

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING HELD
September 21, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Butler Township Board of Commissioners was held on September 21, 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. James Lokhaiser and Commis. Fred Vero.

Also present was Manager Tom Knights, Zoning Officer Jesse Hines, Solicitor Rebecca Black, Engineer Dan Deiseroth and Police Chief John Hays.

Pres. Zarnick stated that anyone taping the meeting is required to state their name; Ryan Saeler from Butler Radio Group indicated he would be taping the meeting.

Pres. Zarnick called for any corrections to the minutes of the September 9th meeting. There were none, minutes stood as approved.

Commis. Vero reported that he attended the meeting on September 11, 2020 at the township park with the chamber and its members and went over extensive information on what's going on in Butler Township. He also wanted to extend condolences to the Wiest family.

Commis. Lokhaiser reported that the fire department is going to be holding a blood drive on October 6th, 2020, from 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM at the Meridian station.

Commis. Zurzolo stated that he wanted to give his condolences to the Wiest family. He also reported on the fire he had last week and said he is still recovering.

Chie Hays reported that they took delivery of 2 new police cars, as well as stating that Officer Murphy is out on his own and doing pretty good.

Solicitor Black had no report

Engineer Deiseroth had no report

Zoning Officer Hines had no report

Manager Knights had no report

There was no public comments on agenda items

Zoning Officer Hines presented the Lesnett Subdivision, which is a lot consolidation at 101 Garden Grove Dr. He stated that collectively the parcels are .6 acres

and Mr. Lesnett wants to erase the property lines and treat it as one parcel. Everything is in order but they are still waiting on the Butler County Planning Commission review.

Motion by Comm. Vero to grant final approval of the Lesnett Subdivision upon Butler County Planning Commission review. Seconded by Comm. Lokhaiser. The vote was Lokhaiser: Yes; Vero: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion Carried

Pres. Comm. Zarnick presented Trick or Treat 2020 for Butler Township. He stated that has been decided that Butler Township will participate in Trick or Treat on October 31st, 2020, from 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM.

All Commissioners voted agreed. Motion Carried

Manager Knights presented the Multimodal Grant Resolution. He stated that with the DCD extending their application deadline with Multimodal Grants, he wanted to make an application to DCD Commonwealth and Finance Authority for Multimodal Transportation Grants. The resolution reads a cost estimate of \$1,800,584.00 for proposed construction and the application deadline is September 30th, 2020.

Motion by Comm. Vero to pass the resolution applying for the Commonwealth Finance and Authority Multimodal Transportation Brand Application. Seconded by Comm. Lokhaiser. The vote was Lokhaiser: Yes; Vero: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion Carried

Police Chief Hays presented Butler County ESU participation, requesting the Butler Township Board of Commissioners grant approval for the Butler Township Police Department to become members of the ESU agency.

Motion by Comm. Vero to allow Butler Township to participate in Butler County Emergency Services Unit. Seconded by Vice Pres. Zurzolo. The vote was Lokhaiser: Yes; Vero: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion Carried

Manager Knights presented the resignation of dog officer Dennis Sybert. He stated that Butler Township is in receipt of a letter from Dennis Sybert, addressed to Chief Hays and the Butler Township Board of Commissioners stating that he was resigning the Butler Township Dog Officer effective immediately.

Motion by Pres. Comm. Zarnick accept the resignation from Dennis Sybert. Seconded by Vice Pres Zurzolo. The vote was Lokhaiser: Yes; Vero: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion Carried

Manager Knights requested authorization to advertise for a new dog officer. He stated we are now currently down to one officer and in conversation with Chief Hays, it is pretty important to try and obtain a second officer.

Motion by Pres. Comm. Zarnick authorize the advertisement for a new dog officer. Seconded by Vice Pres. Zurzolo. The vote was Lokhaiser: Yes; Vero: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion Carried

Sol. Black presented the Litman Road Zoning Changes. She stated that this proposed amendment was first introduced to the Board of Commissioners on August 17th, 2020, at which point or time a hearing date was scheduled for September 21, 2020, at 7:00 PM. She also stated that all property owners within 400 feet were sent notices

Motion by Comm. Vero move to pass an ordinance amending Butler Township's Codified Ordinance, Chapter 300 Zoning and previous amendments there too by rezoning the parcels as identified below as Residential Zoning to Zoning designation C-1 commercial; Butler Co. Parcel 051-38-7a-0000 vacant parcel on Litman Rd. consisting of 23.02 acres and Butler Co. Parcel ID 051-38-6-0000 98 Old Plank Rd. consisting of 11.09 acres and Butler Township's Codified Ordinance Chapter 300 Zoning and previous amendments there too by rezoning Parcel identified below as R2-multifamily Residential Zoning to R-Zoning designation for R-1 single family residential; Butler Co. Parcel ID 051-38-18-0000 94 old plank road consisting of 3.859 acres. Seconded by Commis. Wiest. The vote was Lokhaiser: Yes; Vero: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion Carried

Manager Knights presented bills for the month of August.

Motion by Pres. Zarnick to approve the bills as presented. Seconded by Comm. Vero. The vote was Lokhaiser: Yes; Vero: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion Carried

No Correspondance

Pres. Zarnick asked for public comment on any item of concern and there was no public comment.

Questions were taken from public

The meeting was adjourned to move to Executive Session.