Trail Head. We had a donation which covered those costs. Matt asked what a Bike Fix-it station has? Chris explained. We are investigated replacing the Monroe Road Bridge just like the Marwood Road Bridge and that will only leave the Herman Road Bridge to take care of. It is just like a day to day and a half job.

Bob Fletcher, Township Road Master gave an update regarding the Road Department. There is an issue with the Crescent Hill Drive job. We now have to get three bids and go with the lowest one. Albert asked weren't we going to get Holbein's to do the work? Bob stated he was just told by Ryan at the Conservation District that since there is a contractor involved with have to get 3 bids and go with prevailing wage. Matt stated that we will look into this. Atty. Farrington asked Bob to explain this to him. Bob stated apparently we need to get this done right away. The Conservation District allotted us \$20,000.00 to cover this and if it goes over that we will have to go another route. Atty. Farrington stated that if it goes over \$21,900 then we would have get bids. It is now from \$11,800.00 to \$21,900.00 and after that we would need to have sealed bids. Ken Howard stated that they have 3 quotes with an hourly rate from before but Atty. Farrington suggested that we get updated quotes.

MOTION TO GET BIDS FROM 3 CONTRACTORS FOR THE CRESCENT HILL ROAD PROJECT – APPROVED

On a motion of Matt Sweeny, seconded by Albert Roenigk to have Bankson Engineers get bids for the Crescent Hill Drive Project from 3 different Contractors. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

LAND DEVELOPMENT – There were no Land Development items to be reviewed.

REMARKS FROM THE FLOOR:

Vicky Hoffman, 482 Bear Creek Road asked about water going across the road near Zion Church. It freezes across the road and causes icy conditions. Grant McConnell agreed and stated he was through there and it was like an ice rink. Ken Howard stated that he had spoke with Mr. Cromies' contractor regarding this issue recently and if nothing is done to let him know and he will contact him again. Janice Zubrin stated that the same thing is happening at the entrance of Harbison Road when you turn in.

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Bob stated they are aware of these areas and other areas around the township and check on them frequently. The one at Harbison Road needs to have the catch basin replaced. Atty. Farrington discussed the issue with Coe Street and it was also brought up by Gary Risch regarding the Chesterfield Plan where the water goes onto Sarver Road. Ken Howard stated that he will contact Gary Herbert regarding this as he has done previously.

ADJOURNMENT was on motion of Gary Risch, seconded by Michael Oehling, at 7:45 p.m. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

APPROVED:

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY/TREASURER