

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING HELD
April 1, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Butler Township Board of Commissioners was held on April 1, 2019 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. James Lokhaiser, Jr. and Commis. Fred M. Vero. Pres. Zarnick called the meeting to order followed by a moment of silence and the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Also present were Manager Tom Knights, Dir. Of Public Works Dave Meeder, and Solicitor Larry Lutz.

Commis. Zarnick stated that anyone taping the meeting is required to state their name and address at the beginning of the meeting. Ryan Saeler-Butler Media Group stated he was taping the meeting.

Commis. Zarnick asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the March 18, 2019 meeting, there being none the minutes will stand as presented.

Commissioner Vero reported on his attendance at the PELRAS Conference.

Commissioner Lokhaiser reported that the Fire Department's fish fries will continue through Friday, April 19th.

Commissioner Lokhaiser announced the re-opening of Preston Park.

Commis. Wiest reported on continuing winter road maintenance.

Commis. Zurzolo had no report.

Commis. Zarnick reported on his attendance at the state meeting and the legislative topics of discussion.

Dir. Of Public Works Meeder had nothing to report.

Solicitor Lutz had nothing to report.

Manager Knights had nothing to report.

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

Manager Knights presented the request for Detective Justin Welton to attend the Child First Police Training.

Motion by Commis. Zurzolo to authorize Det. Welton to attend the Child First Police Training, as presented. Seconded by Commis. Zarnick. The vote was Vero: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes. Motion carried.

Manager Knights presented the request to place an advertisement in the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners (PSATC) Yearbook.

Motion by Commis. Vero to authorize placing an advertisement in the PSATC Yearbook. Seconded by Commis. Lokhaiser. The vote was Vero: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes. Motion carried.

Manager Knights presented information on the Municipal Benefits Service Wellness Fund and requested authorization to use these funds to create a wellness program for full-time township employees. A discussion followed.

Motion by Commis. Zarnick to authorize the use of the MBS Wellness Fund Bank to create a wellness program for full-time township employees. Seconded by Commis. Vero. The vote was Vero: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes. Motion carried.

There was no correspondence.

Commis. Zarnick asked for public comment on any item of concern.

Bernice Goepfner, 410 Bessemer Avenue, asked for an update on the smaller trash containers, requested the police department to look into the speeding on Bessemer Avenue, and trash not being picked up on Bessemer Avenue.

Dave Heltzell, 100 Marion Drive, asked for an update on glass recycling. Manager Knights noted that he is continuing to research possible glass recycling options for the Township.

Mickey Fazzino, 131 William Road, commented on seeing trash falling out of the refuse trucks as they collect trash in the township, asked about getting a copy of the meeting minutes and commented on the drainage issues around his property.

Questions were taken from the media.

Motion by Commis. Wiest to adjourn the meeting to at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Commis. Lokhaiser and carried unanimously.


