

**TOWNSHIP OF BERN  
BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

May 3, 2022

**SUPERVISORS MEETING**

**SUPERVISORS PRESENT:** Irene Reed, Chairman  
Dr. Boyd Wagner  
Brian Eveland, Supervisor  
Jeff Thompson, Supervisor  
Daniel Tobias, Supervisor

**STAFF PRESENT:** Brian Potts, Township Manager  
Diane DeJesus, Secretary/Treasurer  
Wesley Waugh, Chief of Police  
Timothy Dietrich, Esquire  
Kent Morey, Engineer  
Bradley Pflum, Codes Enforcement

**CALL TO ORDER-PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mrs. Reed called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Dr. Wagner moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented, which included the minutes of the April 5, 2022 Supervisors Meeting and to accept the finance report, subject to audit and approve payment of bills on the list, seconded by Mr. Thompson. YES: Dr. Wagner, Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

**FINANCE REPORT**

Balances as of May 3, 2022: General Fund: \$2,486,142.52, State Account: \$506, 544.83, PLGIT: \$67,081.35, Certificate of Deposits: \$557,414.64, Expenses: \$81,672.40. Treasurer's Report accepted subject to audit.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

Mrs. Reed opened the public hearing at 7:01 PM to discuss the Berks Park Building H Conditional Use Application. Mrs. Reed adjourned the public hearing at 7:21 PM and reconvened the Supervisors Meeting.

## **ORDINANCES/ RESOLUTIONS**

**Discussion/ Approval to Advertise the Solid Waste Amendment Ordinance-** Dr. Wagner made a motion to approve advertising the Solid Waste Amendment Ordinance allowing the start time for collectors to be 5:00 AM; Mr. Thompson seconded. YES: Dr. Wagner, Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

## **TOWNSHIP MANAGER**

Mr. Potts provided his report to the Board and requested a motion to approve soliciting bank rates and utilizing the best rate for the CD maturing on May 28, 2022 and ratifying it at the June Supervisors Meeting. Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve soliciting bank rates and utilizing the best rate for the CD maturing on May 28, 2022 and ratifying it at the June Supervisors Meeting; Dr. Wagner seconded. YES: Dr. Wagner, Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY & SERVICES**

### **Fire Company**

Mt. Pleasant and Greenfield's have provided their report.

### **Emergency Medical Services**

Northern Berks and Western Berks provided their report.

### **Emergency Management**

Mr. Hinkle provided his report to the Board.

### **Police Department**

Chief Waugh provided his report to the Board.

**Ratify Blue Marsh Police Services Contract-** Chief Waugh informed the Board that Det. Sgt. Forry and Sgt. Steven Seidel worked on the Blue Marsh Police Services Contract while he was out on medical leave and the contract starts at \$33,656.75 the first year increasing to \$37,800.00 in the fifth year, but he has not received a signed copy yet. Chief Waugh requested a motion to ratify the contract after he and Atty. Mooney have been able to review the contract. Mr. Thompson made a motion to ratify the Blue Marsh Police Services Contract after the reviews are complete; Dr. Wagner seconded. YES: Dr. Wagner, Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

**Discussion/ Approval to Assign Fire Police to the Wernersville Memorial Day Parade -** Chief Waugh requested a motion to approve assigning Fire Police to the Wernersville Memorial Day Parade May 30, 2022. Mr. Thompson made a motion to assign Fire Police for the Wernersville Memorial Day Parade; Dr. Wagner seconded. YES: Dr. Wagner, Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

## **PLANNING/ZONING/CODE ENFORCEMENT**

### **Engineer**

Mr. Kent Morey provided his report to the Board.

### **Planning Commission**

**Discussion/Approval of Penske Final Subdivision Plan-** Mr. Potts stated that the Planning Commission recommended approval of the plan subject to the April 8, 2022 SSM review letter. Dr. Wagner made a motion to approve the Penske Final Subdivision Plan subject to the April 8, 2022 SSM review letter; Mr. Thompson seconded. YES: Dr. Wagner, Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

**Discussion/Approval of Reitnauer Preliminary Subdivision Plan-** Mr. Potts stated that the Planning Commission recommended approval of the plan subject to the April 6, 2022 SSM review letter. Dr. Wagner made a motion to approve the Reitnauer Preliminary Subdivision Plan subject to April 6, 2022 SSM review letter; Mr. Thompson seconded. YES: Dr. Wagner, Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

**Discussion/ Approval of Nowotarski Stormwater Agreement-** Mr. Potts recommended approval of the agreement contingent on the SSM April 26, 2022 review letter. Dr. Wagner made a motion to approve the Nowotarski Stormwater Agreement contingent on the SSM April 26, 2022 review letter; Mr. Thompson seconded. YES: Dr. Wagner, Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

### **Time Extensions**

**Penske Preliminary Land Development Plan-** Dr. Wagner moved that if an extension of time has not been granted by the applicant, prior to the expiration date of June 6, 2022, that the plan be rejected for the reasons set forth in the latest Engineering review letter: Mr. Thompson seconded. YES: Dr. Wagner, Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

### **Code Enforcement**

Mr. Pflum provided his report to the Board.

## **STORMWATER MANAGEMENT**

### **MS4 Stormwater Report**

Mr. Potts informed the Board that the Low Volume Road Grant expired and the Berks County Conservation District has given an extension until September.

### **ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Mr. Potts provided his report to the Board and presented his proposed equipment purchase plan to the Board.

### **SEWER/ WATER/ BERN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY**

No report.

**Discussion/ Approval of 1147 Rick Road Sewage System Installation and Maintenance Agreement-** Mr. Potts stated that Alan Maderia drafted the agreement and Atty. Mooney has reviewed it and it is ready for consideration. Dr. Wagner made a motion to approve the 1147 Rick Road Sewage System Installation and Maintenance Agreement; Mr. Thompson seconded. YES: Dr. Wagner, Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

### **SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Mr. Thompson stated that the commission met and two new members from the public have joined.

Mr. Potts informed the Board that DEP conducted a surprise audit of equipment purchased using grant funds. All equipment was properly labeled.

**Discussion of Request for Proposals for Recycling and Refuse Collection and Marketing/ Processing of Recyclables-** Mr. Potts stated that a draft has been prepared for Requests for Proposals for Recycling and Refuse Collection and Marketing/ Processing of Recyclable for another three- year contract with the new additions for an alternate bid for the collection of glass, the 5:00 AM start time and the addition of Robby Drive. The mandatory pre bid meeting will be August 9, 2022 and the bids will be opened on August 30, 2022 at 10:00 AM.

### **ADMINISTRATION**

**Discussion/ Approval of Teamster Health Care Renewal Rates--** Mr. Potts stated that the Teamster Health Care renewal rates are very reasonable with the lowest increase being 1.2% and the highest renewal rate being 1.9%. Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the Teamster Healthcare Renewal Rates; Dr. Wagner seconded. YES: Dr. Wagner, Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

**Discussion of Teamster Bargaining Committee-** Mr. Eveland and Mr. Tobias will be part of the Teamster Bargaining Committee.

**Next Supervisor's meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at 7:00 PM.**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An executive session was held to discuss a personnel matter.

**ADMINISTRATION**

Mrs. Reed stated that a letter of resignation has been received from Officer Andrew T. Condon. Mr. Thompson made a motion to accept the letter of resignation from Officer Andrew T. Condon; Dr. Wagner seconded. YES: Dr. Wagner, Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Reed adjourned the meeting at 8:46 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Diane DeJesus,  
Secretary/Treasurer