

**BUSHKILL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
1114 BUSHKILL CENTER ROAD
NAZARETH, PA 18064**

**MINUTES
November 5, 2015**

The Bushkill Township Board of Supervisors held their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, November 5, 2015. The meeting was held at the Bushkill Township Municipal Building, 1114 Bushkill Center Road, Nazareth, PA. The following Supervisors were present: Mr. Kocher, Mrs. Hill, Mr. Smith and Mrs. Bender. Also present were the Township Manager Brian Harris, Solicitor Gary Asteak, and Captain Dempsey.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The Chairman, Brien Kocher called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

SIGN INS: None

Subdivisions: None

Approval of Minutes

1. **October 1, 2015 – Motion** by Carolyn Hill, seconded by Julie Bender and approved unanimously to accept the minutes of October 1, 2015.

Reports

2. **Police** – Capt. Dempsey provided the Police Report.
3. **Treasurers** – Brian Harris provided the Treasurer’s Report.
4. **Tax Collector** – Brian Harris stated that the Tax Collector Report was enclosed.
5. **Zoning Officer** – Mr. Harris stated the report was enclosed.
6. **Public Works** – Mr. Harris provided the Public Works report.
7. **Library** – Nothing to report.
8. **Recreation** – Nothing to report.
9. **Fire Company** – Tom Barnowski provided the Fire Company report.
10. **Engineer** – Nothing to report.
11. **Solicitor** – Jacobsburg Historical Society – Outdoor permit waiver - **Motion** by Jason Smith, seconded by Carolyn Hill and approved unanimously to approve waiving the fee associated with the ordinance however the performance standards will still apply.
12. **EAC** – Nothing to report.
13. **NAZ COG** – Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

14. **2016 Budget** – Proposed budget is \$4,300,000 which represents a 1.7% increase from 2015 with no tax increase. Brian Harris stated the Supervisors can make a motion to advertise the preliminary budget. **Motion** by Jason Smith, seconded by Julie Bender and approved unanimously to advertise the preliminary budget.
15. **2016 -2018 Farmland Lease** – Brian Harris stated that the Supervisors can make a motion to advertise for a lease which would run April 2016-2018. Township reserves the right to terminate agreements on any parcels provided we notify the lease with 6 month notice. **Motion** by Julie Bender, seconded by Carolyn Hill and approved unanimously to authorize advertising the request for proposal.
16. **469 Gail Drive** – Easement extinguishment – The Supervisors authorized the Solicitor to extinguish easement on parcel J7-7-15-9 Angione conditioned on Mr. Angione paying all legal fees and costs associated with the extinguishment.
17. **Ordinance 2015-05 Police Pension Amendment** - **Motion** by Julie Bender, seconded by Jason Smith and approved unanimously to adopt Ordinance 2015-05.
18. **December Meeting** - December 10th at 6:00pm. End of year meeting will be held December 22nd at 12:00pm at the JEEC. **Motion** by Jason Smith, seconded by Carolyn Hill and approved unanimously to advertise changed meeting date from the 3rd to the 10th.
19. **Resolution 2015-17** - Recognizing Marcia Hahn for her efforts in designating the Pennsylvania Long Rifle as the official firearm of the Commonwealth. **Motion** by Carolyn Hill, seconded by Julie Bender and approved unanimously to adopt Resolution 2015-17.
20. **RECON** - Waiver of Pub 408 Cutoff date for paving. **Motion** by Jason Smith, seconded by Carolyn Hill and approved unanimously to approve waiving the date listed in Pub 408. All other provisions of Pub 408, including temperature, are still effective and paving will be done at the discretion of the township engineer.

DRAFT POLICIES: Policy 11- Tree/Shrubbery in ROW - **Motion** by Julie Bender, seconded by Carolyn Hill and approved unanimously to adopt Policy 11.

PAY BILLS: Bill List - \$585,468.03 – **Motion** by Julie Bender, seconded by Jason Smith and approved unanimously to pay bills.

GOOD OF THE BOARD: Next regularly scheduled meeting December 10, 2015 at 6:00pm

ADJOURNMENT: **Motion** by Carolyn Hill, seconded by Jason Smith and approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:20pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian D. Harris

