

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING HELD
September 20, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Butler Township Board of Commissioners was held on September 20 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 and Comm. Fred Vero.

Also present was Manager Tom Knights, Chief John Hays, Asst. Manager Cheryl McNeill, Zoning Officer Jesse Hines, Jonathan Garczewski, Student Rep. Peyton Pry, and Solicitor Rebecca Black.

Pres. Zarnick stated that anyone taping the meeting is required to state their name: No one indicated they were taping the meeting.

Commissioners' and Departmental Reports:

Peyton Pry discussed initiatives for the upcoming year.

Comm. Vero Discussed correspondence from Trinity Presbyterian church

Comm. Zurzolo had no report

Comm. Lokhaiser reported on the receipt of the Township Fire Department's new ladder truck.

Asst. Manager McNeill reported on the fire safety poster contest.

Pres. Zarnick had no report

Manager Knights had nothing to report.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

Zoning Officer Jesse Hines and Hampton Tech presented the Diehl Volkswagen of Butler Land Development submission. A discussion took place where Commissioners' questions were taken and answered.

Motion by Comm. Vero to grant final approval of the Diehl Volkswagen of Butler land development contingent upon:

- 1. Compliance with Gateway Engineer's letter dated August 31, 2021*
- 2. Executing a Developer's Agreement approved by the Township Solicitor*

3. *Posting of Financial Security in the amount and form acceptable to the Township Solicitor*
4. *Executing a Storm Water Operation and Maintenance Agreement*
5. *Approval from the Butler Area Sewer Authority*

Seconded by Comm. Lokhaiser. The vote was Vero: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion Carried

Zoning Officer Jesse Hines and Heartland Restaurant Group presented the Dunkin' Land Development submission. A discussion took place where Commissioners' questions were taken and answered.

Motion by Comm. Vero to grant final approval of the Dunkin' land development contingent upon:

1. *Compliance with Gateway Engineer's letter dated August 27, 2021*
2. *Executing a Developer's Agreement approved by the Township Solicitor*
3. *Posting of Financial Security in the amount and form acceptable to the Township Solicitor*
4. *Executing a Storm Water Operation and Maintenance Agreement*
5. *Approval from the Butler Area Sewer Authority*
6. *Butler County Planning Commission Review*
7. *DEP approval of the Planning Module*

Seconded by Comm. Lokhaiser. The vote was Vero: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion Carried

Manager Knights presented the 2022 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Police Pension Plan in the amount of \$320,206.00

Manager Knights presented the 2022 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Employee's Pension Plan in the amount of \$547,095.00

Solicitor Black presented a motion regarding the Butler Area Sewer Authority.

Motion by Comm. Vero to direct the Board of the Butler Area Sewer Authority (BASA) to explore options for the potential purchase of the BASA system and assets to a third party, and to cooperate fully with requests incidental to the same. Seconded by Comm. Lokhaiser. The vote was Vero: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion Carried

Asst. Manager McNeill gave the August bills report

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

Pres. Zarnick called for public comment. Members of the public who spoke were:

Ryan Martin, 124 Pinecroft Drive, gave an update on Representative Mustello's upcoming events.

George Shockey, 124 South Duffy Road, gave his concerns and comments regarding the possible sale of the Butler Area Sewer Authority.

There were no questions from the media.

Meeting adjourned to executive session at 7:12 and Commissioners did not return.
