

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING HELD
December 7, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Butler Township Board of Commissioners was held on December 7, 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 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 November 16, 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 on the work at the Road Department. Even though there has not been a major snow fall yet, the department has still been busy working on pipe installation and catch basin repair. They were also able to complete some spot paving before the paving plant closed down for the season. Public Works Superintendent Knights commented on the projects being completed by the department.

Commis. Zurzolo did not have anything to report.

Commis. Zarnick reported that Preston Park is still getting a lot of visitors this time of year.

Commis. Zarnick reported that Commis. Hasychak and he participated in the Christmas parade in downtown Butler.

Commis. Zarnick presented some holiday safety tips.

Commis. Nedz did not have anything to report.

Commis. Hasychak did not have anything to report.

Solicitor Lutz did not have anything to report.

Manager Kirkwood did not have anything to report.

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

Manager Kirkwood requested authorization to solicit proposals from vendors for the 2015 Fuel Bidders List.

Motion by Commis. Zarnick to solicit proposals from vendors for the 2016 Fuel Bidders List. Seconded by Commis. Nedz. The vote was Nedz: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zarnick: Yes; Hasychak: Yes. Motion carried.

Commis. Hasychak presented his request to be re-appointed to the Butler Transit Authority for a five year term.

Motion by Commis. Zarnick to re-appoint Joseph Hasychak to the Butler Transit Authority for a five year term. Seconded by Commis. Zurzolo. The vote was Nedz: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zarnick: Yes; Hasychak: Yes. Motion carried.

Commis. Hasychak presented the annual resolution for the Police Pension Plan employee contribution.

Motion by Commis. Zarnick to pass Resolution 15-31, establishing the Police Pension Plan employee contribution, 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 annual resolution for the Municipal Employee Pension Plan employee contribution.

Motion by Commis. Zarnick to pass Resolution 15-32, establishing the Municipal Employee Pension Plan employee contribution, as presented. Seconded by Commis. Nedz. The vote was Nedz: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zarnick: Yes; Hasychak: Yes. Motion carried.

Manager Kirkwood presented the Municipal Benefits Services Joinder Agreement. He recommended that the joinder agreement with the amendment be approved.

Motion by Commis. Zarnick to approve the Municipal Benefits Services Joinder Agreement with the attached amendment, as presented. Seconded by Commis. Nedz. The vote was Nedz: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zarnick: Yes; Hasychak: Yes. Motion carried.

Commis. Zarnick read the letter from United Growth requesting a bond reduction in the amount of \$364,621.60, leaving the new bond amount of \$806,807.40.

Manager Kirkwood read a letter from Gateway Engineers giving their recommendation for the United Growth bond reduction in the amount of \$364,621.60, leaving the new bond amount of \$806,807.40.

Motion by Commis. Nedz to reduce the United Growth bond by \$364,621.60, leaving the new bond amount of \$806,807.40. Seconded by Commis. Zarnick. The vote was Nedz: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zarnick: Yes; Hasychak: Yes. Motion carried.

Manager Kirkwood opened the bids for the vibratory asphalt roller. Six vendors requested bid packets. Three bids were received.

Bid Number	Bidders Name	Bid Bond	Bid price
1	Walsh Equipment		49,290.00
2	Highway Equipment		39,900.00
3	Cleveland Brothers		52,853.00

Motion by Commis. Wiest to table the bids for the vibratory asphalt roller for review. Seconded by Commis. Nedz. The vote was Nedz: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zarnick: Yes; Hasychak: Yes. Motion carried.

Commis. Hasychak presented the request to transfer \$179,000.00 from the Debt Services Fund to the Storm Water Capital Fund.

Motion by Commis. Hasychak to authorize the transfer of \$179,000.00 from the Debt Services Fund to the Storm Water Capital Fund. Seconded by Commis. Nedz. The vote was Nedz: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zarnick: Yes; Hasychak: Yes. Motion carried.

Commis. Hasychak presented the job description for the Assistant Manager position.

Motion by Commis. Hasychak to approve the job description for the Assistant Manager position, 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 authorize the advertising for acceptance of resumes for the Assistant Manager position. Seconded by Commis. Nedz. The vote was Nedz: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zarnick: Yes; Hasychak: Yes. Motion carried.

Manager Kirkwood presented the request by the Butler Transit Authority to provide options for the expenditure of Local Match Funds.

Motion by Commis. Hasychak to pass Resolution 15-33, authorizing the expenditure of Local Match Funds, as presented. Seconded by Commis. Zarnick. The vote was Nedz: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zarnick: Yes; Hasychak: Yes. Motion carried.

Commis. Hasychak presented information on the proposed resolution and petition to the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board requesting a public hearing and requesting authorization to enforce amplified sound regulations on a local basis.

Motion by Commis. Wiest to pass Resolution 15-34, authorizing the submission of a Petition to the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board to request that Butler Township establishments be exempt from enforcement of the state statute on amplified music, and be permitted to enforce its own regulations concerning noise levels throughout the Township. Seconded by Commis. Zurzolo. The vote was Nedz: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zarnick: Yes; Hasychak: Yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Commis. Wiest to authorize submitting to the Liquor Control Board a petition requesting approval to administer enforcement of amplified sound. Seconded by Commis. Nedz. 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.

Joseph McMurry, 103 Windsor Drive, presented a question concerning the public comment portions of the meetings. Commis. Hasychak commented that all questions or comments concerning the Departmental Reports at the beginning of the meeting will be addressed during the public comment period at the end of the meeting.

Mark Krenitski, 139 Winterwood Drive, thanked Commis. Hasychak for his many years of service to the township.

Questions were taken from the media.

Motion by Commis. Zarnick to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m., seconded by Commis. Nedz. Motion carried unanimously.

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