

**ROCKLAND TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES**

SEPTEMBER 10, 2019

The monthly meeting of the Rockland Township Board of Supervisors was held on September 10, 2019 at 7:00PM at the Rockland Township Municipal Building. The following board members were present: Chairman Duane Bennetch, Vice Chairman Nathan Ohlinger and David Wartzenuft. Also present were Attorney Jim Smith, Township Solicitor and interested citizens.

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 August 13, 2019 were presented to the Board for approval. On a motion by Nathan Ohlinger, seconded by David Wartzenuft, the August 13, 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 August 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	2,693.48
106.000	General Fund – Savings	1,436,179.57
107.001	General Fund – Savings	3,788.03
107.002	General Fund – Certificates of Deposit	109,120.81
107.006	General Fund – Savings (PRIME)	1,520,375.76
110.000	Petty Cash	200.00
	State Aid Account – Savings	7,625.18
	State Aid Account – Checking	408.45
107.003	Capital Reserve Account – Savings	13,507.50
107.004	Fire Co. Equipment Fund	18,978.00
107.005	Payroll Account – Checking	18,999.68
	Total as of August 31, 2019:	\$3,131,876.46

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

Ms. Karen Winegardner, Brandywine Community Library requested to speak to the Board to request an increase in funding for the 2020 calendar year. County library funding is based on municipal support. Mrs. Winegardner requests the Board consider an increase to \$2.50 per capita for the 2020 budget and recommended the Township take into consideration new 2020 census figures. After a brief discussion, Mrs. Winegardner agreed to provide the Township with a County listing of libraries and municipal support figures information requested by the Board. Mr. Jerry Keller, Lyons Fire Company inquired about the library's fundraising activities throughout the year. Mrs. Winegardner advised that citizens are able to make a tax-deduction donation to the library at any time. The Board advised Mrs. Winegardner that the Township will consider a 2020 funding increase to the Brandywine Community Library at their upcoming 2020 budget meeting scheduled for October 24, 2019 at 1:00PM at the Rockland Township Municipal Building.

REPORT OF SOLICITOR

Ordinance for Posting Truck Restrictions on Henry Road (Henry Road Bridge) – The Township Solicitor informed the Board that he reviewed the engineering and traffic study received from LTL Consultants, Ltd. and believes the study is adequate, and the Township Solicitor recommended the Board proceed with consideration of the ordinance. On a motion by David Wartzenuft, seconded by Duane Bennetch, the Board authorized the Township Solicitor to move forward with advertising the ordinance for consideration for adoption at next month's Board meeting to be held on October 8, 2019. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

REPORT OF ROADMASTER

Henry Road Bridge Repair – The repair of the damaged wall was completed by T. Miller Masonry.

PennDOT Regional Innovation Day – On a motion by Nathan Ohlinger, seconded by David Wartzenuft, the Board approved the road crew's attendance at PennDOT's Regional Innovation Day on November 14, 2019. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor David Wartzenuft questioned the lack of speed limit signs along Bowers Road (SR1013). The Roadmaster agreed to reach out to PennDOT to see what would be involved with getting speed limit signs posted along Bowers Road.

OLD BUSINESS

Zoning Ordinance Amendment/Update – The Zoning Ordinance Amendment/Update is in progress. Township officials plan to continue to review and discuss the draft of the updated Zoning Ordinance at the September 24, 2019 Planning Commission meeting.

Sewage Advisory Committee Update – A meeting with Bursich Associates and the Sewage Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, September 5, 2019. The Sewage Advisory Committee developed a vision statement and recommended the Board consider adoption of this vision statement. On a motion by Nathan Ohlinger, seconded by David Wartzenuft, the Board officially adopted the following vision statement (as developed by the Sewage Advisory Committee): "Rockland Township is a rural, pro-agricultural community. This Plan is intended to preserve our rural, pro-agricultural character, support our zoning and planning objectives, and protect our natural resources, especially our streams with exceptional water quality." There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Edward McCorkle, Bursich Associates requested the Board's permission to meet with Al Crump and Jim Smith. On a motion by Nathan Ohlinger, seconded by David Wartzenuft, the Board approved a meeting with Al Crump, Jim Smith and Bursich Associates to discuss the Act 537 Plan project and the Township Solicitor's involvement/support in this project going forward. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Edward McCorkle, Bursich Associates requested the Board's permission to send an email *Status Update* to Tim Wager, PA DEP regarding the Township's Act 537 Plan. On a motion by David Wartzenuft, seconded by Nathan Ohlinger, the Board approved Bursich Associates sending the proposed email *Status Update* (as prepared by Bursich Associates) to Tim Wagner, PA DEP. This update included informing PA DEP of the Sewage Advisory Committee's meeting recently held on September 5th and the development of a vision statement. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Emergency Management Coordinator Compensation – At last month's meeting, the Board received four NIMS training course certificates from Derick Wartzenuft and the Township Secretary subsequently confirmed that Derick has attended both the June 26, 2019 and August 29, 2019 County training sessions. On a motion by Nathan Ohlinger, seconded by Duane Bennetch, the Board approved compensation to Derick Wartzenuft, Emergency Management Coordinator in the amount of \$450.00. There was no public comment. Nathan Ohlinger and Duane Bennetch voted in favor. David Wartzenuft abstained. Motion carried.

BILLS

A listing of the unpaid bills as of September 10, 2019 was provided to the Board of Supervisors for approval. The total of the unpaid bills for approval was \$26,307.04 from the General Fund. On a motion by Duane Bennetch, seconded by David Wartzenuft, the Board approved payment of the unpaid bills totaling \$26,307.04 from the General Fund. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

175 Forgedale Road – Well Isolation Distance Exemption – The Township SEO is requesting the Board grant a well isolation distance exemption for 175 Forgedale Road. All neighboring wells meet the minimum isolation distance of 100 feet. The location of the new septic system will be 80 feet in a lateral direction from the existing well serving the property (and the location of the current septic drain field is closer to the well than the proposed system). On a motion by David Wartzenuft, seconded by Nathan Ohlinger, the Board approved granting a well isolation distance exemption for 175 Forgedale Road. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

85 Orchard Road – Well Isolation Distance Exemption – The Township SEO is requesting the Board grant a well isolation distance exemption for 85 Orchard Road. All neighboring wells meet the minimum isolation distance of 100 feet. The location of the new septic system will be 66 feet in a lateral direction from the existing well serving the property (and located down gradient from the well). The property owners have agreed test the well after the installation of the system. On a motion by Nathan Ohlinger, seconded by David Wartzenuft, the Board approved granting a well isolation distance exemption for 85 Orchard Road. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The Township received renewal rates for medical and vision insurance coverage with Highmark Blue Shield. The rates include an increase of 6% for medical coverage and no increase for vision coverage. On a motion by David Wartzenuft, seconded by Duane Bennetch, the Board approved renewal of insurance coverage (medical and vision) with Highmark Blue Shield for the period 10/1/2019 through 9/30/2020. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Gerhart, Hartman & Ritner is recommending the Township consider switching dental insurance coverage from United Concordia to Delta Dental effective 10/1/2019. The rates for coverage with Delta Dental will be lower than the Township's current rates, and the annual maximum benefit for employees will be higher. On a motion by David Wartzenuft, seconded by Nathan Ohlinger, the Board approved dental coverage with Delta Dental effective for the period 10/1/2019 through 9/30/2020. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The month of August is the designated month when Rockland Township will accept applications to add, modify or remove land to the Township's Ag Security Area. No applications were received by the Township during the month of August 2019 for the inclusion of land to the Ag Security Area. The 7-Year Review of the Township's Ag Security Area was completed in 2018.

Township Newsletter (September 2018) – A draft of the September 2019 Township Newsletter was provided to the Board for authorization to proceed with printing and mailing. On a motion by Duane Bennetch, seconded by David Wartzenuft, the Board approved the draft Township Newsletter for September 2019 for printing and mailing. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Paper Retriever Program – Brian Ostrowsky, United States Recycling, Inc. provided information to the Township on a paper retriever program. USRI can provide 8-yard dumpsters at no cost, and service those dumpsters once a month at no cost. USRI will also provide the Township with weight sheets for the 904 recycling grant application. Brecknock Township is a participating municipality. After a brief discussion, the Board opted not to participate in the Paper Retriever Program.

Leonard Schlegel Subdivision – Improvements Escrow Release Request for 49 Lake Road – Mr. Leonard Schlegel is requesting the release of the improvements escrow funds on deposit with the Township for 49 Lake Road. The Township Engineer confirmed that all improvements were installed satisfactorily and is recommending the release of the improvements escrow funds to Mr. Schlegel. On a motion by David Wartzenuft, seconded by Nathan Ohlinger, the Board approved the release of the improvements escrow funds on deposit with the Township for 49 Lake Road to Mr. Leonard Schlegel in the amount of \$6,084.25 (which includes \$6,055.33 plus \$28.92 interest earned). There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The Township Secretary prepared the Township's 2020 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the Rockland Township Non-Uniformed Pension Plan. The total MMO obligation for 2020 is \$22,199.00. On a motion by David Wartzenuft, seconded by Nathan Ohlinger, the Board approved the 2020 MMO for the Rockland Township Non-Uniformed Pension Plan totaling \$22,199.00. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Hogan Learning Academy Land Development Plan – On August 16, 2019, the Township received a land development plan for the Hogan Learning Academy for Township review/approval to construct a building addition and parking lot expansion at its existing facility located at 73 Lyons Road. At the August 27, 2019 Planning Commission meeting, the Planning Commission officially accepted the Hogan Learning Academy Land Development Plan for Township review. Since the land development plan submittal was not received fourteen days prior to the August 27th Planning Commission meeting, the Township Engineer will provide a review letter prior the September 24, 2019 Planning Commission meeting. On a motion by David Wartzenuft, seconded by Duane Bennetch, the Hogan Learning Academy Land Development Plan was accepted for Township review. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

A listing of correspondence dated September 10, 2019 was presented to the Board of Supervisors for review.

Reports and updates regarding zoning, building, sewage and stormwater issues and activities for August 2019 were provided to the Board of Supervisors for review. Direction was needed from the Board on a couple code-related matters.

Beaver Creek Road – Complaint regarding house possibly made into two units and new plumbing and electrical work performed without required permit – An update was received from Jackie Hollenbach, Zoning Officer. After a brief discussion, on a motion by Nathan Ohlinger, seconded by David Wartzenuft, the Board agreed to proceed with applying for and executing an administrative warrant to gain access to the property at 102 Beaver Creek Road for the purpose of inspection on the reasonable suspicion that the property may be presently in violation of the zoning ordinance and building code. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

31 Clay Valley Road Complaint Update – An update was received from Jackie Hollenbach, Zoning Officer. After a brief discussion, on a motion by Duane Bennetch, seconded by David Wartzenuft, the Board agreed to proceed with a formal Notice of Violation in order for the Township to consider filing citations at a later date, if/when deemed necessary by the Board. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

Tuesday, September 24, 2019 @ 7:30PM – Planning Commission Meeting (Zoning Ordinance Update Meeting)
Tuesday, October 8, 2019 @ 7:00PM – Board of Supervisors Meeting

PUBLIC COMMENT

Township Supervisor David Wartzenuft acknowledged receipt of a letter from a Township resident who resides along Lake Road expressing his appreciation for an excellent paving project on Lake Road this year.

There was no additional public comment. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03PM on a motion by Nathan Ohlinger, seconded by Duane Bennetch. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Krall
Secretary/Treasurer