

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD
JANUARY 16, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Butler Township Board of Commissioners was held on January 16, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Butler Township Municipal Building, 290 S. Duffy Road, Butler, PA 16001. The following Commissioners were present: President Dave Zarnick, Vice-Pres. Sam Zurzolo, Commissioner Jim Lokhaiser and Commissioner Ed Natali.

Also present were Manager Tom Knights, Solicitor Rebecca Black, Dir. of Finance Cheryl McNeill, Zoning Officer Jesse Hines, Chief of Police John Hays, Dir. of Public Works Dave Meeder, Dir. of Emergency Services Scott Frederick and Engineer Dan Deiseroth.

President Dave Zarnick called the meeting to order followed by a moment of silence and pledge to the American Flag.

President Zarnick stated that anyone recording the meeting is required to state their name. Eddie Trazzini, Butler Eagle and Ryan Saeler, Butler Radio Group recorded the meeting.

President Dave Zarnick requested Departmental Reports:

- **Public Works Director, Dave Meeder**- 20 signs replaced in December. Snow removal conducted 9 times, plowed 6 of those times. 700 ton of salt used at a cost of \$41,000.
- **Emergency Services Director, Scott Frederick** – Annual report is coming. Response times decreased from 24 minutes in 2021 to 11 minutes in 2022. Membership has increased 10-12 people.
- **Chief of Police, John Hays** – Received a request for “no parking” on Lindberg St. Saw photos, will investigate over the next two weeks and report back.
- **Director of Finance, Cheryl McNeill** – Closed December. Auditors will come next week
- **Solicitor**- No Updates
- **Engineering** – No updates
- **Zoning Officer, Jesse Hines** – No Updates
- **Manager, Tom Knights**- Recognizes new township employee. 4th Qt. Hazardous waste report. Approx. 1,400 lbs. of both latex and oil based. 1,400 lbs. of electronics, 4,623 of TV collected- 9,074 lbs. worth. No report on glass for the month.

President Dave Zarnick requested Commissioners' Reports:

- **Commissioner Natali**- After reviewing zoning complaints, see that 75% of violations have to do with housekeeping; keeping grass managed, yard waste, trash. Etc. Suggests consideration for neighbors.
- **Commissioner Lokhaiser**- Thanks Dave Meeder and Road Crew for their hard work

over Christmas. Also, thanks to Emergency Services and Fire as they responded to 30 calls between 12/23 to 12/26.

- **Commissioner Zurzolo** – Another accident occurred on Benbrook Road by Greenwood Drive. Requests discussing a solution to high number of accidents at this site. Praised fire response.

President Zarnick asks if there is any public comment or question on the agenda, there was none.

New Business:

- **Zoning Officer, Jesse Hines** – presented the Bash Family Practice bond release.
 - Motion by Commis. Natali to release the Bash Family Practice bond in the amount of \$97,977.00, contingent upon receipt of an 18-Month Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$13,360.50.
 - Second by Commis. Lokhaiser. The vote was Natali: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.
- **Jesse Hines** presented request for Baglier bond release.
 - Motion by Commis. Natali to release the Baglier bond in the amount of \$37,583.55 and waive the requirement for an 18-Month Maintenance Bond.
 - Second by Commis. Lokhaiser. The vote was Natali: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.
- **Jesse Hines** presented request for Butler Memorial Hospital bond reduction.
 - Motion by Commis. Natali to reduce the Butler Memorial Hospital bond from \$305,357.25 to \$138,283.75.
 - Second by Commis. Lokhaiser. The vote was Natali: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.
- **Jesse Hines** presented request to reduce Highfield Trails bond.
 - Motion by Commis. Natali to reduce the Highfield Trails bond from \$1,020,454.99 to \$998,347.74.
 - Second by Commis. Lokhaiser. The vote was Natali: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.
- **Jesse Hines** presented the UPMC HCC Butler Resolution Extension.
 - Motion by Commis. Natali to pass a resolution extending the UPMC HCC Butler final approval until April 17, 2023.

- Second by Commis. Lokhaiser. The vote was Natali: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.
- **Tom Knights-** presented updated Fee Resolution for 2023 adoption.
 - Motion by Commis. Lokhaiser to adopt the Fee Resolution updates for 2023.
 - Second by Commis. Natali. The vote was Natali: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.
- **Director of Finance, Cheryl McNeill-** presents the bills for December and requests approval.
 - Motion by Commis. Lokhaiser
 - Second by Commis. Natali. The vote was Natali: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

Pres. Zarnick asked for Public comment or question from tax payers and media; no questions.

- Motion to adjourn by Pres. Zarnick
- Second by Commis. Zurzolo. All approve.

Regular Meeting adjourns at 6:49 PM