

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING HELD
September 9, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Butler Township Board of Commissioners was held on September 9, 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 Township Secretary Theresa Giesler, Solicitor Rebecca Black and Superintendent of Public Works Tom Knights.

Commis. Hasychak asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the August 17, 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 that Township Secretary Theresa Giesler is filling in for Manager Ed Kirkwood at tonight's meeting.

Commis. Wiest reported that the Seal Coat Project and the Paving Project have been completed for this year. He commented on the number of PA One Call Reports that the Road Department has responded to this month. He also noted that the Road Department has installed driveway culvert pipes for some residents. It is a service that Butler Township provides to its residents. Residents just need to call the Road Department to schedule the installation.

Commis. Zurzolo reported that the township has been reimbursed for the 2015 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event in the amount of \$ 8,674.69. He read the correspondence from the Department of Environmental Protection. He thanked the Recycling Committee for all of their hard work. A discussion was held on budgeting for recycling programs for 2016. Commis. Zurzolo stated that the State will no longer reimburse municipalities for recycled televisions collected at recycling events. Commis. Zarnick asked Commis. Zurzolo to ask Butler County Recycling Board to look into electronic recycling in the county. It was noted that residents can take their old televisions to ECS&R in Evans City for recycling.

Commis. Zurzolo complimented Commis. Wiest on the paving done on Greenwood Drive. He asked Public Works Superintendent Knights when lines will be painted on the road. Plans have been made to line the roads.

Commis. Zurzolo thanked Commis. Hasychak and the American Legion Post 778 for the donation of \$5,000.00 to the Police Department to purchase new pistols. Commis. Hasychak reported on the donation by the American Legion.

Commis. Zarnick thanked Solicitor Black for her work on reviewing the new Child Protective Services Law and how it pertained to the township.

Commis. Zarnick reported on the Fire Department activities. He reported that the fire departments and the police department participated in Rep. Ellis' Community Night. He thanked the fire departments for giving of their time to not only protect the community but also to participate in these types of community events.

Commis. Zarnick reported on the Annual Fireman's Association Gun Raffle that is scheduled for this weekend.

Commis. Zarnick reported on the event that Butler Township Volunteer Fire District 3 participated in with the American Red Cross. The Red Cross donated smoke detectors to residents in the Lyndora/Highfield/Home Acre areas that needed them and the fire department volunteered their time to install the detectors for the residents. Eighty-three smoke detectors were installed through this program.

Commis. Zarnick commented on the Police Department Monthly Report and thanked the officers for their community involvement.

Commis. Zarnick reported on recent Preston Park Activities. Don Orwald Productions put on performances this past month and have already asked if they can schedule to return next year.

Commis. Zarnick reported that the United Way "Week of Caring" is scheduled for the week of October 12-16, 2015. Work projects at the township parks have already been lined up for groups to volunteer to complete during this week.

Commis. Zurzolo reported on area neighborhood watch programs. He apologized for not returning phone calls and not attending the recent meeting as he had not been in the office to check his messages. He thanked the Police Department and the Road Department for their participation in these programs. Commis. Hasychak stated that the Township Park Rental Building is available for any future meetings. The program coordinators will need to contact the Administration Office to check for availability.

Commis. Hasychak reported that work on the 2016 Budget has begun with the department heads receiving their planning packets. The budget hearing date will be established at tonight's meeting. The proposed budget will be introduced at a public meeting on November 16th and the final budget will be adopted at the December 21st meeting.

Public Works Superintendent Knights reported on work being done on Grandview Blvd. A new catch basin has been installed. They are waiting for a Penn DOT HOP to complete this project so that the road can be paved.

Public Works Superintendent Knights reported on the status of the Stormwater Projects. Gateway Engineers is in the process of collecting easements for the proposed projects. Solicitor Black reported on recent activity relating to the acquiring of the easements. Their office has been contacted by residents with questions on why these easements were needed and to make sure they understood what rights they were giving up by signing the

easements. Their office has been in conversations with some of these residents and Dennis Flynn from Gateway Engineers has also been working with the residents to explain the process. Most of the other outstanding easements are related properties where the names on the deeds needed to be corrected before the easement could be signed.

Commis. Wiest asked if the Connoquenessing Creek Clean up weekends had been completed for the township. Public Works Superintendent Knights reported that the cleanup weekends will be completed this Saturday.

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

Commis. Hasychak reviewed the process for adopting the 2016 Budget. The public is invited to attend the Public Budget Hearing. During this meeting the entire proposed budget is reviewed and any changes or additions are discussed. The commissioners and department heads are in attendance to discuss any budget item.

Motion by Commis. Hasychak to set the date and time for the Public Budget Hearing for Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at 4:30 PM. Seconded by Commis. Nedz. The vote was Nedz: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zarnick: Yes; Hasychak: Yes. Motion carried.

Commis. Wiest presented the details of the contract submitted by Bronder Technical Services for the Traffic Control Signal Maintenance Contract. It is a two year contract. The service fees will remain the same for both years. He stated that the Bronder bid was the only bid received.

Motion by Commis. Wiest to award the Traffic Control Signal Maintenance Contract to Bronder Technical Services, as presented, for a two year period. Seconded by Commis. Nedz. The vote was Nedz: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zarnick: Yes; Hasychak: Yes. Motion carried.

Commis. Hasychak presented information on the next agenda item, to rescind the August 17, 2015 motion authorizing the drafting of specifications and advertising for the Dek Hockey Management. The current Dek Hockey Contract permits the township to renew the contract for a third year if the township desires to.

Motion by Commis. Nedz to rescind the August 17, 2015 motion authorizing the drafting of specifications and advertising for the Dek Hockey Management. Seconded by Commis. Wiest. The vote was Nedz: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zarnick: Yes; Hasychak: Yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Commis. Zarnick to extend the current Dek Hockey agreement with James and Robert Queen for the third year option. Seconded by Commis. Nedz. The vote was Nedz: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zarnick: Yes; Hasychak: Yes. Motion carried.

Solicitor Black presented information concerning the settlement of the lien offer and acceptance for 821 East Jefferson Street, Butler. Norman D. Jaffe, representing the Estate of Margaret Scheetz, has submitted an offer of \$1,694.89, the remaining value of the estate, to settle the outstanding lien of \$9,515.50 incurred by the township for the demolition of the structure following a fire which destroyed the house. The Solicitor recommended the

township accept the offer due to the fact that in its current condition, the property has no value.

Motion by Commis. Nedz to accept the offer of \$1,694.89 in settlement with the Estate of Margaret Scheetz, as proposed by Attorney Norman Jaffe and recommended by Solicitor Black. Seconded by Commis. Wiest. The vote was Nedz: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zarnick: Yes; Hasychak: Yes. Motion carried.

Public Works Superintendent Knights presented the request for the Road Department to attend the safety training sponsored by PA One Call on September 24th at the Monroeville Convention Center. The training is free and meals are provided. Road Department vehicles will be used to and from the training.

Motion by Commis Wiest to authorize the attendance of the Road Department to the PA One Call Safety Training on September 24, 2015, as presented. Seconded by Commis. Nedz. The vote was Nedz: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zarnick: Yes; Hasychak: Yes. Motion carried.

Commis. Hasychak presented the request by Bill Carmack, on behalf of the daughter of Michael Salak, to remove the handicapped parking sign in front of 312 Penn Avenue in Lyndora. The sign is no longer needed at the residence.

Motion by Commis. Zurzolo to authorize the removal of the handicapped parking sign from 312 Penn Avenue in Lyndora. Seconded by Commis. Nedz. The vote was Nedz: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zarnick: Yes; Hasychak: Yes. Motion carried.

Township Secretary Giesler read the letter dated August 21, 2015 from the City of Butler requesting the township include a donation to the City of Butler Fireworks in their 2016 Budget.

Township Secretary Giesler read a letter dated August 26, 2015 from the City of Butler requesting the township include a donation to support the City of Butler K-9 Officers in their 2016 Budget.

Township Secretary Giesler read a letter dated August 31, 2015 from the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission stating the field investigation and conference scheduled for September 21, 2015 at 1:30 PM has been cancelled at the request of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

Commis. Hasychak asked for public comment by township residents and taxpayers on any item of concern. There was none.

Questions were taken from the media.

Motion by Commis. Nedz to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m., seconded by Commis. Zarnick. Motion carried unanimously.

Theresa Giesler