

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING HELD
February 5, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Butler Township Board of Commissioners was held on February 5, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Butler Township Municipal Building, 290 S. Duffy Road, Butler, PA 16001. The following Commissioners were present: Vice-Pres. Sam Zurzolo, Commis. Joe Wiest, Commis. James Lokhaiser, Jr. and Commis. Fred M. Vero. Pres. Dave Zarnick was absent. Vice-Pres. Zurzolo 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, Assistant Manager Cheryl McNeill, Solicitor Rebecca Black, Chief of Police John Hays, and Superintendent of Public Works Tom Knights.

Vice-Pres. Zurzolo stated that anyone taping the meeting is required to state their name and address at the beginning of the meeting. Ryan Saeler, Butler Radio Network, recorded the meeting.

Vice-Pres. Zurzolo noted receipt of the monthly Treasurer, Police and Road Department Reports.

Vice-Pres. Zurzolo asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the January 15, 2018 meeting, there being none the minutes will stand as presented.

Commis. Vero thanked Butler Township VFD Station #6, Station #3, and Station #7, Center Township/Unionville VFD, Butler Ambulance Service, American Red Cross, Butler Township Police Department, Butler Township Road Department, PA State Police Fire Marshal, the Attorney General's Office personnel and Fire Marshal Larry Christy for their response to the recent house fire on Germaine Road. They did an excellent job in keeping the fire contained to the one structure.

Commis. Lokhaiser reported that he attended the Butler Public Library Board meeting and presented each of the commissioners a copy of the annual report for the library.

Commis. Wiest reported on the efforts of the Road Department and the funds being spent to keep the roadways clear during this winter season, with new storms being forecast for the weekend.

Superintendent of Public Works Knights reported that he had the opportunity to speak with the seventh, eighth and ninth grade students at Center Avenue School for Motivation Monday. His topic was "Reliability".

Chief Hays had nothing to report.

Solicitor Black had nothing to report.

Asst. Manager McNeill had nothing to report.

Manager Kirkwood reported that the Township has received fourteen applications for the Fire Marshal position. Three of the applications are from out of state.

Commis. Zurzolo also commended the efforts of the responders to the Germaine Road house fire.

Commis. Zurzolo commended the Road Department for their service during this current winter season and for responding to the house fire on Germaine Road by salting the roadway for the fire departments. He also commented on the cost of maintaining the roadways during this winter season.

Vice-Pres. Zurzolo asked for public comment on agenda items.

Joe Hasychak, 114 Deer Run Drive, commented on Agenda Item 8, establishing the value of Real Property. He is representing the Blind Association and they would like to purchase the vehicle from the Township if possible.

Manager Kirkwood requested authorization to participate in the Costars Salt Agreement for the period August 1, 2018 to July 31, 2019. This is an annual authorization.

Motion by Commis. Lokhaiser to authorize participation in the Costars Salt Agreement for the period August 1, 2018 to July 31, 2019. Seconded by Commis. Wiest. The vote was: Vero: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes. Motion carried. Commis. Wiest asked if the Township has had any issues receiving salt deliveries. Road Superintendent Knights stated that we have not had any issues.

Manager Kirkwood presented the 2018 Fee Resolution for approval.

Motion by Commis. Vero to pass Resolution No. 18-08, adopting the 2018 Fee Schedule. Seconded by Commis. Lokhaiser. The vote was: Vero: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes. Motion carried.

Manager Kirkwood presented the Butler Transit Authority Ordinance for adoption. The Township would be withdrawing from the Butler Transit Authority as a member of the Authority pursuant to the Municipal Authorities Act of 1945.

Motion by Commis. Vero to adopt Ordinance No. 898, Withdrawal from the Butler Transit Authority. Seconded by Commis. Wiest. The vote was: Vero: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes. Motion carried.

Commis. Zurzolo presented the revised letter from Fire Marshal Larry Christy dated January 2, 2018 stating his retirement as Butler Township Fire Marshal and Emergency Operations Coordinator effective May 14, 2018.

Motion by Commis. Lokhaiser to accept the retirement letter of Fire Marshal Larry Christy, as presented. Seconded by Commis. Vero. The vote was: Vero: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes. Motion carried.

Commis. Lokhaiser presented the letter from Maryellen Walter expressing her interest in serving on the Preston Park Advisory Board as the Meridian representative. Her appointment would fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Greg Sloan.

Motion by Commis. Lokhaiser to appoint Maryellen Walter of 120 Winterwood Drive to the Preston Park Advisory Board as the Meridian representative. Seconded by Commis. Wiest. The vote was: Vero: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes. Motion carried.

Chief Hays presented his request for authorization for Det. Sgt. David Fish and Det. Justin Welton to attend the Gathering Intelligence for Tactical Investigations through Online Sources Part 2 training being held on March 19, 2018 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The training is free and sponsored by the Governor's Office of Homeland Security. A department vehicle will be available.

Motion by Commis. Zurzolo to authorize the attendance of Det. Sgt. Fish and Det. Welton at the Gathering Intelligence for Tactical Investigations through Online Sources Part 2 training, as presented. Seconded by Commis. Vero. The vote was: Vero: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes. Motion carried.

Commis. Zurzolo presented the request by Chief Hays to grant permanent status to Patrolman Tyler Collins, effective February 13, 2018.

Motion by Commis. Zurzolo to approve permanent status to Patrolman Tyler Collins, effective February 13, 2018. Seconded by Commis. Lokhaiser. The vote was Vero: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes. Motion carried.

Manager Kirkwood presented the proposed resolution to set the value of the 2006 Ford Explorer at \$200.00.

Motion by Commis. Zurzolo to pass Resolution No. 18-09, establishing the value of the 2006 Ford Explorer to be \$200.00. Seconded by Commis. Lokhaiser. The vote was Vero: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes. Motion carried. It was noted that one of the excess police vehicles has been refurbished and re-stripped for use by the Fire Marshal.

Superintendent of Public Works Knights presented information on the Stormwater infrastructure repairs needed within the Links Plan and along Evans Road.

Motion by Commis. Lokhaiser to authorize Gateway Engineers to prepare specifications and advertise for stormwater infrastructure repairs located within the Links Plan and along Evans Road. Seconded by Commis. Wiest. The vote was Vero: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes. Motion carried.

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

Questions were taken from the media.

Motion by Commis. Lokhaiser to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m., second by Commis. Wiest and carried unanimously.

Theresa Gustley