

**ROCKLAND TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES**

FEBRUARY 12, 2019

The monthly meeting of the Rockland Township Board of Supervisors was held on February 12, 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.

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' Organization Meeting held on January 7, 2019 were presented to the Board for approval. On a motion by Nathan Ohlinger, seconded by David Wartzenuft, the January 7, 2019 Organization Meeting minutes were approved as presented. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The minutes of the Board of Supervisors' regular monthly meeting held on January 7, 2019 were presented to the Board for approval. On a motion by David Wartzenuft, seconded by Nathan Ohlinger, the January 7, 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 January 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	3,353.95
106.000	General Fund – Savings	1,259,722.52
107.001	General Fund – Savings	1,403,230.33
107.002	General Fund – Certificates of Deposit	100,004.09
109.002	Certificate of Deposit	109,106.16
110.000	Petty Cash	200.00
	State Aid Account – Savings	39,987.15
	State Aid Account – Checking	406.47
107.003	Capital Reserve Account – Savings	147,646.58
107.004	Fire Co. Equipment Fund	15,000.00
107.005	Payroll Account – Checking	26,705.40
	Total as of January 31, 2019:	\$3,105,362.65

On a motion by Nathan Ohlinger, seconded by Duane Bennetch, the balance sheets, check and deposit details for January 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. However, he called the Township Office this afternoon to request to be added to next month's meeting agenda instead. After speaking to the PA dog warden, Safety Net Sanctuary just learned that they will need to apply for a kennel holding license (which could take about a month to obtain from the State).

Mr. Jesse Zerbe, Life Lion Emergency Medical Services (EMS) provided the Board of Supervisors with an update on EMS operations. Life Lion EMS responded to 71 incidents in Rockland Township in 2018. This number is similar to the incident numbers with Fleetwood Ambulance, which provided EMS services previously. Supervisor Wartzenuft inquired whether Life Lion EMS has received any feedback related to billing concerns, and Mr. Zerbe advised the Board that all patient survey review forms have been positive to his knowledge. Mr. Jerry Keller informed Mr. Zerbe that he was contacted regarding an incident where a patient may have been double billed. Mr. Zerbe encouraged the patient to contact Life Lion EMS to work out the billing issue. Mr. Zerbe also informed meeting attendees that Life Lion EMS will be holding a Kids Safety Seat Inspection in Spring 2019 at the Fleetwood Fire Company.

REPORT OF SOLICITOR

Resolution #2019-03 – On a motion by David Wartzenuft, seconded by Nathan Ohlinger, the Board authorized the disposal of specific public records (22 boxes) according to the Municipal Records Manual by the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

REPORT OF ROADMASTER

Henry Road Bridge Damage – The Roadmaster provided the Board with a copy of the proposed intersection improvements from John Wetzel, LTL Consultants, Ltd. The Roadmaster expressed safety concerns with the proposed stop signs at this intersection. On a motion by Duane Bennetch, seconded by David Wartzenuft, the Board authorized the Roadmaster to proceed with the intersection improvements (minus the stop signs), as outlined on the diagram from LTL Consultants, Ltd. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried. The Roadmaster also informed the Board that he forwarded the quote for repair to the cap on the Henry Road Bridge to the trucking company and is still awaiting a response.

Statewide Salt Contract – August 2019/July 2020 Season – On a motion by David Wartzenuft, seconded by Duane Bennetch, the Board approved the Township's participation in the Statewide Salt Contract for the August 2019/July 2020 season at 600 tons (same as for current season). There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

94 Deysher Road – The Roadmaster spoke to the property owner. The property owner inquired whether the Township would be able to assist with taking down the stone wall along Deysher Road. On a motion by Duane Bennetch, seconded by David Wartzenuft, the Board authorized the Roadmaster and Township road crew to knock over the stone wall located in the road ROW and haul stone from the property for the Township's use (as agreed with the property owner). There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

2019 Annual Meeting of the Upper Montgomery-Bucks Community Affairs Association – On a motion by Nathan Ohlinger, seconded by David Wartzenuft, the Board approved the Township road crew's attendance at the 2019 annual meeting of the Upper Montgomery-Bucks Community Affairs Association to be held on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at the Telford Borough Public Works Building. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The Roadmaster informed the Board that he plans to place an order for pipes (pipes to replace failing pipes along Township roads at various locations throughout the Township and some pipe to keep on hand). On a motion by David Wartzenuft, seconded by Duane Bennetch, the Board authorized the Township Roadmaster to purchase a truck load of pipe as determined necessary (estimated cost is \$5,000-\$10,000 and costs for the pipes are to be taken from the Roadmaster's 2019 road maintenance budget). There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

2019 Road Projects – The Roadmaster informed the Board of the roads to be included with the 2019 Road Project. These roads include Lake Road (from Kutz Road to Ruscombmanor Township Line), Orchard Road (from Forgedale Road to Sheep Hill Road), and Hertzog School Road (from Fredericksville Road, approx.. ¾ mile).

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 February 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 February 12, 2019 was provided for the Board of Supervisors approval. The total of the unpaid bills for approval was \$37,692.26 from the General Fund. On a motion by Nathan Ohlinger, seconded by David Wartzenuft, the Board approved payment of the unpaid bills totaling \$37,692.26 from the General Fund. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

24-Month Certificate of Deposit Maturity (First Priority Bank) – The Township received notification that the certificate of deposit with First Priority Bank will mature on January 25, 2019. The Secretary/Treasurer provided the Board with current interest rates, and the Board decided to redeem the certificate of deposit with First Priority Bank and re-invest these monies in a 24-month certificate of deposit with PLGIT at a rate of 3.15%. On a motion by Nathan Ohlinger, seconded by Duane Bennetch, the Board approved (retroactively) the redemption of the certificate of deposit with First Priority Bank and authorized the Secretary/Treasurer to re-invest these funds in a 24-month certificate of deposit with PLGIT at a rate of 3.15%. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Insurance Renewals (February 22, 2019) – The Township received our renewal summary for the 2/22/2019-2/22/2020 policy period from Gerhart, Hartman & Ritner. The renewal premium is \$16,100.00, and Don Hausknecht will be providing the Township with a copy of the policies shortly. On a motion by David Wartzenuft, seconded by Nathan Ohlinger, the Board approved the insurance policy renewals with Selective Insurance via Gerhart, Hartman & Ritner at a cost of \$16,100.00. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PRINT Municipal Directory/Map – On a motion by Duane Bennetch, seconded by Nathan Ohlinger, the Board authorized the Secretary/Treasurer to proceed with PRINT to develop and mail a 2019 Municipal Directory and Map to Township residents (at no cost to Rockland Township). There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Township Newsletter – The Secretary/Treasurer is working on the next Township Newsletter (for mailing in March 2019). Board members were encouraged to provide input regarding newsletter content prior to printing/mailing. After a brief discussion, the Township Secretary was instructed to include only a condensed version or short message in the Township Newsletter from the information received from Bursich Associates and Rep. Ryan Mackenzie's Office, then simply refer newsletter recipients to the Rockland Township website for the full page of information (in order to not increase the Township's costs for printing/mailing of the newsletter).

CORRESPONDENCE

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

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

Tuesday, February 26, 2019 @ 7:30PM – Planning Commission Meeting (Organization/Zoning Ordinance Update Meeting)
Tuesday, March 12, 2019 @ 7:00PM – Board of Supervisors Meeting

PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Duane Bennetch inquired about the status of identification of a possible dry hydrant location for 2019. Representatives from the Lyons Fire Company informed the Board that the Lyons Fire Company would re-evaluate a possible dry hydrant location again in the Spring.

Supervisor David Wartzluft informed the Board and meeting attendees of an upcoming EMS Crisis Meeting to be held on Thursday, February 21, 2019 from 7:00PM-9:00PM at the Longswamp Township Building. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the crisis affecting emergency medical services locally, statewide and nationally, as well as to discuss the current crisis at Topton Ambulance.

Mr. Jerry Keller, Lyons Fire Company expressed a heartfelt thanks to Michael Pott (Township Roadmaster) for his recent assistance with responding to incidents/emergencies.

There was no additional public comment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45PM on a motion by Nathan Ohlinger, seconded by Duane Bennetch. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Krall
Secretary/Treasurer