

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING HELD
August 17, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Butler Township Board of Commissioners was held on August 17, 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, Commis. Sam Zurzolo and Commis. Charles M. Nedz. Vice-Pres. Dave Zarnick and Commis. Joe Wiest were absent. 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 Township Engineer Dennis Flynn.

Pres. Hasychak asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the August 3, 2015 meeting. There being none, the minutes will stand as presented.

Pres. Hasychak noted receipt of the monthly report for the Fire/Zoning Departments.

Commis. Hasychak reported that contract negotiations continue for the Police Department. The contract expires on December 31, 2015.

Commis. Hasychak reported that the next Transit Authority meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at 5:00 PM at the Transit Authority Building.

Commis. Hasychak reported that he and Manager Kirkwood attended the audit exit conference for the Butler Township Pension Plans. The audit was conducted by Angela Pacifico from the Department of the Auditor General. The township received an outstanding review. The audit period was for December 31, 2013 through December 31, 2014.

Township Engineer Flynn reported that a pre-construction meeting was held for the 2015 Storm Sewer Projects. Work on the projects will begin in September.

Manager Kirkwood reported that the steel building roof replacement at Preston Park commenced this morning. The roof replacement is expected to be completed by Thursday.

Manager Kirkwood reported that a catastrophic failure occurred on one of the air conditioning units in the Municipal Building. A replacement air conditioning unit was located on the East Coast. It was shipped out on Monday and should arrive in Butler on Thursday. At that time repairs will be made.

Manager Kirkwood reported on the current heating and air-conditioning system in the Municipal Building and recommended that three new chillers be added to the system over the next three years. A discussion followed.

Manager Kirkwood reported that he has received the August 1, 2015 through July 31, 2016 Salt Contract through the piggy-back program through the State. The cost of salt

per ton increased thirteen percent or \$8.92/ton. Anticipating this increase the township modified the commitment on the August 1, 2015 through July 31, 2016 contract and were able to purchase additional salt under the old contract and in doing so generated a savings to the township of \$9,022.85. A discussion followed.

Commis. Hasychak reported that the next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 9th because of the Labor Day Holiday on Monday.

Commis. Hasychak asked for public comment on agenda items.

Dave Heltzell, 100 Marion Drive, commented on the Solid Waste Contract and thanked the board and Manager Kirkwood for continuing to include the fifty percent senior citizens discount in the contract.

Anne Baker, 111 South Woodlawn Road, commented on the Solid Waste Contract and asked that leaf collection dates be increased in the new contract.

Manager Kirkwood presented the request to have a handicapped parking sign be removed at 209 Main Street, Lyndora.

Motion by Commis. Zurzolo to authorize the removal of the handicapped parking sign at 209 Main Street, Lyndora, seconded by Commis. Nedz. The vote was: Nedz: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Hasychak: Yes. Motion Carried.

Manager Kirkwood stated that the terms of Bruce Betty, Fred Maihle, Jr. and Robert Pillar on the Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals have expired. All three have expressed in writing their desire to be reappointed.

Motion by Commis. Nedz to reappoint Robert Pillar of 105 East McQuiston Road to the Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals for a 5-year term to expire August 2020. Seconded by Commis. Zurzolo. The vote was: Nedz: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Hasychak: Yes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Commis. Nedz to reappoint Fred Maihle, Jr. of 4200 Karla Drive to the Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals for a 5-year term to expire August 2020. Seconded by Commis. Zurzolo. The vote was: Nedz: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Hasychak: Yes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Commis. Nedz to reappoint Bruce Betty of 111 Arlington Avenue to the Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals for a 5-year term to expire August 2020. Seconded by Commis. Zurzolo. The vote was: Nedz: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Hasychak: Yes. Motion Carried.

Manager Kirkwood stated the current solid waste contract with Vogel Disposal expires at the end of the year. He requested that the process of drafting specifications and advertising commence.

Motion by Commis. Nedz to authorize the drafting of specifications and advertising for the 2016-2019 Solid Waste Contract. Seconded by Commis. Zurzolo. The vote was: Nedz: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Hasychak: Yes. Motion Carried.

Manager Kirkwood stated that the current contract for the management of the Dek Hockey Rink is scheduled to expire at the end of this year and the option year has already been used.

Motion by Commis. Nedz to authorize the drafting of specifications and advertising for the 2016 Dek Hockey Management Contract. Seconded by Commis. Zurzolo. A discussion followed. Manager Kirkwood recommended adding a second option year to the contract, potentially making it a three year contract. Commis. Nedz and Commis. Zurzolo rescinded their motion and second.

Motion by Commis. Nedz to authorize the drafting of specifications and advertising for the 2016 Dek Hockey Management Contract with two additional option years. Seconded by Commis. Zurzolo. The vote was: Nedz: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Hasychak: Yes. Motion Carried.

Township Engineer Flynn presented the request by Baldauf Auto Body for the release of their 18-month Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$14,671.50 and noted the letter from Gateway Engineers dated August 12, 2015 stating their recommendation of the release.

Motion by Commis. Nedz to release the Baldauf 18-Month Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$14,671.50. Seconded by Commis. Zurzolo. The vote was: Nedz: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Hasychak: Yes. Motion Carried.

Manager Kirkwood opened the bids for the Traffic Control System Maintenance Contract. It is a two year contract running from September 14, 2015 through September 13, 2017. Three bid packets were mailed out. One bid was received, from Bronder Technical Services. Manager Kirkwood stated that they had a bid bond.

| Repairs | Truck & one man | Additional man | |
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| Mon. – Fri.: Normal Operating Hours | \$70.00/hour | \$65.00/hour | Invoice for travel time to work site |
| Mon. – Fri.: After hours as needed | \$95.00/hour | \$90.00/hour | Invoice for travel time to work site Min. # of hours for call outs – 2 hours |
| Saturdays | \$95.00/hour | \$90.00/hour | Invoice for travel time to work site Min. # of hours for call outs – 2 hours |
| Sundays/Holidays | \$115.00/hour | \$105.00/hour | Invoice for travel time to work site Min. # of hours for call outs – 2 hours |

| <i>Closed Loop Traffic Signal (incl. Econo-light controller and Aris Software)</i> | | | |
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| <i>Mon. – Fri.: Normal Operating Hours</i> | <i>\$70.00/hour</i> | <i>\$65.00/hour</i> | <i>Invoice for travel time to work site</i> |
| <i>Mon. – Fri.: After hours as needed</i> | <i>\$95.00/hour</i> | <i>\$90.00/hour</i> | <i>Invoice for travel time to work site Min. # of hours for call outs – 2 hours</i> |
| <i>Saturdays</i> | <i>\$95.00/hour</i> | <i>\$90.00/hour</i> | <i>Invoice for travel time to work site Min. # of hours for call outs – 2 hours</i> |
| <i>Sundays/Holidays</i> | <i>\$115.00/hour</i> | <i>\$105.00/hour</i> | <i>Invoice for travel time to work site Min. # of hours for call outs – 2 hours</i> |

Motion by Commis. Nedz to table the bids for the Traffic Control System Maintenance Contract for further review. Seconded by Commis. Zurzolo. The vote was: Nedz: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Hasychak: Yes. Motion Carried.

Manager Kirkwood reviewed the bills report and the following totals were noted: General Fund - \$143,804.26; Stormwater Capital Fund - \$8,932.50; Highway Aid Fund - \$46,676.91; Park Development Fund - \$508.95; General Fund (added after July Bills Report) - \$41,069.97; Park Development Fund (paid after July Bills Report) - \$244.99; Payroll Fund (prior month) - \$362,867.10 (Three pay periods).

Commis. Hasychak commented on the concrete repair work that was completed in front of the Municipal Building.

Motion by Commis. Hasychak to pay the bills as per the bills report, seconded by Commis Nedz. The vote was: Nedz: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Hasychak: Yes. Motion Carried.

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

Brenda McQuire, 111 Farmington Drive, requested authorization to block the end of Woodbury Drive on August 29, 2015 from 2:00 PM to 11:00 PM for a neighborhood block party. Manager Kirkwood stated that the board has already given permission for this event for the previous two years.

Motion by Commis. Zurzolo to allow the block party on Woodbury Drive on August 29, 2015 between 2:00 PM and 11:00 PM. Seconded by Commis. Nedz. Commis. Hasychak asked for public comment on this non-agenda item. There was none. The vote was: Nedz: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Hasychak: Yes. Motion Carried.

Anne Baker, 111 South Woodlawn Road, presented information on a rally-walk to be held on August 29th starting at 12:00 Noon and ending at Diamond Park. She invited the commissioners to attend. She also presented information on the health issues concerning children and pollutants.

Laurie Krofft, 104 Foster Drive, commented on gas drilling within the township.

There were no questions from the media.

Motion was made by Commis. Nedz to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 PM, seconded by Commis. Zurzolo and carried unanimously.

Theresa Giesler