

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING HELD  
May 4, 2020**

*The regular meeting of the Butler Township Board of Commissioners was held on May 4, 2020 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 and Commis. Fred Vero.*

*Also present were Manager Tom Knights and Solicitor Rebecca Black,*

*Pres. Zarnick thanked Butler Radio Group and WBUT for airing the meeting*

*Pres. Zarnick asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the prior meetings- there were none and the minutes will stand as approved.*

*Pres. Zarnick made a statement refuting the allegations appearing in the editorial from the Butler Eagle regarding the absence of elected officials during the pandemic.*

*Solicitor Black had nothing to report*

*Manager Knights had no report*

*There were no public comments on agenda items after announcing the phone number to call in*

*Manager Knights presented the Resolution for Real Estate Tax face value extension of payment to November 30, 2020 keeping in line with the County's Resolution.*

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

*Manager Knights presented the Extension of the 2019 Business Privilege Tax Resolution which allows payment without penalty or interest extended until July 15, 2020.*

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

*Manager Knights asked for a motion to offer amnesty for prior years Business Privilege Tax to be paid without penalty or interest until July 15, 2020.*

*Motion by Comm. Lokhaiser to approve the prior years Business Privilege Tax amnesty without penalty or interest to July 15, 2020, Seconded by Comm. Wiest  
The vote was Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Vero: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes.  
Motion Carried*

*Comm. Vero presented a request to send a letter to the PA Public Utility Commission voicing the Board of Commissioners opposition to the rate increases being filed by PA American Water and Columbia Gas based upon the high amount of proposed increases and the timing. Commissioners all gave their opinions in favor of the correspondence.*

*Motion by Comm. Vero to approve having Manager Knights write a letter of opposition to the PUC, Seconded by Comm. Zarnick  
The vote was Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Vero: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes.  
Motion Carried*

*Comm. Zarnick called for any public comment:*

*An unnamed caller asked about stormwater being discharged onto his property. He was asked to call into the office and give the details he was unwilling to over the radio broadcast.*

*Steve Ferris from the Butler Eagle called in to ask clarification regarding the correspondence approved by the Commissioners opposing rate increases.*

The meeting adjourned at 6:55PM to Executive Session and the Commissioners did not reconvene.

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