

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

The regular meeting of the Butler Township Board of Commissioners was held on May 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 Zamick, 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, and Superintendent of Public Works Tom Knights.

Commis. Hasychak asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the April 20, 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. Zarnick reported that he attended the Mercer Road Volunteer Fire Department meeting where American Legion Commander Gary Kuhn presented a grant check to the department to go towards the purchase of emergency equipment. The American Legion has donated a total of \$13,000.00 to the Butler Township Volunteer Fire Departments this year. Butler Township is pleased to be partners with the American Legion and is thankful for the grant awards.

Commis. Zarnick reported that an agreement has been reached for the 501-C3 for Preston Park. Once the document has been finalized it will be presented to the Preston Park Advisory Board.

Commis. Zarnick reported that he attended the County Recreation meeting last week.

Commis. Zarnick reported that the Jeep Parade will be held on Friday, June 12th. They will need to have over 1,800 jeeps in the parade to beat the new record that was recently set in Florida.

Solicitor Lutz reported that an advertisement was published in error in regards to the zoning amendments indicating that the issue would be addressed at tonight's meeting. He apologized for any confusion or inconvenience that this may have caused for anyone this evening. The Public Hearing will be held on May 18th to address the zoning amendments.

Superintendent of Public Works Knights reported that all of the tree trimmings have been completed in advance of the bid work this year. The department has primarily been concentrating on the prep work for the bid projects before starting the in house work. The department has been doing some infrastructure repair. The residents are reminded to contact the Road Department to report any pot holes in the township.

Commis. Wiest reported that the new camera system for viewing in the pipe culverts has been put to good use in finding problem areas. It was definitely money well spent.

Manager Kirkwood reported the Liquid Fuels Tax reimbursement application was filed to recoup the tax paid on the fuel that was purchased while the Road Department fuel tanks were down. The township has received 100% of the requested funds.

Manager Kirkwood reported that he has been in conversations with Township Engineer Dan Deiseroth from Gateway Engineering, Public Works Superintendent Knights and Dennis Flynn, a Gateway Engineer that is drafting the plans and specifications for the stormwater projects. He stated that they are very close to being completed with their recommendations concerning the stormwater projects. Cupps Road has proven to be a very difficult problem to solve, but he is confident that there is a viable solution provided Connoquenessing Township approves the design plan. The plans will be available for review later this week. Any corrections will be made and the plans sent back to Gateway with the hope of starting the required advertising process before the next board meeting. The hope is to complete these projects during this construction season.

Manager Kirkwood reported that on the agenda this evening is a request for approval to move forward with the content management program. A single vendor has been selected. A dedicated secure server will be used for the files. This program will eventually assist the staff in finding necessary documents without having to search through boxes of paperwork, saving valuable time.

Manager Kirkwood reported that on January 6, 2015 an oversized load was traveling on Hansen Avenue. The vehicle, or its escort vehicle knocked a traffic signal loose from its moorings. They were destroyed, at a cost of \$4,821.30. The trucking company's insurance company was notified, an initial bill for putting in temporary signals and a final bill for the replacement was sent. The township has recently been notified that the insurance company was not going to pay for the repairs. Based on information that he has researched and presented to the board, he will reach out to the insurance company again for payment and if not successful would recommend litigation. A discussion followed.

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

Steve Gierl, the township pension consultant, gave an overview of the 2014 Pension Report. A discussion followed.

Manager Kirkwood presented information that was received from the Allegheny Aquatic Alliance requesting assistance in the 2015 Connoquenessing Creek Cleanup in Butler Township. A discussion followed. The commissioners are to forward any questions concerning the project to the manager by Friday. He will contact the coordinator of the group to get the answers and report back to the board with any additional information.

Motion by Commis. Wiest to authorize the advertising for bids for the 2015 Stormwater Projects contingent upon the final approval of the plans, seconded by Commis. Nedz and carried unanimously.

Motion by Commis. Nedz to pass Resolution 15-14, authorizing the destruction of public records according to the Municipal Records Manual, as presented, seconded by Commis. Zarnick and carried unanimously.

Motion by Commis. Zarnick to authorize the attendance of Fire Marshal Christy at the Pennsylvania Association of Fire Code Officials meeting scheduled for May 12th through May 14th in Scranton, PA at no cost to the township, seconded by Commis. Nedz and carried unanimously.

Manager Kirkwood presented information on the request to enter into a 60 month lease with Ricoh for the content management system.

Motion by Commis. Zarnick to authorize entering into a 60 month lease with Ricoh for the design, installation, Fortis content management software, scanner and annual maintenance agreement for the content management system, seconded by Commis. Nedz. A discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

Manager Kirkwood noted receipt of a letter from PENNDOT Engineering District 10 to Representative Brian Ellis that the township was copied on concerning the Intersection of State Route 8 and Filbert Road. A discussion followed.

Manger Kirkwood read a letter from David Wiskeman commending the emergency responders that aided him during a recent traffic accident.

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

Paul Cometti, 109 Dutchtown Road, presented information to the board on his opposition to the proposed changes to the oil and gas ordinance concerning the limitations to future development.

Joseph Gray, 75 Dutchtown Road, commented on his opposition to the proposed changes to the oil and gas ordinance concerning the limitations to future development.

Jacquelyn Gray, 75 Dutchtown Road, commented on her opposition to the proposed changes to the oil and gas ordinance concerning its limitations to economic development in the area.

Mark Krenitsky, 139 Winterwood Drive, commented on the joint meeting between the City of Butler and Butler Township concerning the Fire Departments.

Ken Raybuck, 135 Maple Grove Drive, commented on the proposed changes to the oil and gas ordinance concerning its limitations to economic development in the area.

There were no questions from the media.

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



Theresa Giesler