

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

*The regular meeting of the Butler Township Board of Commissioners was held on December 21<sup>st</sup>, 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, Comm. James Lokhaiser, Commis. Joe Wiest and Commis. Fred Vero.*

*Also present was Manager Tom Knights and Solicitor Rebecca Black.*

*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 November 16 and December 8 Special meetings. There were none, minutes stood as approved.*

*Pres. Zarnick reported on the success of the Township's food drive and thanked all who helped and donated. Also encouraged continued COVID remediation measures. Reported on Butler Township's Employer of the Year award. Reported on Butler Township's CARES fund donation to the County's displaced worker fund.*

*Commis. Vero thanked the student volunteers and all who helped with the food drive.*

*Commis. Zurzolo commented on the food drive and thanked the student volunteers*

*Commis. Wiest gave an updated on winter road maintenance after the last 3 snow events and wished everyone a safe holiday*

*Commis. Lokhaiser thanked the residents support for the food drive and reminded residents to clear around fire hydrants so they can be seen*

*There was no public comments on agenda items*

*Manager Knights presented the Brandon/Seese Subdivision*

*Motion by Comm. Vero to grant an odd shaped lot for the Brandon/Seese Subdivision Seconded by Comm. Lokhaiser. The vote was Vero: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion Carried*

*Motion by Comm. Vero to grant final approval of the Brandon/Seese Subdivision contingent upon addressing the items in the Gateway review letter dated December 21, 2020 and approval by the Butler Area Sewer Authority. Seconded by Comm. Lokhaiser. The vote was Vero: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion Carried*

*Manager Knights presented the Speedway bond reduction request*

*Motion by Comm. Vero to release the Speedway maintenance bond contingent upon receipt of a new maintenance bond in the amount of \$2,800.00 for recently completed work. Seconded by Comm. Lokhaiser. The vote was Vero: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion Carried*

*Manager Knights presented the 2021 Budget*

*Motion by Comm. Zarnick to approve the 2021 Budget as presented by the Manager. Seconded by Comm. Zurzolo. The vote was Vero: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion Carried*

*Manager Knights presented the 2021 Real Estate Tax Rates which were unchanged at 11.25 mills.*

*Motion by Comm. Zarnick to approve the 2021 Real Estate Tax Rates. Seconded by Comm. Zurzolo. The vote was Vero: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion Carried*

*Manager Knights presented the Act 511 Rates Resolution.*

*Motion by Comm. Zarnick to approve the 2021 Act 511 Rates Resolution. Seconded by Comm. Lokhaiser. The vote was Vero: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion Carried*

*Manager Knights presented the 2020 Auditor Resolution.*

*Motion by Comm. Wiest to approve the 2020 Auditor Resolution. Seconded by Comm. Lokhaiser. The vote was Vero: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion Carried*

*Manager Knights presented the Police Pension Plan Contributions Resolution.*

*Motion by Comm. Vero to approve the 2021 Police Pension Plan Contributions Resolution. Seconded by Comm. Lokhaiser. The vote was Vero: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion Carried*

*Manager Knights presented the Municipal Employees Pension Plan Contribution Resolution.*

*Motion by Comm. Lokhaiser to approve the 2021 Municipal Employees Pension Plan Contribution Resolution. Seconded by Comm. Vero. The vote was Vero: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion Carried*

*Manager Knights presented a resolution authorizing applying to the Department of Community and Economic Development's Watershed Restoration Protection Program in the amount of \$250,000.00.*

*Motion by Comm. Vero to approve the resolution. Seconded by Comm. Lokhaiser. The vote was Vero: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion Carried*

*Manager Knights presented the bills for the month of November.*

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

*There was no public comment*

*Questions were taken from the media*

*Commissioners moved to Executive Session for legal matters at 7:10 P.M. and did not return.*