

**ROCKLAND TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES**

MARCH 12, 2019

The monthly meeting of the Rockland Township Board of Supervisors was held on March 12, 2019 at 7:00PM at the Rockland Township Municipal Building. The following board members were present: Chairman Duane Bennetch and Vice Chairman Nathan Ohlinger.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Chairman Duane Bennetch. The meeting was opened with the pledge to the flag.

The minutes of the Board of Supervisors' meeting held on February 12, 2019 were presented to the Board for approval. On a motion by Nathan Ohlinger, seconded by Duane Bennetch, the February 12, 2019 meeting minutes were approved as presented. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The balance sheets, check detail and deposit detail for February 2019 were prepared by the Secretary/Treasurer for the Board's review with the following balances reported to the Board of Supervisors.

101.000	General Fund – Checking	3,879.67
106.000	General Fund – Savings	1,216,811.53
107.001	General Fund – Savings	1,405,304.84
107.002	General Fund – Certificates of Deposits	209,124.90
110.000	Petty Cash	200.00
	State Aid Account – Savings	39,994.30
	State Aid Account – Checking	406.50
107.003	Capital Reserve Account – Savings	147,900.05
107.004	Fire Co. Equipment Fund	15,000.00
107.005	Payroll Account – Checking	27,337.21
	Total as of February 28, 2019:	\$3,065,959.00

On a motion by Nathan Ohlinger, seconded by Duane Bennetch, the balance sheets, check and deposit details for February 2019 were approved as presented. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Roy Showalter, Safety Net Sanctuary requested to be added to tonight's agenda to provide an overview of the animal control services Safety Net Sanctuary would be able to provide to the Township. Mr. Showalter was not present. On a motion by Nathan Ohlinger, seconded by Duane Bennetch, this matter was tabled until next month's meeting. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

REPORT OF SOLICITOR

The Township Solicitor had nothing to report.

REPORT OF ROADMASTER

94 Deysher Road – The Roadmaster informed the Board that the stone wall in the road right-of-way area was taken down, and the stones were removed.

Conrad Road Bridge Maintenance Work – The bridge maintenance work including installation of scour protection along the wing walls was completed on February 27, 2019.

Co-Op Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 7:30PM at the Longswamp Township Building. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss funding for joint future equipment purchases between Rockland Township, Longswamp Township and Hereford Township.

Henry Road Bridge Update – The Roadmaster informed the Board that the break-away posts (as discussed with the Board previously to prevent further damage to the bridge by large trucks/trailers) still need to be installed.

OLD BUSINESS

Zoning Ordinance Amendment/Update – The Zoning Ordinance Amendment/Update is in progress. Township officials plan to review and discuss the draft of the newly updated Zoning Ordinance from Ludgate Engineering at the March 26, 2019 Planning Commission meeting.

Sewage Advisory Committee Update – The next meeting of the Sewage Advisory Committee will be scheduled once the outline is received from Edward McCorkle, Bursich Associates.

BILLS

A listing of the unpaid bills as of March 12, 2019 was provided to the Board of Supervisors for approval. The total of the unpaid bills for approval was \$39,543.40 from the General Fund. On a motion by Nathan Ohlinger, seconded by Duane Bennetch, the Board approved payment of the unpaid bills totaling \$39,543.40 from the General Fund. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

2019 Reimbursement for Enforcing the PA Sewage Facilities Act – LTL Consultants, Ltd. provided the Township with a completed application for reimbursement for enforcing the Sewage Facilities Act for 2018. The total amount of the reimbursement was \$4,257.38. On a motion by Duane Bennetch, seconded by Nathan Ohlinger, the Board approved the application prepared by LTL Consultants, Ltd. (Township SEO) for enforcing the PA Sewage Facilities Act for 2018 in the amount of \$4,257.38 for signature and forwarding to PA DEP. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The newly appointed Emergency Management Coordinator, Derick Wartzenuft updated the Township's Emergency Operations Plan (plan was updated to remove Jesse Tamburino as EMC and to replace with Derick Wartzenuft). An updated plan was made available to the Board for review. On a motion by Nathan Ohlinger, seconded by Duane Bennetch, Resolution #2019-04 was approved officially adopting the updated Rockland Township Emergency Operations Plan, and the Board authorized the forwarding of the updated plan to the Berks County Department of Emergency Services. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Christ Mertz Lutheran Church Addition Project – A request was received from William Koch, Christ Mertz Lutheran Church for release of escrow funds held by Rockland Township for this project.

- Commercial Building Permit Escrow – Final occupancy permit was issued February 20, 2019. Current escrow balance is \$19,855.97. On a motion by Nathan Ohlinger, seconded by Duane Bennetch, the Board approved the release of any remaining funds in the commercial building permit escrow for the Christ Mertz Lutheran Church Addition Project, pending confirmation from LTL Consultants, Ltd. that all commercial inspection fees for this project have been applied to the escrow (and no future inspection fees are anticipated for this project going forward). There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Land Development Improvement Escrow – The Township is awaiting confirmation from the Township Engineer that all necessary improvements/stormwater, etc. have been completed and inspected, and that all engineering charges for this project have been applied to the escrow. Since the Board is awaiting a report/letter from the Township Engineer regarding the release of the land development improvements escrow funds and on a motion by Nathan Ohlinger, seconded by Duane Bennetch, the Board agreed to table this matter until next month's meeting. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The Township received notification from Tom Voelker, Assistant to the Superintendent, Brandywine Heights Area School District that the next Full Strategic Planning Committee Meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2019 from 6:00PM-7:30PM.

CORRESPONDENCE

A listing of correspondence dated March 12, 2019 was presented to the Board of Supervisors for review.

Reports and updates regarding zoning, building, sewage and stormwater issues and activities for February 2019 were provided to the Board of Supervisors for review.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

Thursday, March 14, 2019 @ 7:30PM – Co-Op Meeting at Longswamp Township

Tuesday, March 26, 2019 @ 7:30PM – Planning Commission Meeting (Organization/Zoning Ordinance Update Meeting)

Tuesday, April 9, 2019 @ 7:00PM – Board of Supervisors Meeting

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16PM on a motion by Nathan Ohlinger, seconded by Duane Bennetch. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Krall
Secretary/Treasurer