

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING HELD
February 4, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Butler Township Board of Commissioners was held on February 4, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Butler Township Municipal Building, 290 S. Duffy Road, Butler, PA 16001. The following Commissioners were present: Pres. Joe Hasychak, Vice-Pres. Dave Zarnick, Commis. Joe Wiest, Commis. Sam Zurzolo and Commis. Charles M. Nedz. Pres. Hasychak called the meeting to order followed by a moment of silence and the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Also present were Manager Ed Kirkwood, Solicitor Larry Lutz, Chief of Police John Hays and Superintendent of Public Works Tom Knights.

Commis. Hasychak asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the January 19, 2015 meeting, there being none the minutes will stand as presented.

Commis. Hasychak noted receipt of the monthly reports for the Treasurer, Police and Road Departments.

Commis. Hasychak noted receipt of the Police and Road Department Annual Reports.

Chief Hays summarized the 2014 Police Department Annual Report. The Chief discussed some of the various crimes that were committed. Commissioner Zurzolo inquired about the amount of time the officers must invest in D.U.I arrests and public drunkenness.

Superintendent Knights summarized the 2014 Road Department Annual Report. Mr. Knights highlighted the miles of roads that were paved and seal coated; the amount of storm water piping installed and various other projects completed in 2014. Commissioner Wiest commended Mr. Knights for the increase in projects completed.

Commissioner Nedz reported that the ordinance oversight committee is in the final stages of compiling their suggestions regard amending our zoning ordinance. Commissioner Nedz stated the amendments will be available for distribution to the Commissioners no later than the April meeting.

Commissioner Wiest reported on the snow removal activities of the road department. He complimented the department on a job well done.

Commissioner Zurzolo commented on the Citizens Police Academy which has 22 persons attending. He also complimented the officers who organized and are conducting the academy.

Commissioner Zarnick reported that the winter games will be held this Sunday at the park.

Commissioner Zarnick also read a statement regarding the issue that recently appeared in the Butler Eagle regarding Butler City's desire to charge for fire mutual aid calls.

Commissioner Hasychak reported he was in Harrisburg meeting with members of the General Assembly regarding various pieces of proposed legislation.

Commissioner Hasychak reported that Mary Matis has retired after 30 years of service and he complimented the officer that planned Mary's retirement party.

Commissioner Hasychak stated the Department of Environmental Protection has issued a report as a result of a study they conducted stating fracking is not a cause of cancer.

Manager Kirkwood reported that all of the contaminated soil at the road building has been removed and properly disposed. He also reported that the auditors are currently in the process of auditing the 2014 township financials.

Manager Kirkwood stated he was looking for direction from the Board regarding hiring a replacement for Mary Matis. The Board requested a job description and recommended that the Chief, manager and Commissioner Zurzolo meet with the intent to have a plan available for discussion at the next meeting.

Solicitor Lutz reported he is working on all of the tax assessment issues.

Commis. Hasychak asked for public comment on agenda items. There was none.

Motion by Commis. Wiest to authorize the drafting of specifications and advertising for the 2015 Road Paving Project, seconded by Commis. Zurzolo and carried unanimously.

Motion by Commis. Wiest to authorize the drafting of specification and advertising for the 2015 Road Seal Coat Project, seconded by Commis. Zurzolo and carried unanimously.

Motion by Commis. Wiest to authorize the drafting of specifications, for review by Township Officials prior to advertising, for the 2015 Storm Water Project and including surveying specific roadways and acquiring specific easement, seconded by Commis. Zurzolo and carried unanimously.

Motion by Commis. Wiest to authorize the drafting of specifications and advertising for the repaving of Greenwood Road Bridge, seconded by Commis. Zurzolo and carried unanimously.

Chief Hays presented the request to authorize Sgt. Steve Hensel to attend the Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement training on February 24-25, 2015. There is no cost for the training and the officer's wages will be paid through the training budget of the Butler County DUI Task Force. The meals will be the responsibility of the department and a departmental vehicle will be available if needed.

Motion by Commis. Zurzolo to authorize the attendance of Sgt. Hensel to the Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement training on February 24-25, 2015, seconded by Commis. Nedz and carried unanimously.

Chief Hays presented the request to authorize the attendance of Det. Tom Vensel at the Pennsylvania Homicide Investigators Spring Training Conference in State College, PA. The training is from April 13 – 17, 2015. The cost of the training is being paid for by the Butler County District Attorney's Office. The lodging and meals will be the responsibility of the department. The hotel room rate is \$71.00 per night. A department vehicle will be available, if needed.

Motion by Commis. Zurzolo to authorize the attendance of Det. Tom Vensel to the Pennsylvania Homicide Investigators Spring Training Conference in State College, PA., seconded by Commis. Nedz and carried unanimously.

Chief Hays presented the request to authorize the attendance of Senior Office Assistant Christine Pritts to the TAC Officer Training on April 16, 2015 at the PA State Police Training Center located in Greensburg, PA. There is no cost for this training. A meal will be the responsibility of the department and a department vehicle will be available, if needed.

Motion by Commis. Zurzolo to authorize the attendance of Senior Office Assistant Christine Pritts to the TAC Officer Training on April 16, 2015 at the PA State Police Training Center located in Greensburg, PA., seconded by Commis. Nedz and carried unanimously.

Motion by Commis. Nedz to re-appoint Tom Holman, 1015 East Brady Street, to the Zoning Hearing Board for a term to expire in January 2018, seconded by Commis. Zarnick and carried unanimously.

Motion by Commis. Zarnick to appoint Paul Sybert, 106 Crestview Drive, to the Butler Area Sewer Authority for a term to expire in December 2019, seconded by Commis. Hasychak. The vote was Nedz: No; Zurzolo: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zarnick: Yes; Hasychak: Yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Commis. Zurzolo to appoint Patricia Saeler, 422 Sawmill Run Road, to the Recycling Advisory Committee, seconded by Commis. Zarnick and carried unanimously.

Manager Kirkwood opened the bids for the Preston Park Maintenance Building Roof Replacement Project.

Name	Bid Bond	Bid Amount
Smith Metal Buildings	Yes	\$126,140.00
G & W Roofing	Yes	\$153,200.00
S & N Industries, LLC	Yes	\$102,538.72
Arkadia Contracting, Inc.	Yes	\$145,072.68
U & S Construction	Yes	\$146,278.00
Fleehar Contracting, LLC	Yes	\$150,982.99
Blair Construction, LLC	Yes	\$54,259.16

Motion by Commis. Zarnick to table the bids for review and recommendation, seconded by Commis. Nedz and carried unanimously.

There was no correspondence.

Commis. Hasychak asked for public comment by township residents and taxpayers on any item of concern.

Questions were taken from the media.

Motion by Commis. Zarnick to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m., seconded by Commis. Nedz and carried unanimously.

Theresa Gessler