

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

**MINUTES
January 8, 2015**

The Bushkill Township Board of Supervisors held their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, January 8, 2015. The meeting was held at the Bushkill Township Municipal Building, 1114 Bushkill Center Road, Nazareth, PA. The following Supervisors were present: Mr. Kocher, Mr. Smith, Mr. Kline, Mrs. Hill, and Mrs. Bender. Also present were the Township Manager Brian Harris, Solicitor Gary Asteak, Engineer Robert Collura, and Chief McLouth. There were 20 people in the audience.

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.

CONDITIONAL USE:

The Board of Supervisors discussed the draft order as prepared by the Solicitor. Hours of operation were discussed and a suggestion was made by Solicitor Asteak to amend the hours from 7 am to 7pm or an hour after sunset, whichever is later. Fuel storage was also discussed and the Supervisors were agreeable to onsite storage if containment existed and they met all other applicable regulations. **Motion** by Jason Smith, seconded by Julie Bender and approved unanimously to authorize the Solicitor to amend the two conditions discussed and approve the heliport with the associated conditions. The final Opinion and Order can then be executed. A complete copy of the Opinion and Order can be obtained from the Bushkill Township Municipal Building.

SUBDIVISIONS:

Colonial Walk LOC & Improvements Agreement – Brian Harris indicated that the Township received the required Letter of Credit in the amount of \$107,129.88. **Motion** by Julie Bender, seconded by Jason Smith and approved unanimously to execute the improvements agreement.

Orwig Letter of Credit – Brian Harris indicated that the letter of credit expires February 2, 2015. **Motion** by Jason Smith, seconded by Carolyn Hill and approved unanimously to reduce the letter of credit to \$56,000.00 based on Engineer Collura's review letter. Should the revised letter of credit not be received by February 2, 2015, the Township Manager is authorized to draw the appropriate amount for the outstanding improvements.

Approval of Minutes

1. **October 16, November 20, December 4, December 18, 2014 – Motion** by Julie Bender, seconded by Carolyn Hill and approved unanimously to accept the minutes of October 16, November 20, December 4, December 18, 2014.

Reports

2. **Police** – Chief McLouth 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** – Brian Harris stated that the report was on file.
6. **Public Works** – Harrison Kline presented the Public Works report
7. **Library** – Nothing to report.
8. **Recreation** – Nothing to report.
9. **Fire Company** – Tom Barnowski gave the Fire Company report, and then spoke on behalf of Emergency Management.
10. **Engineer** – Engineer Collura indicated he had nothing to report.
11. **Solicitor** – Solicitor Asteak indicated he had nothing to report.
12. **EAC** – Mr. Smith indicated that the Township settled on the Fehr parcel.
13. **NAZ COG** – Brian Harris stated that the COG is proceeding with the multimunicipal plan review.

OLD BUSINESS

14. **Zoning Ordinance Amendment – 405.R.1 – In Law Suites** – Solicitor Gary Asteak stated that the Ordinance has been advertised and adoption can occur at the February meeting.
15. **Recreation Complex - Playground Bid & Specifications** - Mr. Harris stated that the bid specifications are being prepared and trail construction is ongoing.
16. **2015 DCNR C2P2 Application** – Brian Harris stated that the 2015 application is due April 16, 2015 and a possible application is to construct a trail connecting the Ballas tract to the Bushkill Township trail. Brian Harris indicated that once an application is completed he would provide it to the Supervisors for a recommendation.

NEW BUSINESS

17. **Resolution 2015-02 – 2015 Fee Schedule - Motion** by Julie Bender, seconded by Jason Smith and approved unanimously to adopt the 2015 Fee Schedule
18. **MS965** – Mr. Harris stated that the MS965 is complete and the BOS can authorize submission of the report to PennDOT. **Motion** by Jason Smith, seconded by Harrison Kline and approved unanimously to submit the MS965 report.

19. Marsh Resignation – Mr. Harris stated that Mr. Marsh has tendered his resignation as a member of the EAC. **Motion** by Jason Smith, seconded by Harrison Kline and approved unanimously to accept Mr. Marsh’s resignation.

PAY BILLS: Bill List - \$77,530.38 – **Motion** by Julie Bender, seconded by Jason Smith and approved unanimously to pay bills.

COORESPONDENCE: 2015 Election Calendar
PSATS News Bulletin
Run for Reading – April 19th – JSP

GOOD OF THE BOARD: Next meeting February 5, 2015

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Jason Smith, seconded by Carolyn Hill and approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:35pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian D. Harris