

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING HELD  
August 19, 2019**

*The regular meeting of the Butler Township Board of Commissioners was held on August 19, 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 and Commis. Fred M. Vero. Commis. Lockhaiser was absent.*

*Also present were Manager Tom Knights, Asst. Manager Cheryl McNeill, Zoning Officer Jesse Hines, Engineer Dave Deiseroth, Chief Hayes, Dir. Of Public Works Dave Meeder and Solicitor Larry Lutz.*

*Pres. Zarnick stated that anyone taping the meeting is required to state their name and address at the beginning of the meeting.*

*Pres. Zarnick asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the prior meetings; Minutes stood as approved.*

*Commis. Vero congratulated the Troop 19 Boy Scouts from Meridian celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.*

*Vice-President Zurzolo stated that he visited Normandy Landing over the weekend and everyone should go see it if they ever have a chance.*

*Commis. Wiest reported that they are in full paving this week. There is about 6000 ton of asphalt that will be coming off our roads as well as 6000 ton of new asphalt going down.*

*President Zarnick stated that he had a few words from Commis. Lockhaiser since he was not able to make it due to work. He wanted to thank the Butler Twp VFD for co-hosting National Night Out. Also, the Citizens Fire Academy is something new that will be hosted this year which will be held for five consecutive Wednesday evenings starting Wed. October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Annual Fun Drive for BTVFD has started. 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Butler Townships Fire Associations Sportsman Raffle will be held on Saturday September 14. Preston Park Wild Flower Tour September 7<sup>th</sup> by Mark Wechly. Next Tour of Preston Park will take place Wed. September 18<sup>th</sup> at 9am.*

*Asst. Manager McNeill reported that she wanted to thank the Girl Scouts, led by Faith Wells, for planting flowers up at Preston Park this past weekend. She also reported that the restroom plans at Preston Park are moving along.*

*Chief Hayes reported that the National Night Out event was a good time to get together with the residents.*

*Dir. Of Public Works Meeder reported that they have responded to 43 residential calls and 204 calls for PA One Call. Other items reported were sign maintenance slowing*

down, various tree trimming and removal has taken place, and there has also been a lot of storm water management, as well as garbage and recycling finally wrapped up. He also wanted to extend a thanks to part timers Bryce Cunningham, Dawson Davenport, Bayden Davenport, and Ryan Marcella who finished for the summer.

*Solicitor Lutz had nothing to report*

*Engineer Deiseroth had nothing to report*

*Zoning Officer Hines had nothing to report*

*Manager Knights reported on the Household Hazardous Program highlights. The total collected amounts were 1037 lbs. of latex paints, 213 lbs. of flammable liquids, 106 lbs. of antifreeze, 472 lbs. of computers, 431 lbs. of monitors, 281 lbs. of printers, 769 lbs. of other electronics and 10,519 lbs. of Televisions.*

*Pres. Zarnick stated that Steve Ferris from the Butler Eagle was involved in a motorcycle accident and that Butler Township wishes him a speedy recover.*

*There were no public comments on agenda items.*

*Zoning Officer Hines presented information regarding the Gray Subdivision. He noted that the owner would like to subdivide the property in half. Both lots meet yard bulk and height regulations. Motion would be contingent on receipt of county planning letter.*

*Motion by Pres. Zarnick to grant final approval on the Gray Subdivision. Seconded by Commis. Vero. The vote was Vero: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion Carried.*

*Zoning Officer Hines presented the Wick subdivision. The Wicks are selling .72 acres of property to adjacent property owners. Everything is in order with plan and in line to be approved.*

*Motion by Commis. Vero to grant final approval on the Wick Subdivision. Seconded by Vice-Pres. Zurzolo. The vote was Vero: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion Carried.*

*Zoning Officer Hines presented information on the Sheetz Bond Release. He stated that Sheetz had an 18 month maintenance bond that ensures all of the site functions properly for a period of 18 months after project is complete. They have requested their bond be released. Gateway has inspected and recommended full bond release in amount of \$178,360.80. Everything is in order to be approved.*

*Motion by Commis. Vero to grant final approval on the Sheetz Bond Release. Seconded by Commis. Wiest. The vote was Vero: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion Carried.*

*Pres. Zarnick introduced the appointment of the Student Reps. In accordance with Resolution 1807, Butler Twp accepted applications from Mikayla Tillery and Alex Kernova,*

students from Butler High school class of 2019-2020. He also stated that he moves to appoint them as they were both qualified applicants for the 2019-2020 school year.

*Motion by Pres. Zarnick to appoint Mikayla Tillery and Alex Kernova as Student Reps. for the 2019-2020 school year. Seconded by Commis. Vero. The vote was Vero: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion Carried.*

*Pres. Zarnick stated that at this time, the two Student Reps. Come forth along with Butler High School Superintendent, Dr. White.*

*Superintendent White stated that he wanted to thank the commissioners and is very grateful to have this opportunity for his students.*

*Mikayla Tillery stated that she wanted to thank the commissioners and express her interest in civil engagement with students and local government.*

*Alex Kernova stated that he also wanted to thank the commissioners for the wonderful opportunity.*

*Manager Knights reported on Road De-icing Salt Authorization to Bid. He stated that he would like to request authorization to draw specifications and advertise for a bid to see what they could do privately. He also stated there is a possibility that two other municipalities would join in on the order.*

*Motion by Commis. Wiest to authorize De-icing salt authorization to bid. Seconded by Vice-Pres. Zurzolo. The vote was Vero: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion Carried.*

*Manager Knights presented information regarding the authorization of BTVFD Disbursement. He stated that there has been back and forth conversation with the BTVFD regarding disbursements of township funds for their general fund. Manager Knights recommends a \$100,000 disbursement at this time to the Volunteer Fire District.*

*Motion by Commis. Vero to grant final authorization of BTVFD Disbursement. Seconded by Commis. Wiest. The vote was Vero: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion Carried*

*Pres. Zarnick asked Asst. Manager McNeill to highlight the bills.*

*Asst. Manager McNeill reported on the General Fund, Highway aid, and Park Development for the month of August. She also reported on bills paid after the July report which were General Fund and Payroll.*

*Pres. Zarnick asked if there were any questions regarding the bills.*

*Motion by Pres. Zarnick to accept the bills as presented by Asst. Manager McNeill. Seconded by Commis. Vero. The vote was Vero: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion Carried*

*There was no correspondence.*

*Pres. Zarnick asked for public comment on any item of concern. .*

*Mark Kryzenski, 139 Winterwood - Meridian PA, wanted to discuss a trash related complaint. He stated that he has a tenant being fined for having a big item out on Bessemer Rd. He wants one big item included per month in out contract.*

*Mike Blessel, BTVFD, wanted to thank the Twp for the allocation, as well as come up with a plan for the entire year allocations. He also stated that he wants a proposal on what the funding would be like for the entire year for planning.*

*George Aubrey, Dubbs Dred Golf Course, wanted to discuss the excessive water that has been at the golf course over the last couple of years. Said he is willing to give some of his land for the Twp to stabilize Sullivan run all the way down to the tunnel at Alameda Park.*

*John Mayer, 305 Young Avenue, Butler PA, stated that he has an alley way that runs the whole way of his property. The Twp had him buy a pipe and put it halfway in, then would put the rest of it in when he had the money. Says he is willing to buy the rest of the pipe if they are willing to do it.*

*Leroy Lombardozi, 115 Limburg St, said he has a request to have dip raised on the road where Limburg comes out on to Brady St.*

*Questions were taken from the media.*

*Ryan Saeler, Butler Radio Network, had a question about the bid for the De-icing salt bid. He wanted to know if the salt purchased will still go through Costars, and if the other bid advertised will be an addition to that. He also had questions regarding the BTVFD Fire Dispersion, in particular what that amount will be determined. Saeler also asked if he could have a copy of the Hazardous Waste Program amounts.*

*Pres. Zarnick took a moment to recognize Chief John Hayes on his 40 years of service and present him with a plaque to commemorate his service.*

*Pres. Zarnick stated that he also wanted to take an opportunity to recognize several employees who have reached significant milestones for their continued contribution and service. Those employees are: Road Dept. - Kip Zulick, 41 years, Greg Tinha, 40 years, Ted Rekich, 31 years, Larry Birckbichler, 32 years, Carl Neuhaeusler, 20 years; Police Department - Justin Welton and David Tedeski, 10 years, John Schaffner, 15 years, Alan Mores, 30 years; Administrative offices - Eric Heltzell, 10 years, Theresa Giesler, 21 years.*

*Motion by Pres. Zarnick to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commis. Vero and carried unanimously.*

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