

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING HELD
October 16, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Butler Township Board of Commissioners was held on October 16, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Butler Township Municipal Building, 290 S. Duffy Road, Butler, PA 16001. The following commissioners were present: Pres. Dave Zarnick, Vice-Pres. Sam Zurzolo, Commis. Joe Wiest, Commis. Charles M. Nedz and Commis. Jim Lokhaiser, Jr.

Also present were Manager Edward Kirkwood, Asst. Manager Cheryl McNeill, Solicitor Rebecca Black, Zoning Officer Jesse Hines, and Superintendent of Public Works Thomas Knights.

Pres. Zarnick called the meeting to order followed by a moment of silence and the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pres. Zarnick stated that anyone taping the meeting is required to state their name and address at the beginning of the meeting. There was none.

Steve Ferris introduced himself as the new reporter for the Butler Eagle. He will be covering Butler Township for the foreseeable future.

Pres. Zarnick asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the September 18, 2017 meeting. There being none, the minutes will stand as presented.

Pres. Zarnick noted receipt of the monthly Treasurer, Police Department, Road Department and Fire/Zoning reports.

Commis. Lokhaiser reported there is a walking tour of Preston Park scheduled for Saturday, November 25th at 10:00 a.m. Registration is limited. Please contact the Administration Office to sign up for this tour.

Commis. Zurzolo reported that the first week for leaf bag collection in the Township will be the week of October 23rd. Leaf bags are available at the Township Building at a cost of \$0.34 a bag.

Commis. Zurzolo reported that the township held a Recycling Event on Saturday, September 30th at the ECS&R site in Evans City. There was a nice response from the Township. He thanked the members of the Recycling Committee for their help in planning this event.

Commis. Zurzolo reported that there will be a memorial service held in honor of former Butler Township Police Officer Pat Evans on Sunday, October 22nd from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the American Legion Post #778, Legion Memorial Lane, Lyndora.

Commis. Wiest had nothing to report.

Commis. Nedz had nothing to report.

Solicitor Black had nothing to report.

Zoning Officer Hines reported that the Weaver Homes Plan on Tudor Drive is moving along nicely. Occupancy Permits have been issued for the first two units and a building permit has been issued for Building No. 5. There are nine buildings in this plan.

Commis. Zarnick reported that October 3rd – 5th the Township participated in the Week of Caring sponsored by the United Way. Quite a bit of work was completed by the volunteers of several businesses during this time. He thanked AGR, UPS, AK Steel, C. W. Howard Insurance Company, and Tim Reges State Farm for permitting their employees to come during their work day to do volunteer work at Preston Park. Butler Township appreciates and values the work that these individuals and companies do for the Township.

Asst. Manager McNeill reported that the Township has received a donation from Bill Uram to go towards Park Development. Mr. Uram made the donation following the October 7th tour of Preston Park. The Township appreciates Mr. Uram's generosity.

Public Works Superintendent Knights had nothing to report.

Manager Kirkwood reported that Tuesday, October 17th at 6:30 p.m. Butler County will be holding one of their outreach meetings here in the Butler Township Municipal Building Meeting Room.

Manager Kirkwood reported that on Monday, October 23rd at 1:00 p.m. Penn DOT will be holding a meeting in the Butler Township Municipal Building Meeting Room to discuss two projects. One project is a milling and repaving of Jefferson Street/Route 68 from the Butler Township Line all of the way through the City of Butler. The second project is an adaptive Traffic Control Device retro fit on Route 356/New Castle Road in Butler Township.

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

Zoning Officer Hines presented the ninety day extension request by Bright Hope Community Church. He recommended approval.

Paul Hoover, 113 Morningside Drive, Butler and Kevin McCormick, 234 Reiber Road, Renfrew, from Bright Hope Community Church presented information on their extension request. A discussion followed.

Motion by Commis. Nedz to pass Resolution 17-21, extending the Bright Hope Community Church final approval until January 15, 2018. Seconded by Commis. Wiest. The vote was Lokhaiser: Yes; Nedz: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

Commis. Lokhaiser reported that Butler Township has received \$106,055.56 in Fire Relief Funds from the State to be distributed to the three Butler Township Volunteer Fire Departments. The Board needs to make a decision on how these funds will be distributed between the three departments. In previous years the distribution has been fifty percent of the funds going to Butler Township Volunteer Fire District 3, twenty-five percent of the funds going to Mercer Road Volunteer Fire Department and twenty-five percent of the funds going to South Butler Volunteer Fire Department.

Motion by Commis. Lokhaiser to distribute the Fire Relief Funds with fifty percent of the funds going to Butler Township Volunteer Fire District 3, twenty-five percent of the funds going to Mercer Road Volunteer Fire Department and twenty-five percent of the funds going to South Butler Volunteer Fire Department. Seconded by Commis. Nedz. The vote was Lokhaiser: Yes; Nedz: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

Manager Kirkwood opened the bids for the Dek Hockey Management Contract. The Township received two bids. Three packets distributed to interested parties.

Name	Percentage
James & Robert Queen	12.5% of Gross Fees Collected
Bill Schollaert	12.5% of Gross Fees Collected

Motion by Commis Lokhaiser to table the bids for review. Seconded by Commis. Nedz. A discussion followed. The vote was Lokhaiser: Yes; Nedz: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

Manager Kirkwood stated that James Diamond's term on the Butler Transit Authority expired in December 2016. He was not reappointed in December of 2016 because the township knew that we would be entering into negotiations with Butler County, Butler City and the Butler Transit Authority to have the County take over the Authority. One of the issues could be the desire of the County to appoint the board members. Through the process it was determined that the County does not desire to appoint the Board members at this time. So at this time it would be appropriate to make the motion to reappoint James Diamond to the Butler Transit Authority Board.

Motion by Commis. Zarnick to reappoint James Diamond, 540 Sawmill Run Road, to the Butler Transit Authority with a term to expire December 2021. Seconded by Commis. Wiest. The vote was Lokhaiser: Yes; Nedz: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

Manager Kirkwood presented information on the request regarding an Economic Development Liquor License Application for the La Casa Mexican Restaurant at 138 Point Plaza that was tabled at the September 18, 2017 meeting. Sheri Hershberger, representing Reynoldo Palacios, owner of the restaurant, is seeking Butler Township's approval to apply for this license. A Public Hearing on this request needs to be held before a decision of the Board can be made. He recommended scheduling the hearing during the November 6, 2017 Board of Commissioners meeting. A discussion followed. Solicitor Black stated that the approval of the Township Board of Commissioners is only the first step in the process. The final determination will be by the PA Liquor Control Board. The discussion continued.

Motion by Commis. Lokhaiser to set the date and time for the Public Hearing on the Economic Development Liquor License Application for the La Casa Mexican Restaurant at 138 Point Plaza for November 6, 2017 at 6:45 p.m.. Seconded by Commis. Nedz. The vote was Lokhaiser: Yes; Nedz: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

Manager Kirkwood reviewed the bills report and the following totals were noted: General Fund - \$118,628.81; Stormwater Capital Fund - \$22.10; Highway Aid Fund - \$16,787.00; General Fund (added after September Bills Report) - \$1,050,408.71; Stormwater Capital Fund (added after September Bills Report) - \$168.76; Highway Aid Fund (added after September Bills Report) - \$3,544.82; Payroll Fund (prior month) - \$245,934.37.

Motion by Commis. Lokhaiser to pay the bills as per the bills report. Seconded by Commis. Zurzolo. The vote was Lokhaiser: Yes; Nedz: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

There was no correspondence.

Commis. Zarnick asked for public comment on any item of concern. There was none.

Questions were taken from the media.

Motion was made by Commis. Lokhaiser to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m., and carried unanimously.

Theresa Giesler