

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING HELD
May 15, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Butler Township Board of Commissioners was held on May 15, 2017 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 Zamick, Commis. Joe Wiest, Commis. Charles M. Nedz and Commis. Jim Lokhaiser, Jr. Vice-Pres. Sam Zurzolo was absent.

Also present were Manager Ed Kirkwood, Asst. Manager Cheryl McNeill, Solicitor Rebecca Black, Zoning Officer Jesse Hines, Superintendent of Public Works Thomas Knights, Police Chief John Hays and Township Engineer Dan Deiseroth.

Pres. Zamick called the meeting to order followed by a moment of silence and the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pres. Zamick stated that anyone taping the meeting is required to state their name and address at the beginning of the meeting. There was none.

Pres. Zamick asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the April 17, 2017 meeting. There being none, the minutes will stand as presented.

Pres. Zamick noted receipt of the monthly Treasurer, Police Department, Road Department and Fire/Zoning reports.

Commis. Wiest commented that Tuesday is Election Day and reminded everyone to vote.

Commis. Wiest reported that the Road Department has been working on drainage in the township and the work on Bonnie Road in Summit Township has been completed.

Commis. Nedz had nothing to report.

Commis. Lokhaiser reported that there will be a Fire Commission meeting on Wednesday, May 17th.

Commis. Lokhaiser reported that he attended the 18th Annual Kids Day America Event on Saturday at the Butler Fair Grounds. He thanked Dr. Stuart Surkosky, of Care Chiropractic Center, who is the main sponsor of the event each year for providing this program every year.

Commis. Lokhaiser reported that he attended the Library Board of Directors meeting in April. There will be a used book sale on Friday June 16th and Saturday, June 17th at the library from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for May 24th.

Commis. Lokhaiser reported that twelve members of the Monday Morning Maintenance Crew showed up to work at Preston Park today.

Commis. Lokhaiser reported that there were a lot of people at Preston Park on Friday for Prom pictures.

Commis. Lokhaiser reported that there is a private tour of Preston Park scheduled for Friday, June 26th. The tour will follow a class on Frank Preston presented by Polly Shaw.

Commis. Zarnick commented on the people at Preston Park for the Prom pictures and he thanked the members of the Monday Morning Maintenance Crew, Facilities Manager Eric Heltzell and his crew and the Portersville Christian School volunteers for all of their work to make the park look beautiful for the day of the Prom.

Commis. Zarnick reported that he, Fire Marshal Larry Christy and Asst. Manager McNeill attended the Butler Ambulance Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration.

Commis. Zarnick reported that he attended the Transit Conference in April in Lancaster. He noted that Butler Transit is highly recognized throughout the state and he recognized Kelly Stewart from Butler Transit for her work in helping the Authority achieve this recognition.

Commis. Zarnick reported that he attended the Penn State Extension meeting this month. The Extension and the Master Gardeners will be participating in the Farm Show this year.

Commis. Zarnick reported that the Board will be instituting the summer dress code starting with the next meeting.

Asst. Manager McNeill had nothing to report.

Solicitor Black had nothing to report.

Township Engineer Deiseroth reported that they have been assisting the Road Department with some drainage permits that are required, most notably the Greenwood Drive permit for the shoring up of the road and work on Bryson Road.

Zoning Officer Hines had nothing to report.

Manager Kirkwood had nothing to report.

Public Works Superintendent Knights reported that Bill Schollaert completed and passed the testing for the pesticide spraying certification. The road way spraying program will be starting in the township this season.

Chief Hays reported that the new officers are being assimilated out to the road. Officer Collins has been released to patrol on his own. Officer Lewis is still in training. Once Officer Lewis completes his training period the department will be back to its full complement of officers.

Chief Hays reported that both new vehicles are in service.

Chief Hays reported that new laptops have been purchased for the department vehicles.

Chief Hays reported that the department has received an invitation for an officer to attend the Youth Field Day on June 3rd. He will look at the schedule and plans on having an officer assist in that event.

Chief Hays reported that he received a thank you note from Life Steps for the department's participation in their Week of the Young Child Celebration.

Chief Hays reported that he has prepared a list of the bicycles that are stored in the Township Garage that can be disposed of at the Board's approval.

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

Dustin Starr, Maher Duessel, presented the 2016 Audit Report. A discussion followed.

Zoning Officer Hines presented the ninety day extension request from Struxures, LLC (Dollar Tree).

Motion by Commis. Nedz to pass Resolution No. 17-12, extending the Struxures, LLC (Dollar Tree) final approval until August 21, 2017. Seconded by Commis. Lokhaiser. The vote was Lokhaiser: Yes; Nedz: Yes; Wiest: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

Zoning Officer Hines presented the Home Acre Chapel Stormwater Highway Occupancy Permit on Whitestown Road.

Motion by Commis. Nedz authorizing Butler Township to act as the applicant for submission of the Stormwater Highway Occupancy Permit for the Home Acre Chapel contingent upon the recording of the approved Stormwater Developer's Agreement for the property. Seconded by Commis. Lokhaiser. A discussion followed. The vote was Lokhaiser: Yes; Nedz: Yes; Wiest: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

Asst. Manager McNeill presented the resignation letter from Andy Musko from the Recycling Committee.

Motion by Commis. Zarnick to accept the resignation from Andy Musko from the Recycling Committee. Seconded by Commis. Nedz. The vote was Lokhaiser: Yes; Nedz: Yes; Wiest: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried. A thank you note will be sent to Mr. Musko for his service to the Township.

Commis. Zarnick presented the request from the Butler Football Boosters to have the fees waived for the use of the Butler Township Park Rental Building on Thursday evenings in September and October to hold dinners after practice for the football team.

Motion by Commis. Zarnick to waive the Park Rental Fees for the Butler Football Boosters to hold the dinners for the football team on Thursday evenings in September and October. Seconded by Commis. Wiest. The vote was Lokhaiser: Yes; Nedz: Yes; Wiest: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

Asst. Manager McNeill presented the request from Giant Eagle to schedule the date and time for a public hearing for a Liquor License transfer. The date and time of Monday, June 19th at 7:00 p.m. was suggested. A discussion followed.

Motion by Commis. Lokhaiser to set the date and time for the public hearing for the Giant Eagle Liquor License Transfer for June 19, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Seconded by Commis. Nedz. The vote was Lokhaiser: Yes; Nedz: Yes; Wiest: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

Asst. Manager McNeill presented the proposed Butler Township Park Donation Policy for approval.

Motion by Commis. Lokhaiser pass Resolution No. 17-13, approving the Butler Township Park Donation Policy, as presented. Seconded by Commis. Nedz. The vote was Lokhaiser: Yes; Nedz: Yes; Wiest: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

Asst. Manager McNeill opened the bids for the Whitestown Road Traffic Signal Upgrades for the Green Light Go Program. She recommended tabling the bids for review.

Name	Bid Bond	Bid Amount
Bruce & Merrilees	Yes	\$113,885.00
Power Contracting Company	Yes	\$ 98,191.67
M & B Services, LLC	Yes	\$114,614.00
Bronder Technical Services Inc.	Yes	\$ 77,249.17

Motion by Commis. Nedz to table the bids for the Whitestown Road Traffic Signal Upgrades for review. Seconded by Commis. Wiest. The vote was Lokhaiser: Yes; Nedz: Yes; Wiest: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

Asst. Manager McNeill opened the bids for the sale of excess vehicles.

Bidder	2009 Chevrolet Impala	2014 Ford Interceptor	1999 GMC C8500	2008 GMC K3500	2008 Chevrolet Impala
J.B. Taxi	\$429.00				\$1,210.00
P. Woodward				\$10,200.00	
Abir Mohamed	\$957.00	\$4,377.00		\$851.00	\$957.00
Dolores Gaudino		\$2,210.00		\$4,210.00	
Chicago Motors	\$607.00	\$5,107.00		\$2,207.00	\$907.00
John Saul			\$2,600.00	\$7,500.00	
Grace Quality Used Cars		\$3,858.00			
TCS	\$333.00	\$3,377.00	\$1,277.00	\$777.00	\$233.00

Motion by Commis. Nedz to award the sale of the 2009 Chevrolet Impala VIN ending in 4811 to Abir Mohamed for \$957.00. Seconded by Commis. Zarnick. The vote was Lokhaiser: Yes; Nedz: Yes; Wiest: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Commis. Nedz to award the sale of the 2014 Ford Interceptor VIN ending in 9959 to Chicago Motors for \$5,107.00. Seconded by Commis. Wiest. The vote was Lokhaiser: Yes; Nedz: Yes; Wiest: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Commis. Nedz to award the sale of the 1999 GMC C8500 VIN ending in 0652 to John Saul for \$2,600.00. Seconded by Commis. Wiest. The vote was Lokhaiser: Yes; Nedz: Yes; Wiest: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Commis. Nedz to award the sale of the 2008 GMC K3500 VIN ending in 2425 to Pete Woodward for \$10,200. Seconded by Commis. Wiest. The vote was Lokhaiser: Yes; Nedz: Yes; Wiest: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Commis. Nedz to award the sale of the 2008 Chevrolet Impala VIN ending in 2401 to J.B. Taxi for \$1,210.00. Seconded by Commis. Wiest. The vote was Lokhaiser: Yes; Nedz: Yes; Wiest: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

Chief Hays presented the request for Patrolman Justin Hovancik to attend SWAT Team Leader Development Training from June 12 – 16 and SWAT Command Decision-Making and Leadership 1 Training from June 19 – 23. Both classes will be held at the Berkeley Hills Fire Company in Ross Township. The training is offered by the Butler County District Attorney's Office and is tuition-free. A department vehicle may be required and the department will be responsible for the officer's wages and meals during the training. A discussion followed.

Motion by Commis. Nedz to authorize Patrolman Justin Hovancik to attend SWAT Team Leader Development Training and SWAT Command Decision-Making and Leadership 1 Training, as presented. Seconded by Commis. Wiest. The vote was Lokhaiser: Yes; Nedz: Yes; Wiest: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

Asst. Manager McNeill reviewed the bills report and the following totals were noted: General Fund - \$264,298.83; Highway Aid Fund - \$27,516.84; Park Development Fund - \$814.03; General Fund (added after April Bills Report) - \$261,815.08; Debt Service Reserve Fund (added after April Bills Report) - \$30,000.00; Highway Aid Fund (added after April Bills Report) - \$9,627.37; Payroll Fund (prior month) - \$255,993.74.

Motion by Commis. Wiest to pay the bills as per the bills report. Seconded by Commis. Nedz. The vote was Lokhaiser: Yes; Nedz: Yes; Wiest: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

There was no correspondence.

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

Mark Krenitsky, 139 Winterwood Drive, commented on a few houses in the township that are beyond repair and need to be looked into. He also requested that the township reconsider the restriction for one and a half story garages in R-1 zoning. He also commented on the proposed changes to R-1 Zoning to allow for more Traditional Neighborhood Developments and is in favor of them, but does not want multi-family housing in R-1 Zones.

There were no questions from the media.

Motion was made by Commis. Zarnick to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. and carried unanimously.

Theresa Giesler