

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

The regular meeting of the Butler Township Board of Commissioners was held on December 20th, 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, Commis. Joe Wiest and Commis. Fred Vero.

Also present were Manager Tom Knights, Solicitor Rebecca Black, Police Chief John Hays, Asst. Manager Cheryl McNeill, Superintendent of Public Works Dave Meeder, Zoning Officer Jesse Hines, Engineer Dan Deiseroth and Student Representative Peyton Pry.

Pres. Zarnick stated that anyone taping the meeting is required to state their name; Ryan Saeler, Butler Radio Group and Eddie Trazzini, Butler Eagle announced they were taping the meeting.

Pres. Zarnick called for any corrections to the minutes of the preceding meeting. There being none the minutes stood as approved.

COMMISSIONER/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Student Rep Pry provided a summary of Socks for Seniors

Comm. Vero read a statement of appreciation for his time as a Township Commissioner

Comm. Zurzolo thanked Comm. Vero for his service and thanked Campbell's Bus for taking food drive collections to Kentucky

Comm. Lokhaiser thanked Comm. Vero for his service

Comm. Wiest thanked Comm. Vero for his service

Comm. Zarnick thanked Comm. Vero for his service and wished all in attendance a Merry Christmas

There was no public comment on any agenda item

Zoning Officer Hines presented the McKissick Subdivision

Motion by Comm. Vero to grant final approval of the McKissick Subdivision. Seconded by Comm. Lokhaiser. The vote was Vero: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion Carried

Zoning Officer Hines presented the Jurysta/Podobensky Subdivision

Motion by Comm. Vero to grant final approval of the Jurysta/Podobensky Subdivision. Seconded by Comm. Lokhaiser. The vote was Vero: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion Carried

Zoning Officer Hines presented the Pride Performance Training Land Development

Motion by Comm. Vero to pass a resolution granting final approval of the Pride Performance Training Land Development contingent upon:

- 1. Compliance with Gateway Engineers' letter dated November 23, 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 Operations and Maintenance Agreement*
- 5. Approval from the Butler Area Sewer Authority*

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

Zoning Officer Hines presented the Hutton Butler Sharon PA ST LLC Subdivision

Motion by Comm. Vero to grant final approval of the Hutton Butler Sharon PA ST LLC Subdivision contingent upon Butler County Planning Commission review. Seconded by Comm. Lokhaiser. The vote was Vero: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion Carried

Zoning Officer Hines and Morris Knowles Associates presented the Modwash Land Development

Motion by Comm. Vero to pass a resolution granting final approval of the Modwash Land Development contingent upon:

- 1. Compliance with Gateway Engineers' letter dated November 19, 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 Operations and Maintenance Agreement*
- 5. Approval from the Butler Area Sewer Authority*
- 6. Butler County Planning Commission review*

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

Zoning Officer Hines presented the Autumn Woods Bond Reduction Request

Motion by Comm. Vero to reduce the Autumn Woods Bond by \$97,717.15 leaving \$410,428.84. Seconded by Comm. Wiest. The vote was Vero: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion Carried

Zoning Officer Hines presented the Diehl Volkswagen of Butler resolution extension

Motion by Comm. Vero to pass a resolution extending the Diehl Volkswagen of Butler final approval until March 21, 2022. Seconded by Comm. Lokhaiser. The vote was Vero: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion Carried

Manager Knights presented the 2022 budget for adoption

Motion by Comm. Vero to approve the 2022 budget as advertised. Seconded by Comm. Zurzolo. The vote was Vero: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion Carried

Manager Knights presented the 2022 Real Estate Tax resolution for adoption

Motion by Comm. Vero to approve the 2022 Real Estate Tax resolution. Seconded by Comm. Zurzolo. The vote was Vero: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion Carried

Manager Knights presented the 2022 Act 511 Taxes resolution for adoption

Motion by Comm. Vero to approve the 2022 Act 511 Taxes resolution. Seconded by Comm. Zurzolo. The vote was Vero: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion Carried

Manager Knights presented the 2022 Auditor resolution for adoption

Motion by Comm. Vero to approve the 2022 Auditor resolution. Seconded by Comm. Wiest. The vote was Vero: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion Carried

Manager Knights presented a request to repeal the Township's nepotism policy.

Motion by Comm. Wiest to repeal the nepotism policy. Seconded by Comm. Zurzolo. The vote was Vero: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion Carried

Asst. Manager McNeill presented the bills

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

Manager Knights presented correspondence from the National Opioid Settlement and indicated the Township's response to participate.

Manager Knights read correspondence from Carl Neuhausler from the Road Department indicating his retirement.

Motion by Comm. Wiest to accept the resignation of Carl Neuhausler. Seconded by Comm. Zurzolo. The vote was Vero: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion Carried

There was no public comment.

Questions from the media were taken.

Meeting adjourned to Exec Session at 7:18PM and the Commissioners did not reconvene.
