

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

The regular meeting of the Butler Township Board of Commissioners was held on November 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 Township Manager Ed, 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 October 19, 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. Wiest reported that there was 149 PA One Call Reports that the Road Department has responded to this month. He also noted that the Road Department has performed sign maintenance throughout the township. The crew performed catch basin and 250' of storm water pipe was replaced. The crew also performed tree cutting, repairs, cold patching, and berming and applied scouring around the Greenwood Bridge. Various streets were paved using our new paver.

Commis. Zurzolo did not have anything to report.

Commis. Nedz did not have anything to report.

Commis. Zarnick thanked the Police and Fire Departments for patrolling during Trick or Treat. Commis. Zarnick attended the County recreation meeting last week and the final yearly activity report was discussed. Of specific interest was the loss the County incurred with the pool operations. We are fortunate that we did not take over the pool operations as they requested. Commis. Zarnick requested the manager to contact West Penn Power to discuss issues associated with repairs on a timely basis of our street lights. In addition, the manager was directed to look into the annual cost increase for fire hydrant rentals. Manager Kirkwood stated that is an issue to be placed before the P.U.C., as they approve the water company's tariffs. Other issues are hydrant maintenance and painting.  
Rental Building is available for any future meetings.

Commis. Hasychak reported that Commis. Zarnick, Commis. Zurzolo and he attended the Butler County Township Officials Fall Convention. The information provided was presented in a concise manner. Commis. Hasychak also reported he was invited by the A.M. Rotary Club to discuss activities occurring within the township. Commis. Zarnick also made a presentation on what is occurring at Preston Park.

Public Works Superintendent Knights reported that anti-scouring rip rap was installed under the Greenwood Bridge to satisfy an inspection requirement. Mr. Knights publically thanked Keven Grey, Butler County Bridge Manager for his guidance and assistance. All items noted in the report have been addressed. Mr. Knights also informed the Board that a road department employee will be on medical leave commencing December 10 and will be off work for approximately two months.

Solicitor Black did not have anything to report.

Commis. Hasychak reminded the Commissioners that a budget meeting is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. this Wednesday.

Manager Kirkwood reported that Wednesday's meeting has been duly advertised and that it is open to the public. He also reported on a mechanical failure to the boiler piping which necessitated shutting down both boilers due to inoperative shut off valves.

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

Motion by Commis. Zarnick to approve the 2016 Board of Commissioner's meeting dates as presented. Seconded by Commis. Nedz. The vote was Nedz: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zarnick: Yes; Hasychak: Yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Commis. Hasychak to approve Resolution 15-28 to appoint Mayer-Duessel to make an independent examination of all the accounts and accounting records of Butler Township for fiscal year 2015. Seconded by Commis. Zarnick. The vote was Nedz: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zarnick: Yes; Hasychak: Yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Commis. Zarnick to reappoint William O'Brien as the citizen representative to the Fire Commission. Seconded by Commis. Nedz. The vote was Nedz: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zarnick: Yes; Hasychak: Yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Commis. Zarnick to appoint Joe LaDue as the primary representative of Station #3 to the Fire Commission. Seconded by Commis. Nedz. The vote was Nedz: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zarnick: Yes; Hasychak: Yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Commis. Zarnick to appoint Brian Birckbichler as the first alternate representing Station #3 to the Fire Commission. Seconded by Commis. Nedz. The vote was Nedz: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zarnick: Yes; Hasychak: Yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Commis. Zarnick to appoint Dave Sanderson as the second alternate representative of Station #3 to the Fire Commission. Seconded by Commis. Nedz. The vote was Nedz: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zarnick: Yes; Hasychak: Yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Commis. Zarnick to appoint John Lutz as the primary representative of Station #6 to the Fire Commission. Seconded by Commis. Nedz. The vote was Nedz: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zarnick: Yes; Hasychak: Yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Commis. Zarnick to appoint Chuck Glagola as the first alternate representing Station #6 to the Fire Commission. Seconded by Commis. Nedz. The vote was Nedz: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zarnick: Yes; Hasychak: Yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Commis Zarnick to appoint Ron Kastelic as the second alternate representative of Station #6 to the Fire Commission. Seconded by Commis. Nedz. The vote was Nedz: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zarnick: Yes; Hasychak: Yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Commis. Zarnick to appoint Karl Kobil as the primary representative of Station #7 to the Fire Commission. Seconded by Commis. Nedz. The vote was Nedz: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zarnick: Yes; Hasychak: Yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Commis. Zarnick to appoint Paula Schmidt as the first alternate representing Station #7 to the Fire Commission. Seconded by Commis. Nedz. The vote was Nedz: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zarnick: Yes; Hasychak: Yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Commis Zarnick to appoint Kevin Smith as the second alternate representative of Station #7 to the Fire Commission. Seconded by Commis. Nedz. The vote was Nedz: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zarnick: Yes; Hasychak: Yes. Motion carried.

Commis. Hasychak stated that we went out for bids for removal of solid waste and recycling collection and have received one bid. Manager Kirkwood reported he reviewed the specifications and bid submittal which resulted in a number of questions. Mr. Kirkwood discussed the issues with Solicitor Black and had a subsequent telephone call with Doug Vogel. Mr. Vogel for clarity purposes regarding senior citizen service, yard waste including tree limbs which was defined in the definitions and returning the current leaf collection process including the notification package to our residents. Solicitor Black stated that everything is in conformance, which it is. Manager Kirkwood reported this is a three year bid.

Motion by Commis. Wiest to award the bid to Vogel Disposal. Seconded by Commis. Zurzolo. Commis. Zarnick question if we had a requirement to rebid. Solicitor Black stated that we are not changing any of the requirements and the discussion was for clarity and there was no material changes. Manager Kirkwood stated that large items, such as furniture will be a separate charge paid by the resident. Commis. Hasychak questioned the County's involvement with solid waste collection. The vote was Nedz: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zarnick: Yes; Hasychak: Yes. Motion carried.

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

Jerome Motko, 153 Dutchtown Road commented on the street light outage problem including his discussion with a Police Officer who stated the public must get involved. Mr. Motko also discussed storm water problems on September Drive. Mr. Motko stated the Township approved the storm water plan with the Township Engineering assuring him that the pond will handle a 100 year storm. Mr. Motko presented pictures that in his opinion depicts the failure of the storm water pond. Commis. Zarnick asked Mr. Motko where the pond is located. Mr. Motko responded that it is behind Mr. Barkus. Commis. Zarnick stated Mr. Barkus told him it was his pond.

Mary Lou Motko, 153 Dutchtown Road relinquished her time to Mr. Motko who suggested we have a conversation with Congressman Kelly to receive approval for the Army Reserve to help clean up Deshon Woods.

Joseph McMurry, 103 Windsor Drive discussed information regarding the EHP Environmental Council, an organization that supplies information regarding health problems associated with shale gas drilling. Mr. McMurry provided information for distribution to the Board.

Karen Marshall, 208 North Duffy Road inquired if the 13 ton weight limit sign was removed deliberately? There are other signs on North Duffy but the one on the bridge is not there. Many tractor trailers are using the North Duffy Road. Supt. of Public Works Knights stated he did not remove the sign. Manager Kirkwood reported he will have a discussion with the Chief of Police to increase patrols on North Duffy Road.

Solicitor Black reported they have been following recent court decisions in Westmoreland County regarding a suit that Allegheny Township was not following the law and the court ruled that the municipality proceeded in an appropriate manner. This case illustrates that nothing is set in stone yet.

Questions were taken from the media.

Motion by Commis. Hasychak to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m. to Executive Session on Personnel and Legal issues, seconded by Commis. Nedz. Motion carried unanimously.

Theresa Giesler