

**ROCKLAND TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES**

MAY 8, 2018

The monthly meeting of the Rockland Township Board of Supervisors was held on May 8, 2018 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 Alfred Crump (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 April 10, 2018 were presented to the Board for approval. On a motion by David Wartzenuft, seconded by Nathan Ohlinger, the April 10, 2018 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 April 2018 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	2,538.33
106.000	General Fund – Savings	2,249,703.64
107.001	General Fund – Savings	285,469.52
107.002	General Fund – Certificates of Deposit	100,004.03
109.002	Certificate of Deposit	109,106.16
110.000	Petty Cash	200.00
	State Aid Account – Savings	229,065.55
	State Aid Account – Checking	403.22
107.003	Capital Reserve Account – Savings	114,340.95
107.005	Payroll Account – Checking	17,990.37
	Total as of April 30, 2018:	\$3,108,821.77

On a motion by Nathan Ohlinger, seconded by David Wartzenuft, the balance sheets, check and deposit details for April 2018 were approved as presented. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Ms. Brenda Degler, 16 Lobachsville Road requested to be added to tonight's meeting agenda. Ms. Degler expressed concern about property maintenance type issues at 10 Lobachsville Road. On a motion by Nathan Ohlinger, seconded by Duane Bennetch, the Township Secretary was instructed to send a letter to the property owner of 10 Lobachsville Road requesting that the property be tidied up (hole repaired, trash bags removed, glass cleaned up, etc.) in order to comply with the 2009 International Property Maintenance Code adopted by the Township. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

REPORT OF SOLICITOR

State Game Lands Along Forgedale Road – The Township Solicitor advised that some progress is being made in attempting to identify the vacated road in this area, but it would be helpful to try to identify individuals in the Township with knowledge of the history of the Township and/or access to old maps of the Township. On a motion by Duane Bennetch, seconded by Nathan Ohlinger, the Board authorized the Township Solicitor to contact the Berks County Historical Society to try to obtain copies of old maps for this area, and the Board agreed to contact Senator Mensch's office regarding this matter. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Agricultural Security Area (7-Year Review) – The Board of Supervisors will need to complete a 7-year review of the Township’s Agricultural Security Area and conduct a public hearing by the end of August 2018. As part of this process, on a motion by Duane Bennetch, seconded by David Warzenluft, the Board authorized the Township Secretary to forward the list of properties currently included with the Township’s Ag Security Area to the Rockland Township Planning Commission, the Berks County Planning Commission and the Rockland Township Ag Security Area Committee for review and to seek comments and recommendations from these entities in advance of the public hearing to be scheduled later this summer. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Refund of Township Taxes Paid 2013-2017 (Kathryn Grow, 174 Five Points Road) – The Township Solicitor informed the Board that Kathryn Grow is entitled to a refund of \$263.10 for overpayment of Township taxes paid during 2013-2017. On a motion by David Wartzenluft, seconded by Nathan Ohlinger, the Board approved a refund to Kathryn Grow, 174 Five Points Road in the amount of \$263.10 for overpayment of Township taxes paid during 2013-2017. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The Township Solicitor expressed concern with the lack of communication between Dr. Hugh Archer, Mavickar Environmental Engineering Consultants and Township officials regarding the status of the Township’s Act 537 Plan and the Township’s response to DEP’s letter dated February 9, 2007. The Township Solicitor recently contacted Edward McCorkle who is now with Bursich Associates in Pottstown, PA and suggested the Board arrange to meet with Ed McCorkle. On a motion by Nathan Ohlinger, seconded by Duane Bennetch, the Board authorized the Township Solicitor to contact Ed McCorkle to attempt to coordinate a breakfast meeting with the Township Supervisors and the Township Solicitor. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

2018 ROAD PROJECT – Bid Opening at 7:15PM

The 2018 Road Project Bid Opening was advertised for 7:15PM. The 2018 Road Project includes double oil and chip seal coat of Bick Road (from Lobachsville Road to intersection of Keller Road), Angstadt Road (from Keller Road to Lobachsville Road), and Deysher Road (from intersection at Schweitz Road to Township Line). One bid was received. The Township Solicitor opened the bid and read the results aloud.

ASPHALT MAINTENANCE SOLUTIONS, LLC	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Total</u>
1- 12,594 SY – Construct Double Bituminous Seal Coat	\$2.62	\$32,996.28
2- 10,589 SY – Construct Double Bituminous Seal Coat	\$2.62	\$27,743.18
3- 10,699 SY – Construct Double Bituminous Seal Coat	\$2.62	<u>\$28,031.38</u>
		\$88,770.84

The Board of Supervisors reviewed the bid. On a motion by Duane Bennetch, seconded by David Wartzenluft, the 2018 Road Project was awarded to Asphalt Maintenance Solutions, LLC with a total bid of \$88,770.84. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Birdsboro Pipeline Project Land Development Plan – Rockland & Oley Townships – As recommended by the Township Solicitor, on a motion by Duane Bennetch, seconded by Nathan Ohlinger, the Board agreed to execute the developer’s agreement, stormwater agreement, and land development plan(s); however, Rockland Township will not release the signed/sealed plans for recording purposes until the developer posts a letter of credit or completion bond in the amount of \$128,581.06 and pays all outstanding engineering and attorney fees for this project to date. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

REPORT OF ROADMASTER

PennDOT Mowing Contract Renewal (for 2018, 2019 & 2020 mowing seasons) – On a motion by David Wartzenluft, seconded by Duane Bennetch, the Board approved the renewal of the mowing contract with PennDOT and Resolution #2018-07 was approved authorizing Chairman Duane Bennetch to sign the mowing agreement (for mowing seasons of 2018, 2019 & 2020). There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Township Logos (Decals) for Trucks – On a motion by David Wartzenuft, seconded by Nathan Ohlinger, the Board approved the purchase of twelve (12) logos for use on the Township equipment. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried. On a motion by David Wartzenuft, seconded by Duane Bennetch, the Board authorized Kurt Lebo to stencil the new 2016 truck (similar to stenciling performed on other Township trucks). There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The Township road crew is in the process of performing mill and fill work on Angstadt, Bick and Deysher Roads (in advance of the double oil and chip to be performed as part of the 2018 Road Project). The quotes for guiderail improvements, as discussed at last month's meeting, were received and provided to the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

Zoning Ordinance Amendment/Update – The Zoning Ordinance Amendment/Update is in progress. Township officials plan to continue to review and discuss Article 9 (Performance Standards for Certain Principal Uses) at the May 29, 2018 Planning Commission meeting.

Possible Dry Fire Hydrant Location for 2018 – Nathan Keller, Lyons Fire Company informed the Board that fire company representatives visited a few ponds in the Township and have determined that the 104 Schweitz Road pond would be ideal (due to the amount of water in the pond and its location to serve the southeastern portion of the Township). However, fire company officials were concerned with what permits might be required and with the costs associated with the length of the required access road or driveway to the pond. On a motion by David Wartzenuft, seconded by Duane Bennetch, the Board authorized the Township Engineer to meet with Nathan Keller, Lyons Fire Company and Michael Pott, Roadmaster at the 104 Schweitz Road property to determine what would be necessary and to attempt to get an approximate cost. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Nathan Keller, Lyons Fire Company inquired about specifications and DEP requirements/permits associated with the installation of a dry hydrant in a creek along the road vs. installation of a dry hydrant in a pond on private property. Township officials agreed to try to obtain additional information from the Township Engineer regarding dry hydrant specifications (specifically for creeks vs. ponds).

Sewage Advisory Committee Update – The next meeting of the Sewage Advisory Committee has not yet been scheduled.

BILLS

A listing of the unpaid bills as of May 8, 2018 was provided for the Board of Supervisors approval. The total of the unpaid bills for approval was \$47,797.38 from the General Fund. On a motion by Nathan Ohlinger, seconded by David Wartzenuft, the Board approved payment of the unpaid bills totaling \$47,797.38 from the General Fund. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Longswamp Township Amended Official Map & Corresponding Ordinance – Longswamp Township is requesting comments on the draft amended Official Map and Corresponding Ordinance by June 1, 2018. Longswamp Township intends to hold a hearing on June 12, 2018 at 7:00PM. The Planning Commission reviewed the map and ordinance at their meeting on 4/24/18 and offered no comments. The Board also offered no comments.

The Township received the Audit Report for the year ending December 31, 2017 from Herbein & Co. The 2017 audit and financial report are available for public inspection at the Township Office. On a motion by David Wartzenuft, seconded by Nathan Ohlinger, the Board approved the audit notice for calendar year 2017 provided by Herbein & Co. for advertising. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Zoning Hearing Board Application – An application was received from Kenneth & Beth Fronheiser, 147 Fredericksville Road requesting a variance from Section 8.04.2 of the Rockland Township Zoning Ordinance to build a 1,360 sq. ft. garage. The Board of Supervisors may provide comments on this application to the Zoning Hearing Board in advance of the public hearing. The hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 7:00PM at the Rockland Township Municipal Building. The Board offered no comments on this application.

Vice Chairman Nathan Ohlinger mentioned that the Township's new Emergency Management Coordinator, Jesse Tamburino, should be compensated for any required County and NIMS training/courses. The Township Secretary agreed to meet with Jesse Tamburino to review the training requirements and to ensure that the current budget figures are adequate.

Vice Chairman Nathan Ohlinger inquired as to what would be required in order to not allow a Township Supervisor to also serve as the Township Roadmaster. The Township Solicitor advised that the Township Roadmaster position is appointed each year by the Township Supervisors, and the Township Solicitor agreed to look into this matter further prior to next month's meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

A list of correspondence dated May 8, 2018 was presented to the Board of Supervisors for review.

Reports and updates regarding zoning/building, sewage and stormwater issues and activities for April 2018 were provided to the Board of Supervisors for review. Direction was needed from the Board on a couple code-related matters.

122 Smoketown Road Complaint - Jim Franey, Contractors Inspection Services investigated this complaint. He confirmed that the deck is not 30" or more above grade; therefore, the deck would not require a building permit (just a zoning permit). On a motion by Duane Bennetch, seconded by Nathan Ohlinger, this complaint was to be forwarded on the Township Zoning Officer. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

17 Sheep Hill Road Complaint (Chickens) - A letter was sent to the property owner(s) at 17 Sheep Hill Road including the current zoning regulations for the keeping of farm animals, exotic animals and fowl on a residential property. No response was received from the property owner. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed to wait to take any further action on this matter until next month.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

Tuesday, May 29, 2018 @ 7:30PM - Planning Commission Meeting (*Zoning Ordinance Update Meeting*)
Wednesday, June 6, 2018 @ 7:00PM – Public Hearing – Zoning Hearing Board (147 Fredericksville Road)
Tuesday, June 12, 2018 @ 7:00PM – Board of Supervisors Meeting

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55PM on a motion by Nathan Ohlinger, seconded by Duane Bennetch. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Krall
Secretary/Treasurer