

## **BUTLER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Board Meeting Minutes – September 11, 2017

Location: Butler Township Office, 2379 Table Rock Road, Biglerville, PA 17307

**Present:** Lloyd Keckler, Vice-Chair; Russel M. Wertz, Supervisor; Danielle Helwig, Secretary/Treasurer; John Phillips, Township Solicitor; Jonathan Holmes, Engineer; Chuck Stump; Barry Towers; Matthew Zeigler; Robin Fitzpatrick, ACEDC; Sherri Clayton Williams, ACOPD Director; Andrew Merkel, ACOPD Asst. Director; Larry and Joan Bushey. Absent: Doug Bower, Chairman

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Vice-Chairman Keckler.

On a motion made by Wertz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Keckler and approved 2-0 the minutes from the August 14, 2017 Board of Supervisors meeting were approved.

Barry Towers: Attended the Historic Metal Bridge meeting: 85 metal bridges left in the state. Butler Township has one bridge located on B & F Rds. The state wants to preserve these bridges. Presented reports. The Butler bridge was built by the York Bridge Co. in 1911. The County will maintain the bridge in Butler Township up until the time that major action needs to be taken.

Barry Towers On another note... Doug dumped a few loads of dirt on his property and would like to have it removed sometime soon. And he questioned the Board about the line painting on Stone Jug Rd.

Matt Zeigler: Presented exhibits regarding a culvert ditch (swell?) 790 Zeigler Mill Rd. There are trees and vegetation growing and the ditch is filling up with debris. When it rains the water does not drain as it should be draining and backing up into the property. Zeigler is asking for the township to provide maintenance to the ditch so that the water can flow easily. The Supervisors immediate review asks the question if it is in the right-of-way. Zeigler, Keckler and Wertz will meet about 3 – 330 to inspect. Jon Holmes indicated that the Right of way is likely 33 feet, 16 ½ from the center line.

Sherri Clayton Williams/ Robin Fitzpatrick/Andrew Merkel : Presentation regarding the Economic Component of the Comprehensive Plan. They are looking for as much information as possible about what each municipality wants when it comes to future development. The County is working with the Economic Development Corporation. Business are also being met with to see what they want as well. Do they want to expand, Are there other business' that would be helpful to them if they came to Adams County etc. The idea of this study is to make business happen where people want it to happen. The group provided exhibits with some statistics about median house hold income, median wage, commute times, where people come from that work in Butler Township. Questions for the Township Are we as a township interested in any tax incentive information to help with development? Are we interested in more information on business that would be beneficial or could accommodate the farming industry? John Phillips asked what the end result will be. Sherri commented that it will provide us with an outline of the industry that we want to assist and support in our county. It helps with the creation of or changes to the municipal comprehensive plans. The group is providing the municipalities with the tools to help them make the best decisions for their area.

Sherri also provided us with the County contact for subdivision and land development plans, Carly Marshall.

Mr. Haller is contesting a bill that was sent to him by the Township for work that was done by Gannett Flemming. Asking the Supervisors to review the bill and consider revising the amount due. His concerns are the fees are out of line for the services rendered and feel that we should use a firm closer to our township to avoid high mileage fees. The BOS reviewed and concur that the bill will remain as is. These are pass through fees charged to us by Gannett Flemming. The secretary is directed to accept Mr. Haller's check in the amount of \$154.00 as partial payment and forward the BOS decision by letter.

On a motion made by Wertz and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Keckler, Approved 2-0 the BOS approved the quote of \$83.00 per ton for Clearlane Enhanced Deicer.

On a motion made by Wertz and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Keckler and approved 2-0 the BOS approved the payment in the amount of \$28,115.00 for the MMO (minimum municipal obligation) for the Pension.

On a motion made by Wertz and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Keckler and approved 2-0 the BOS approved the percentages for the Volunteer Fire Relief funds, Biglerville 80%, Arendtsville 10% and Heidlersburg 10%.

ON a motion made by Wertz and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Keckler and approved 2-0 the BOS approved the request from St. Francis School to close Table Rock Rd from the St. Francis School to Goldenville Rd on December 16, 2017 for two hours to hold their annual Noreen Neitz 5K and 10K race.

Act 537 Update: Jon Holmes asked KPI to partner with him, they declined due to future areas that may be sewered and will act on behalf of Biglerville Borough. Jon approached CS Davidson to provide the support staff for the work still being done on the Act 537 plan. They have been provided a copy of the TAR and would work within this budget. The timeline for the plan completion may need to be moved to possibly March. If the Township is ok with this Jon will contact DEP and get the agreement needed for John Phillips to review. The BOS agreed with Jon's request. No further action needed at this time.

Liquid Fuels Report: The Auditor General sent the audit report of the 2016 Liquid Fuels account. They made some adjustments with regard to duplicate payments but reported no other findings. Report on file with the township.

NAREMA provided the township with a report of the storm damage in Butler Township from the September 5, 2017 Severe Thunderstorms.

There are 6 residents in the Township that will be appealing their real estate tax assessments.

Waste Hauler group meeting October 20, 2017. Mike Wertz will be the representative from Butler Township to attend.

Subdivision and Land Development Plans: Secretary commented on the training she recently attended and discussed the filing process for the plan.

Discussion was made regarding the line painting. Keckler will call and find out when the company is going to be painting in Butler Township. Comments were made regarding whether the state funds will pay for single line painting. Secretary will research this.

On a motion made by Wertz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Keckler approved 2-0 to approve the August payroll.

On a motion made by Wertz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Keckler approved 2-0 to approve the Bills through September 11, 2017.

Motion to adjourn at 8:14 p.m. was made by Wertz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Keckler approved 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Helwig, Secretary