

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

The regular meeting of the Butler Township Board of Commissioners was held on October 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. Jim Lokhaiser and Commis. 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.

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. Eddie Trazzini, Butler Eagle and Ryan Saeler, Butler Radio Group recorded the meeting.

The meeting began with the presentation of awards to Fire Safety Poster contest winners.

Commissioners' Reports

Commis. Lokhaiser encouraged attendance of the Preston Park 5k Race, the First Responder Memorial Dedication and Trick or Treat being held at Preston Park.

Commis. Zurzolo recognized the fire poster contest participants.

Pres. Zarnick provided an update on the PA Municipal League conference, the Gaiser Center luncheon and Butler Health System award recognition.

Commis. Wiest commented on winter road driving precautions.

Departmental Reports:

Dir. of Emergency Services Scott Frederick provided a summary of fire department activities for the month of September.

Dir. of Finance Cheryl McNeill provided a reminder about the budget meeting on November 2 at 5:30.

Chief of Police John Hays reviewed a fund raiser the police association was participating in.

Manager Knights highlighted the 3rd quarter household hazardous and electronic waste collections.

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

New Business:

Zoning Officer Hines presented the Spurk Subdivision.

Motion by Commis. Natali to grant final approval of the Spurk Subdivision

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 Top Tier Federal Credit Union Land Development.

Motion by Commis. Natali to pass a resolution granting final approval of the Top Tier Federal Credit Union Land Development contingent upon:

1. Compliance with Gateway Engineers' letter dated October 17, 2022
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

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 UPMC HHC Butler Land Development

Motion by Commis. Natali to pass a resolution granting final approval of the UPMC HHC Land Development contingent upon:

1. Compliance with Gateway Engineers' letter dated October 17, 2022
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. Review by Butler County Planning Commission

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 Spencer Giebel Land Development Resolution Extension.

Motion by Commis. Natali to pass a resolution extending the Spencer Giebel Funeral Home final approval until January 16, 2023.

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 Villas at Forest Oaks bond reduction request.

Motion by Commis. Natali to reduce the Villas at Forest Oaks bond from \$193,864.00 to \$46,529.00

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 AERCO bond release request.

Motion by Commis. Natali to release the AERCO bond in the amount of \$2,310.00

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 Benevan Square bond release to 18-month maintenance bond.

Motion by Commis. Natali to release the Benevan Square bond in the amount of \$698,564.30 contingent upon receipt of an 18-month maintenance bond in the amount of \$126,718.95

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 bond reduction request.

Motion by Commis. Natali to reduce the Highfield Trails bond from \$1,590,496.95 to \$1,477,651.95

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 corrective action.

Motion by Commis. Natali to approve the Highfield Trails 100 corrective action plan.

Second by Commis. Lokhaiser. The vote was Natali: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

Manager Knights presented a request to advertise the sale of excess vehicles and equipment.

Motion by Commis. Natali to advertise for sale excess vehicles and equipment to the highest bidder.

Second by Commis. Zurzolo. The vote was Natali: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

Solicitor Black presented a resolution through which the Board of Commissioners expressed their support and approval of the actions taken by BASA relative to a potential sale to PA American Water.

Motion by Commis. Natali to approve the resolution as presented by the Solicitor

Second by Commis. Lokhaiser. The vote was Natali: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

Manager Knights presented the Evans Road storm water project and requested authorization to advertise for bids.

Motion by Commis. Wiest to advertise the Evans Road storm water project

Second by Commis. Zurzolo. The vote was Natali: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

Dir. of Finance Cheryl McNeill presented the bills report for September.

Motion by Commis. Lokhaiser to approve the bills report as presented.

Second by Commis. Natali. The vote was Natali: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Abstain; Zurzolo: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

Pres. Zarnick asked for any correspondence. Correspondence was as follows:

Manager Knights read Justin Wherli's letter of resignation.

Motion by Commis. Zurzolo to accept the resignation of Justin Wherli

Second by Pres. Zarnick. The vote was Natali: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

Pres. Zarnick asked for any public comment.

Public Comment was given by:

Cyndi Wulff, 109 Deshon Court – commented on Preston Park

Carolyn Neely, 116 Bramble Avenue- commented on Preston Park

Vincent Wojtyna, 101 Nixon Avenue – questions about Highfield Trails traffic

Commis. Zurzolo – commented about correspondences received regarding Preston Park

Mike Mlikan, 115 Bramble Avenue – responded to Commis. Zurzolo's comments

Questions from the media were taken.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:42PM to an Executive Session for Legal and Contract Matters and the Board did not return.
