

Butler Township Board of Supervisors

April 8, 2024

Meeting Minutes

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

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Present: Ed Wilkinson (Chairman), Dominic Englebert (Vice-Chair), Victor Woerner (Supervisor), Danielle Helwig (Secretary), Jon Holmes (Engineer), & Todd King (Solicitor)

1. Regular Business

Consent Agenda: **A motion was made by Woerner to approve the consent agenda below.**

Motion carried.

- a. March Minutes
- b. March Payroll
- c. Bills from March 12 through April 8, 2024
- d. Financial Statement through April 8, 2024

2. ZONING HEARING: The regular meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m. to conduct a public hearing on the adoption of amendments to the Arendtsville Butler Joint Zoning Ordinance. Adding use of a school to RR, R, VR and MU. Also adding performance standards for Schools. And to amend the zoning district from R to MU on the west side of Biglerville Rd from the borough line to Winding Brook Rd. **Hearing no comments, Woerner made a motion to adopt the amendments conditional to Arendtsville Adoption on Wednesday, April 10, 2024. Motion carried. A copy of the Amendments are attached to these minutes.**

The Zoning Hearing was adjourned at 7:10 p.m. And the Regular Meeting is reconvened.

3. Appearances: Larry Bushey was present to discuss solar farms on behalf of many Butler Township residents. Mr. Bushey would like to see the Solar farm section of the Joint Zoning Ordinance reviewed and possible amendments made. There was also a request for Supervisor support any fight against a Solar Farm.
4. Business
- a. Clothing Allowance for public works: A motion was made by Woerner to approve reimbursement to the public works employees up to \$500.00 a year for safety clothing and work clothes. Motion carried.
 - b. Ballfield: A motion was made by Wilkinson to approve selling the ball field at a public auction. Motion carried. The Supervisors will set a reserve at an executive session. Gerry Pfaff is to continue to mow until further notice. The Secretary will reach out to the Auctioneers for formal proposals.
 - c. Township building updates: A preliminary approval has been received from the USDA. A bridge loan would be needed for 3 years. The time frame for the RACP grant disbursement could take up to a year. Secretary is to check with Analisa on dates for an onsite meeting. We are still waiting on a decision from RACP on the amount we will need to finance. Solicitor King will work on RFP. With preliminary approval of the USDA, we can move forward with the required studies.
 - d. Veterans Exemption for Michael Southerly: No action needed
 - e. Liquid Fuels payment received in the amount of \$142,920.40: No action needed
 - f. Zoom Pro Plan was cancelled: No action needed
 - g. Land & Sea March Report: No action needed
 - h. Pa One Call refund of 61.22. No Action needed

- i. ACATO December 2023 and March 2024 meeting minutes: No action needed.
- j. Zoning Report: All zoning permit requests through March are complete.

5. Reports

- Roadmaster
Bid discussion: **Englebert made a motion to advertise for bids for letting on May 13, 2024.**
Motion carried
12,000 Gallons Ultra Low Sulphur Diesel Fuel
6500 Tons Various Aggregates
10,000 Fog Seal
60,000 Gallons CRS-2PM, 60 °
Hoch and Spence will be attending a free training on Traffic Sign basics
A tree will be cut near railroad track before repairs. The Loader and truck are repaired.
Franklin Township is storing some salt with us until their building is repaired. The drain box 900.00.

- Jon Holmes, Engineer
A review of the sewer computations from Biglerville has been reviewed. Holmes and Helwig will meet to discuss the sewer fund to determine if any changes need to be made to quarterly fees.
Saldo edits are almost complete
Yellow Hill Pond (Richards) is closed out.
A question was received about building in a flood plain. A response was sent they need to complete an application for formal determination.
A question about building 2nd dwelling on a parcel should be determined by the zoning officer.

- Todd King, Solicitor
Asked about the zoning hearing for the Hollabaugh Sign. The hearing is on the 23rd and Matt Teeter will be residing in place of Adam Boyer because of a potential conflict of interest. Wilkinson will attend the hearing.
King will talk to Zach about the intermunicipal agreement between Butler and Menallen regarding the Secretary's Health insurance.

6. Correspondence

- a. Cloud permit review

7. Public Comment:

Dave Woerner, Ron Weigle and Amy Welker had comments regarding the solar farms.

8. Announcements: None

The regular meeting was recessed to hold an executive at 7:53 p.m. to discuss personnel issues and real estate.

Executive session adjourned and the regular meeting reconvened.

With no further business the regular meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Helwig