

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING HELD  
January 17, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Butler Township Board of Commissioners was held on January 17, 2022 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, Jr. and Commis. Ed Natali.

Also present were Manager Tom Knights, Solicitor Rebecca Black, Township Engineer Dan Deiseroth, Dir. of Finance Cheryl McNeill, Zoning Officer Jesse Hines and Dir. Of Emergency Services Scott Frederick.

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

Pres. Zarnick stated that anyone taping the meeting is required to state their name and address. Ryan Saeler, Butler Radio Network, and Eddie Trazzini, Butler Eagle recorded the meeting.

Pres. Zarnick asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the preceding meeting, there being none the minutes will stand as presented.

Pres. Zarnick announced an executive session had taken place prior to the meeting for legal matters.

Pres. Zarnick asked for public comment on agenda items, there was none.

Pres. Zarnick introduced Scott Frederick as the Township's new Director of Emergency Services

Departmental Reports:

Commis. Lokhaiser recognized Tim Iman's inclusion in the PA Strike1 Team

Commis. Wiest gave an update on winter road maintenance

Dir. of Emergency Services Scott Frederick gave an update on fire safety during the winter months

New Business:

Zoning Officer Hines presented a reappointment to the Zoning Hearing Board.

Motion by Commis. Natali to reappoint Greg Haughey to the Zoning Hearing Board for a 3-year term to expire January 2025. Second by Commis. Wiest. The vote was Natali: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

Zoning Officer Hines presented a reappointment for an alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board.

Motion by Commis. Natali to reappoint Joe Gray as an alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board for a 3-year term to expire January 2025. Second by Commis. Wiest. The vote was Natali: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

Zoning Officer Hines presented an appointment to the Agriculture Security Advisory Committee.

Motion by Commis. Natali to appoint W. Brent Thomas to the Agriculture Security Advisory Committee. Second by Commis. Wiest. The vote was Natali: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

Zoning Officer Hines presented the Hazard Mitigation Plan resolution.

Motion by Commis. Natali to pass a resolution adopting the Butler County Hazard Mitigation Plan as the Hazard Mitigation Plan of Butler Township. Second by Commis. Lokhaiser. The vote was Natali: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

Zoning Officer Hines presented the Diehl Automotive Storm Water HOP.

Motion by Commis. Natali to authorize Butler Township to act as the applicant for submission of the Storm Water Highway Occupancy Permit for Diehl Automotive contingent upon compliance with Gateway Engineers review and the recording of the Storm Water Developer's Agreement for the property. Second by Commis. Wiest. The vote was Natali: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

Zoning Officer Hines presented the Autumn Woods bond reduction request.

Motion by Commis. Natali to reduce the Autumn Woods bond by \$93,454.34 leaving \$316,974.50. Second by Commis. Lokhaiser. The vote was Natali: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

Zoning Officer Hines presented the Highfield Trails 100 Phase I resolution extension.

Motion by Commis. Natali to pass a resolution extending the Highfield Trails 100 Phase I final approval until April 18, 2022. Second by Commis. Wiest. The vote was Natali: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

Zoning Officer Hines presented the Highfield Trails 112 Subdivision.

Motion by Commis. Natali to deny the Highfield Trails 112 Subdivision as the plan does not comply with the Butler Township density requirements for a cluster development per Section 300-22 M(2). Second by Commis. Lokhaiser. The vote was

Natali: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

Solicitor Black presented a Confidentiality Agreement from PA American Water.

Motion by Commis. Zarnick to enter into the Confidentiality Agreement with PA American Water for the purpose of confidentiality regarding a possible offer to purchase Butler Area Sewer Authority assets. Second by Commis. Zurzolo. The vote was Natali: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

Dir. of Finance McNeill presented the bills.

Motion by Commis. Lokhaiser to approve the bills report as presented. Second by Commis. Wiest. The vote was Natali: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

Pres. Zarnick asked for any correspondence. There was none.

Questions from the media were taken.

Motion by Commis. Wiest to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m., second by Commis. Lokhaiser and carried unanimously.

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