

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING HELD
March 2, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Butler Township Board of Commissioners was held on March 2, 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 February 16, 2015 meeting. Commis. Zarnick asked for clarification on the title for the temporary police position. The position that is available is Senior Office Assistant and will be filled by a temporary employee. The minutes will stand as presented with a note of the clarification by Commis. Zarnick.

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

Commis. Nedz reported that the proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance have been completed and will be on the agenda for the March 3, 2015 Planning Commission meeting.

Commis. Zarnick reported that he received a phone call and an e-mail commending the Road Department on the work that they are doing keeping the roadways clear. He reported that he rode with one of the crews on Sunday as they cleared the roads.

Commis. Zarnick reported that the Butler County Community College is celebrating fifty years in Butler Township.

Commis. Zarnick recognized two township residents, John Bartley and Phyllis Bowser, for the work that they have been doing to maintain the yard of a vacant house on Old Plank Road. He asked that a thank you note be sent to each of them expressing the township's appreciation of their efforts.

Commis. Zarnick reported that there are many fire hydrants within the township that need to be shoveled out due to the large amounts of snowfall that we have received.

Commis. Zarnick reported that the township volunteer fire departments are at the house on Ritenour Lane for training this evening. They will be back at the site on March 21st for training. At that time the house will be burned.

Commis. Zarnick reported on House Bill 340, which deals with taping executive sessions and a change in the specifics of what topics can be discussed during executive session. He recommended contacting Senator Scott Hutchison to get his views on the topic.

Commis. Zarnick reported on House Bill 411, which deals with the Right-To-Know Law. It will charge businesses that request townships for right to know information which is used for commercial purposes only.

Commis. Wiest reported on the snow removal by the Road Department and the costs associated with it. The township salt inventory is good.

Commis. Zurzolo commented on the cost of the snow removal in the township.

Commis Zurzolo commented on the snow removal done by Wiest Paving at Ritenour Lane for the fire department training.

Commis. Zurzolo commended the Police Department on the Citizen's Police Academy. He thanked the Butler County Community College for allowing the Police Department to use their shooting range for a Citizen's Police Academy demonstration.

Chief Hays reported that the department is finishing up their Taser training. There is one more training session left to complete and then the department will be able to use the new Tasers.

Chief Hays reported that tomorrow the department will be participating in the bi-annual First Aid and CPR Training.

Chief Hays reported that tomorrow is the last night for the Citizens Police Academy. It was very well received, with 22 participants.

Manager Kirkwood reported that the township is in receipt of the reimbursement from the Underground Storage Tank Indemnification Fund for all costs associated with the additional excavation, aggregate and concrete for the recent tank replacement project. All the bills from the consultant are being sent directly to the fund for payment. All future testing for the remediation of the site will be covered by the fund.

Manager Kirkwood recommended calling a special meeting with the chiefs and presidents of the three volunteer fire departments to discuss the distribution of funds allocated to the volunteer fire departments. A meeting date was set for Thursday, March 12th at 6:30 PM at the Township Building.

Manager Kirkwood gave an update on the bid review for the Preston Park Roof Replacement Project.

Manager Kirkwood reported on the plans to replace the sound system in the meeting room. He reported that he has had three companies look at the system and they will be submitting quotes for review.

Commis. Zarnick asked for an update on the 503C for Preston Park.

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

Manager Kirkwood presented the changes to the Fee Resolution from 2014.

Motion was made by Commis. Zarnick to pass Resolution No. 15-07, 2015 Fee Resolution as presented, seconded by Commis. Nedz and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Commis. Wiest to authorize participation in the Costars Salt Agreement for August 1, 2015 through July 31, 2016, seconded by Commis. Zurzolo, and carried unanimously.

A discussion was held on Butler County's Bureau of Elections request to use the Municipal Building as a polling place commencing with the 2016 Primary Election.

Commis. Hasychak presented a request for additional stop signs at the intersection of North Boundary Street, Young Avenue, Nixon Avenue and Shady Avenue. Chief Hays presented crash information regarding this intersection. He recommended leaving the intersection as it currently stands. A discussion followed.

Motion by Commis. Zurzolo to leave the intersection of North Boundary Street, Young Avenue, Nixon Avenue and Shady Avenue as it currently stands, seconded by Commis. Wiest and carried unanimously.

Chief Hays recommended Matthew J. Pearson for permanent status to the rank of Lieutenant with the Butler Township Police Department.

Motion by Commis. Zurzolo to approve the permanent status of Matthew J. Pearson to the rank of Lieutenant with the Butler Township Police Department at the completion of the nine month probationary period which expires March 17, 2015, seconded by Commis. Nedz and carried unanimously.

Chief Hays recommended David A. Fish for permanent status to the rank of Sergeant with the Butler Township Police Department.

Motion by Commis. Zurzolo to approve the permanent status of David A. Fish to the rank of Sergeant with the Butler Township Police Department at the completion of the nine month probationary period which expires March 17, 2015, seconded by Commis. Nedz and carried unanimously.

Chief Hays recommended Steven B. Hensel for permanent status to the rank of Sergeant with the Butler Township Police Department.

Motion by Commis. Zurzolo to approve the permanent status of Steven B. Hensel to the rank of Sergeant with the Butler Township Police Department at the completion of the nine month probationary period which expires March 17, 2015, 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.

Mark Krenitsky, 139 Winterwood Drive, commented on the closing of Meridian Elementary School, the request by Butler City Fire Department for reimbursement for fire department response calls to the township, and proposed changes to the zoning ordinance. Commis. Zamick responded to the Fire Department response calls comment.

Questions were taken from the media.

Motion by Commis. Zamick to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m., seconded by Commis. Nedz and carried unanimously.
