

BUFFALO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS – REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING – JULY 13, 2022

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Buffalo Township Board of Supervisors was held Wednesday, July 13, 2022 and convened at 7:56 p.m. 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 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 for an Executive Session with their Solicitor regarding personnel matters on July 13.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of the July 8, 2022 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 June 1-30, 2022 inclusive for audit, was on motion of Michael Oehling, seconded by Matt Sweeny. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

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 (ROBYN FLEISHMAN):

- **JUNE 2022:** Twp. Real Estate Tax is \$15,520.01, Per Capita @ discount is \$0.00
Per Capita @ Face is \$1,560.00, Per Capita @ Penalty is \$0.00

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

- **JUNE 2022:** Earned Income Tax is \$151,518.72, Local Services Tax is \$3,690.98

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

- **JUNE 2022:** Twp. share: \$50.00

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

- **JUNE 2022:** \$23,341.65

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

- **JUNE 2022:** 26 Permits Issued, 8 Single Family Residences, 1 Residential Garage, 2 Residential Storage, 2 Porch/Decks/Roof, 5 Pools, 8 Grading Permits, Building Permit Fee: \$7,304.55, Mileage: 125, Grading Permit Fee: \$620.00, Lot Development Fund: \$0.00

(6) THE DISTRICT JUSTICE’S REPORT:

- **JUNE 2022:** Ordinance & Statute Violations \$53.72, Code Violations \$210.37

(7) BUFFALO TWP. POLICE REPORT

- **JUNE 2022:** Total calls 249

OLD BUSINESS

MOTION TO ADOPT AMENDMENT #8 TO ZONING ORDINANCE #135 CHANGING TAX PARCEL 040-S2-AB FROM M-2 TO R-1

Ron asked for a motion. Gary Risch made a motion but no one else on the Board of Supervisors spoke. Ron asked Atty. Charlton what should be done. Atty. Charlton suggested to Table this until he could look up some information and then revisit this after the Land Development portion of the meeting.

After Land Development was approved by the Board, Ron Zampogna asked to remove the Amendment #8 to Zoning Ordinance #135 from the table. Atty. Charlton stated that the Board could revisit this at the next meeting as long as it was no more than 45 days. If they do not act on this item then it would be deemed as approved.

On a motion of Michael Oehling, seconded by Albert Roenigk to table adoption of Amendment #8 to Zoning Ordinance #135 changing Tax Parcel 040-S1-AB from M-2 to R-1 until the August Regular Monthly Meeting. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION TO CONTINUE USING SHARP COLLECTIONS, INC. AS THE TOWNSHIPS DELINQUENT EARNED INCOME TAX COLLECTOR THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024

On a motion of Matt Sweeny, seconded by Albert Roenigk to approve using Sharp Collections, Inc. as the Townships Delinquent Tax Collector through June 30, 2024. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

MOTION REGARDING ROOF REPAIRS TO THE TOWNSHIP BUILDING

Ron Zampogna explained that the roof on the Township building is in need of repairs and replacement. They asked for quotes for these projects but to date have only received 2 quotes. They need to have 3 quotes in total. It was suggested that this be tabled until the next meeting by Atty. Charlton.

On a motion of Matt Sweeny, seconded by Albert Roenigk to table until next month’s meeting. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MS4 STORMWATER PROGRAM UPDATE

TJ Stephens with Bankson Engineers spoke and gave an update regarding the MS4 Stormwater Program. He stated that over the past month the following Stormwater Program Activities have occurred: DEP issued the DRAFT NPDES MS4 Permit. The Pollutant Reduction Plan has been approved. The Township has 5 years to construct the PRP improvements. The Permit needs posted at the Township Building. A copy is being publicly posted on display in the Township Meeting Room. The MS4 Target Audience list has been publicly posted on display in the Township Meeting Room. A mailing was sent to all parties (approximately 250) on the mS4 Target Audience List. The mailing included the following items: MS4 Review document. DEP Flyer – Be Storm Water Smart. Letter with notice of two MS4 stormwater program website links. Audubon notice concerning the 2022 Buffalo Creek Watershed Festival. Pollutant Reduction Plan easement acquisition has commenced. The stormwater system and MS4 outfall location map, Bankson Engineers, Inc. Drawing umber 5-701-43-1, is posted in the Township Building for the public to review and provide comments. The map was posted on April 13, 2022 at the public meeting. The map will be available at all public meetings through July 13, 2022. The map will be updated after this review period. The A sign in sheet was passed around to all in attendance and the public was asked if they had any questions or comments to share.

LAND DEVELOPEMENT

HOCHBEIN/MILLER – LOT LINE REVISION

Jackson Surveying is purposing a Lot Line Revision for B. Hochbein and M. Miller Trust to revise a lot line between 136 Grimm Road (Miller 040-1F77-4L) which is 2.41 acres and 142 Grimm Road (Hochbein 040-1F07-5C) which is .923 acres Due to the current pending sale by the Miller Family of 1.326 acres to Brian Hochbein. The result of the lot line revision is Miller property will now be 1.084 acres and the Hochbein property will be 2.249 acres.

The Township office has received the lot line revision application, filing fee, plans, BC Planning Commission comment letter received 6/22/22. Municipal Authority comment letter received 6/23/22. Bankson Engineer Comment letter received 6/30/22. Buffalo Township Planning Commission comments received 7/6/22.

TJ Stephens with Bankson Engineers spoke regarding this Lot Line Revision Plan TJ stated that they essentially are taking a non-conforming lot at 142 Grimm Road and making it conforming and taking a conforming lot at 136 Grimm Road and making it non-conforming. We recommend approval of this plan. Brian Hochbein was in attendance.

On a motion of Matt Sweeny, seconded by Albert Roenigk to approve the Hochbein/Miller Lot Line Revision. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

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WALDRON PLAN NO. 2 – SUBDIVISION AND LOT LINE REVISION

Graff Surveying, LLC is proposing a Subdivision and a Lot Line Revision of two parcels. The Lot Line Revision is with Lot 2 conveying .010 acres of property to Lot 3 and Lot 3 is conveying .116 acres of property to Lot 2. This makes the revised parcel to be subdivided at 12.067 acres. Revised Lot 3 will be 3.995 acres and proposed Lot 4 will be 8.072 acres and both have been tested for on lot septic systems for single family residential dwellings.

The Township office has received the subdivision/lot line revision application, narrative, filing fee, plans, BC Planning Commission Comments received 6/22/22. Municipal Authority comments received 6/23/22. Bankson Engineer comments received 6/30/22. Fee In Lieu of has been received for both parcels and the Sewage Planning Module has been signed and sent to the DEP. Copies of the signed papers have been emailed to Bankson Engineers. Buffalo Township Planning Commission comments received 7/6/22.

TJ Stephens with Bankson Engineers stated that this Subdivision Plan can be approved with the contingency that the Sewage Planning Module is approved by the DEP for both properties. Ken Waldron and Nathan Woodside were in attendance.

On a motion of Matt Sweeny, seconded by Michael Oehling to approve Waldron Plan No. 2 Subdivision/Lot Line Revision contingent upon the Sewage Planning Modules being approved by the DEP. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

C.A. HARVEY PLAN NO. 3 – LOT LINE REVISION AND SUBDIVISION

Graff Surveying LLC. is proposing a Lot Line Revision and Subdivision of a 17.694-acre parcel. They are purposing to attach 5.187 acres of 102 Patrick Lane to 107 Cabbage Road Property, which will become Lot 1, totaling 6.131 acres. The remainder of the 102 Patrick Lane property will be divided into 2 lots, one which will be 7.881 acres and the other 3.682 acres. Both have existing dwellings.

The Township office has received the subdivision/lot line revision application, narrative, filing fee, plans, BC Planning Commission Comments received 6/22/22. Municipal Authority comments received 6/23/22. Bankson Engineer comments received 6/30/22. Buffalo Township Planning Commission comments received 7/6/22.

TJ Stephens with Bankson Engineers recommended approval of this Subdivision Plan. Tammy Harvey and Claudia Harvey were present. Claudia asked to verify that there are 3 parcels of land. TJ stated yes and gave the size of each parcel.

On a motion of Michael Oehling, seconded by Albert Roenigk to approve the C.A. Harvey Plan No. 3 Lot Line Revision/Subdivision. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

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Chris Zeigler, President of the Butler-Freeport Trail Council was in attendance gave an update regarding the trail. The landslide hasn't moved. We now have electric to the Pavilion and to the Caboose. We have been mowing grass and cutting trees. The Jones Road washout has been fixed. It has been a problem for quite some time. The Half Marathon will be October 15th, 2022. We are anxious to see what the SPC trail counts are now from when Covid first hit and everyone was using the trail.

REMARKS FROM THE FLOOR

Karen Stein from the Buffalo Creek Nature Park thanked the Road Department for fixing the roadway at the Nature Park.

Representative Marci Mustello shared that she has 2 upcoming events. August 16th is a Family Fun Night at the Farm Show Grounds and November 2nd is a Veterans Luncheon at the Lyndora American Legion Post #778. They are also looking forward to having events in Buffalo Township and are still signing the paperwork for the delaminating license plates so they can be replaced.

Barb Panza, 101 Kimberly Drive stated that the electronic speed limit sign along Sarver Road is not working. Gary Risch spoke and stated that the battery is probably dead.

ADJOURNMENT was on motion of Gary Risch, seconded by Michael Oehling, at 8:25 p.m. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

APPROVED:

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY/TREASURER