

BUTLER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Douglas L. Bower, Chairman; Douglas Whitworth, Vice Chairman; Russel M. Wertz, Supervisor

November 12, 2018

MINUTES

Meeting called to order by Chairman Bower at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Doug Bower, Mike Wertz, Douglas Whitworth, John Phillips, Solicitor, Jon Holmes, Engineer, Danielle Helwig, Secretary, Paul Kriger, Pauline Street, John Knowles and Larry Bushey.

On a motion made by Wertz, 2nd by Whitworth the minutes from the October meeting were approved. Motion Carried 3-0

Audit report: Rick Ruppert, Auditor reported that the books for the Township-Treasurer and tax collector has been completed and they found everything to be in proper, concise and neat order.

Recommendations made: Have auditors attend continuing education credits. Urge Supervisors to continue holding expenses down.

SALDO: John Holmes discussed his review of the SALDO changes. Suggests that the sight distance be changed to comply with Penn Dot requirements. Re-align definitions in our ordinance so they match the Municipal Planning Code (MPC), Check definitions so they don't conflict with the Zoning Ordinance, required Highway Occupancy permit no's on the plans (Township and Penn Dot), Suggests the street classifications match up with the Joint Comprehensive Plan, Look at the number of years a plan is good for, Review plan approvals, Lot additions should require a copy of draft deed, review collector street widths, Private streets are permitted but must meet township requirements, administration and enforcement of the ordinance, recreation areas, mobile home definition.

Subdivision Proposal: Brookside Lane: Carl & Anna Howe presented sketch plans to the Planning Commission proposing two scenario subdivision plans for 33 acres. Jon suggested to the Planning Commission to ask the BOS if Jon should review. Supervisors agreed. The review will be presented at the December Planning Commission meeting.

On a motion made by Whitworth, 2nd by Wertz the membership fee of \$200.00 is approved for the Adams Economic Alliance. Motion carried 3-0

On a motion made by Wertz, 2nd by Whitworth the Supervisors approved to sign the Julie Barbour Agreement with Biglerville Borough. Motion carried 3-0. Lots 25 will be taxed in Butler, lots 27 & 28 will be taxed in Biglerville, the Cul-de-sac will extend into Butler Township but Biglerville agrees to maintain it. The road will be designed to Biglerville specs, but Jon Holmes will also review plan. Biglerville has approved the agreement.

Auditor position: Harold Griffie expressed an interest in filling the vacant Auditor position. Mr. Griffie has a Master's Degree in Math. **On motion made by Whitworth, 2nd by Doug Harold Griffie is appointed to fill the vacant Auditor position. Motion carried 3-0.**

Gerald Lawver: Mr. Lawver paid for a hook up in 1992 for sewer EDU. To date he has never connected to the system. Mr. Lawver is expressing interest in connecting now and Biglerville Borough is telling him he has to pay 3200.00 to connect. He is confused about this. Jon & John suggest that he did pay for his EDU and should not have to pay more. John Phillips feels he has valid claim with Biglerville to connect.

New Mower: Chairman Bowman is requesting funds be put into the budget to cover a new mower for the township.

Heidlersburg Fire Department: Heidlersburg Fire Department has submitted a request for fire tax payment to be used toward the purchase of new fire apparatus. No action required.

John Knowles & Pauline Street: Green property signs. Danielle, Secretary will order them for them.

Stone Jug Properties: Stull and Burke : Secretary will send a letter to Stull to remind them to make sure items are secured for flood concerns. Burke has chronic violations and has been sent to the Magistrate date scheduled Nov. 27, @2:00.

Flood Plain Ordinance: Jon Holmes is in contact with FEMA the appeals process has changed and Jon has questions about this.

University Dr: Jon Holmes will provide Secretary with hard copies of the plans.

On a motion made by Whitworth, 2nd by Wertz the Supervisors approved to stay with Trustees Insurance for Dental Life and Short Term Disability. Motion Carried 3-0

On a motion made by Whitworth, 2nd by Wertz the Supervisors approved the tentative budget. Motion carried 3-0.

On a motion made by Wertz, 2nd by Whitworth the Supervisors have approved the following tax rates for 2019. Motion carried 3-0

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| Real Este Millage | .4972 Mil |
| Per Capita | \$ 5.00 |
| Amusement Tax | 10% of Total |
| Transfer Tax | 1/2 of 1% |
| Earned Income | |
| Tax | 1/2 of 1% |
| Discount | 2% |
| Penalty | 10% |
| Fire Tax | .25 Mil |

On a motion made by Whitworth, 2nd by Wertz the supervisors approved renewing the Health Insurance package with Capital Blue Cross. Motion carried 3-0

On a motion made by Whitworth, 2nd by Wertz the supervisors have appointed Attorney Todd King, from the firm of Saltzman Hughes to replace Attorney John Phillips who will be retiring as of December 31, 2018. Motion carried 3-0

On a motion made by Whitworth, 2nd by Wertz the October Payroll has been approved. Motion Carried 3-0

On a motion made by Whitworth, 2nd by Wertz the Expenditures list October 9 through November 12, 2018 has been approved. Motion Carried 3-0

Reminder: E-Cycling event December 2, 2018 8-10 Butler Township Main Shed.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Danielle Helwig
Secretary