

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

**MINUTES  
December 10, 2015**

The Bushkill Township Board of Supervisors held their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, December 10, 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, Mr. Kline and Mrs. Bender. Also present were the Township Manager Brian Harris, Solicitor Gary Asteak, Chief McLouth 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. **November 5, 2015 – Motion** by Carolyn Hill, seconded by Julie Bender and approved unanimously to accept the minutes of November 5, 2015.

**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** – Mr. Harris stated the report was enclosed.
6. **Public Works** – Mr. Harris provided the Public Works report.
7. **Library** – Lanie provided the Library report and stated that this would be her last meeting as the Library liaison. The board thanked her for her many years of service.
8. **Recreation** – Nothing to report.
9. **Fire Company** – No report.
10. **Engineer** – Mr. Collura stated that the quantities and cost estimate for Eagles Ridge is finalized and the Subdivision Improvements Agreement can be prepared by the Solicitor.
11. **Solicitor** – The Solicitor stated that all items were on the agenda.
12. **EAC** – Motion by Jason Smith, seconded by Harrison Kline and approved unanimously to authorize purchase of the Mineo parcel with a not to exceed amount of \$30,000.00. The motion was conditioned on the EAC recommending the acquisition.
13. **NAZ COG** – Nothing to report

**OLD BUSINESS:**

14. **469 Gail Drive** –Mr. Harris stated that the Angione Easement legal description was prepared by Bob and the Solicitor can prepare the extinguishment.
15. **Red Bridge Rehabilitation** – Nothing to report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

16. **Resolution 2015-18 – 2016 Tax Rate** – Resolution setting the 2016 tax rate at 7.5 mills, keeping it the same as 2015. **Motion** by Julie Bender, seconded by Harrison Kline, Jr and approved unanimously to approve Resolution 2015-18.
17. **Resolution 2015-19 – 2016 Budget** – Resolution setting the 2016 Budget at \$10,441,484.00 for all funds. The General Fund budget is \$4,300,000.00. **Motion** by Jason Smith, seconded by Harrison Kline, Jr. and approved unanimously to approve Resolution 2015-19.
18. **Resolution 2015-20 – Uniform Pension Contribution** – Resolution setting the uniform employee pension contribution at 4% for 2015-2017. **Motion** by Julie Bender, seconded by Jason Smith and approved unanimously to approve Resolution 2015-20.
19. **Annual Meeting December 22, 2015 at JEEC**
20. **2016-2018 Farmland Lease RFP** – Motion by Julie Bender, seconded by Jason Smith and approved unanimously to award the Heintzelman/Erhardt tracts to Kroboth Farms at \$162 per acre.
21. **2016 Meeting Dates** – Motion to advertise the 2016 meeting dates for the various boards and commissions. **Motion** by Carolyn Hill, seconded by Jason Smith and approved unanimously to advertise 2016 Meeting dates.

**PAY BILLS: Bill List** - \$229,800.00 – **Motion** by Julie Bender, seconded by Harrison Kline, Jr. and approved unanimously to pay bills.

**GOOD OF THE BOARD:** Reorganization Meeting – January 4th, 2016 at 12:00  
Next regularly scheduled meeting January 7th, 2016 at 6:00pm

**ADJOURNMENT:** **Motion** by Carolyn Hill, seconded by Jason Smith and approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:19pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian D. Harris

