

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING HELD  
February 6, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Butler Township Board of Commissioners was held on February 6, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Butler Township Municipal Building, 290 S. Duffy Road, Butler, PA 16001. The following Commissioners were present: Vice-Pres. Sam Zurzolo, Commis. Charles M. Nedz and Commis. James Lokhaiser, Jr. Pres. Dave Zarnick and Commis. Joe Wiest were absent. Vice-Pres. Zurzolo 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, Assistant Manager Cheryl McNeill, Solicitor Larry Lutz, Chief John Hays and Public Works Superintendent Thomas Knights.

Commis. Zurzolo stated that anyone taping the meeting is required to state their name and address at the beginning of the meeting. There was no one taping the meeting.

Commis. Zurzolo asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the January 16, 2017 meeting. It was noted that the date on the document was incorrect. It should read January 16, 2017 not January 19, 2017.

Motion by Commis. Nedz to approve the January 16, 2017 meeting minutes with the noted correction to the date. Second by Commis. Lokhaiser. The vote was Lokhaiser: Yes; Nedz: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes. Motion carried. The minutes will stand as corrected.

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

Commis. Lokhaiser administered the Oath of Office for the 2017 Butler Township Volunteer Fire District Line Officers. Commis. Zurzolo thanked the volunteer fire departments for their service to the community.

Commis. Nedz had nothing to report.

Chief Hays reported on the public meeting held by the Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement concerning the continuation of the noise ordinance that was enacted last year. The township should be receiving a response from Bureau in about a month.

Road Superintendent Knights reported on the monthly Road Department Report noting the tabulation of the road de-icing salt and Calcium Chloride usage and corresponding costs for the month.

Asst. Manager McNeill had nothing to report.

Solicitor Lutz had nothing to report.

Manager Kirkwood had nothing to report.

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

*Manager Kirkwood presented the letter from Dillon McCandless stating that all of the participants of the Butler County-City Connoquenessing Creek Flood Control Authority have re-appointed Robert Heaton and he recommends that the board re-appoint Mr. Heaton to the Authority.*

*Motion by Commis. Nedz to re-appoint Robert Heaton, 808 Tudor Drive, to the Butler County-City Connoquenessing Creek Flood Control Authority for a four year term to end December 31, 2020. Seconded by Commis. Lokhaiser. The vote was Lokhaiser: Yes; Nedz: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes. Motion carried.*

*Manager Kirkwood requested that the board authorize the drafting of specifications and advertising for the 2017 Road Paving Project.*

*Motion by Commis. Zurzolo to authorize the drafting of specifications and advertising for the 2017 Road Paving Project. Seconded by Commis. Nedz. The vote was Lokhaiser: Yes; Nedz: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes. Motion carried.*

*Commis. Zurzolo stated that Assistant Manager Cheryl McNeill has successfully completed her probationary period and recommended that she be granted full time at will employment status with the township.*

*Motion by Commis Zurzolo to grant full time at will employment status to Cheryl McNeill as Assistant Manager for Butler Township. Seconded by Commis. Nedz. Manager Kirkwood stated that Asst. Manager McNeill has done an outstanding job and is pleased to have her as a staff member. The vote was Lokhaiser: Yes; Nedz: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes. Motion carried.*

*Manager Kirkwood presented the request for Assistant Manager McNeill to attend the annual Association of Pennsylvania Municipal Managers Conference and training seminar (APMM) held in May.*

*Motion by Commis. Nedz to authorize Assistant Manager McNeill's attendance at the APMM Conference. Seconded by Commis. Lokhaiser. The vote was Lokhaiser: Yes; Nedz: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes. Motion carried.*

*Manager Kirkwood commented on the interviews that were held for the entry level patrolman position on February 2, 2017.*

*Motion by Commis. Zurzolo to offer a conditional probationary appointment for entry level patrolman. Seconded by Commis. Nedz. The vote was Lokhaiser: Yes; Nedz: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes. Motion carried.*

*Manager Kirkwood presented information on the annual Costars Salt Agreement and recommended approval.*

*Motion by Commis. Nedz to authorize participation in the Costars Salt Agreement for August 1, 2017 to July 31, 2018. Seconded by Commis. Lokhaiser. The vote was Lokhaiser: Yes; Nedz: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes. Motion carried.*

Commis. Zurzolo presented the appraisal received for township property located behind the Comfort Inn. This property was donated to the township. The appraised value was \$260,000.00 and needs board approval.

Motion by Commis. Nedz to approve the appraisal conducted by Champagne Appraisal Services in the amount of \$260,000.00. Seconded by Commis. Lokhaiser. The vote was Lokhaiser: Yes; Nedz: Yes; Yes; Zurzolo: Yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Commis. Zurzolo to authorize the advertising for bids for the sale of the township property located behind Comfort Inn. Seconded by Commis. Nedz. The vote was Lokhaiser: Yes; Nedz: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes. Motion carried.

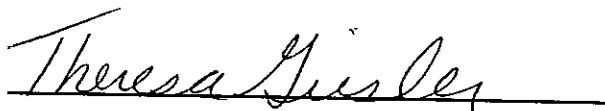
There was no correspondence.

Commis. Zurzolo asked for public comment on any item of concern.

Mark Krenitsky, 139 Winterwood Drive, commented on the amount of police response needed at Walmart. He asked questions concerning the salaries made by the Road Department employees.

Questions were taken from the media.

Motion by Commis. Nedz to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m., seconded by Commis. Lokhaiser and carried unanimously.

  
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