

Butler Township Board of Supervisors  
Meeting Minutes  
November 12, 2019

**Members Present:** Doug Bower, Russell Wertz, Todd King (Solicitor), Jon Holmes (Engineer), & Danielle Helwig (Secretary)

**Others** Scott Manahan, Josh Crider, Amy Welker, Linda Wilkinson, Bill Wilkinson, Ed Wilkinson, Virginia Martin, Larry & Joan Bushey

Chairman, Bower called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**On a motion made by Wertz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bower the October 2019 minutes are approved. Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** none

**REGULAR BUSINESS:**

**On a motion made by Wertz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bower the Cargill Salt contract for 75 tons of Bulk deicing salt at \$86.50 per ton and 175 tons of Clearlane deicing salt at \$95.50 per ton are approved. Motion carried.**

**On a motion made by Wertz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by bower Corey Hoch is approved to attend the Township Fall Forum. Motion carried.**

**Sheriff Sale:** Solicitor King filed a municipal lien and will attend the sale to bid in our lien. Our sewer lien will be collected when the property is sold.

Bower asked about status of Carol Burke's property. No new updates. Solicitor King will reach out to the attorney of the estate,

**Flood Plain Ordinance Fees: On a motion made by Wertz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bower and administration fee of \$25.00 will be charged. Motion carried.** Incurred expenses for professional review will be billed to the applicant.

**Zoning fees: On a motion made by Wertz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bower the request to set application and permit fees is tabled until a Zoning Board is appointed. Motion carried**

The Secretary is in the process of contacting PMCA to inquire about hiring them as our Zoning Administrator (officer).

**On a motion made by Wertz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bower to renew the health care plan with Capital Blue. Motion carried.**

**On a motion made by Wertz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bower to renew the dental, life and disability with Trustees is approved. Motion carried.**

**On a motion made by Wertz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bower The tax rates for 2020 are as follows:**

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

**Motion**

**carried.**

**On a motion made by Wertz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bower the proposed contract for Comcast is accepted and the Township is ready to start the negotiations. Motion carried.** The contract notes that the Butler Township contact is Township Manager. This will be changed to Township Secretary.

**On a motion made by Wertz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bower the Complaint Form created by the Secretary is accepted and can be put on the Website. Motion carried.**

**On a motion made by Wertz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bower, newly elected Supervisor Ed Wilkinson is approved to attend the 2-day training for newly elected officials in January. Motion carried.**

**Updates**

*Jon Holmes:* Reviewed the revisions to the Penn State Pole Building Plan. L & I requested a sidewalk. The agreement is forthcoming. Jon has contacted DEP per info from Rusty Ryan about the Anchor Estates Excavation. The Howe Subdivision Plan has been received and comments will be coming.

*Zoning:* Changes were made with regard to Solar Farm revisions per Arendtsville. Arendtsville wants to hold joint public meeting with Butler. The secretary will confirm dates.

*Todd King:* As of yesterday, the legal department for Crop Productions (Nutrien Ag) are now reviewing the deed. Todd asked how the Scott nuisance issue was progressing. Doug Bower commented that he is progressing well and that Todd should send another 30-day letter.

**Items for discussion**

*Midland Asphalt* has requested a letter stating why we did not use them for the Tar & Chipping and also request the return of their performance bond. Doug Bower commented that he contacted them several times with no response. He contacted Josh Kopp, Liquid Fuels State Rep, and he said it would be acceptable to use our second bid, (Hammaker). Todd King has requested the bid information for them and will draft a letter.

*Table Rock Road Passing and Speeding complaint:* **On a motion made by Bower, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wertz to send a letter to the State requesting double yellow (no passing zone) lines. Motion carried.** Linda Wilkinson and Bill Wilkinson, Residents, along Table Rock Rd. have requested that the Supervisors send a letter to the State to change the passing zone in front of their homes to a no passing zone. They are concerned with the number of speeding vehicles.

*Questions:* Supervisors approved the 2020 tax rates, is the budget done for next year? Bower commented that the budget will be need to be reviewed because the secretary revised it today and will make the budget fit the tax rates.

Are the changes to the zoning regarding solar farms in general? Yes, Bower is unaware of any specific solar farms.

Did the rates for health care stay the same or increase? The secretary commented that the rates increased but that the Capital Blue Rates remained the cheapest.

What does the zoning officer position entail? Comments from the Board stated that it varies.

Resident asked about the Anchor Estate issue. Jon Holmes stated that the Conservation District contacted DEP but they have not responded yet.

Are we able to put minutes on the web site? Secretary stated they are on the website. Minutes must be approved before they are made public.

**On a motion made by Wertz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bower the bills for October 15 through November 12, 2019 are approved. Motion carried**

**On a motion made by Wertz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bower the October payroll is approved. Motion carried**

Mike Wertz thanked the voters for re-electing him.

**With no further business Wertz moved to adjourn at 7:45 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bower. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Helwig  
Secretary