

**TOWNSHIP OF BERN
BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

June 1, 2021

SUPERVISORS MEETING

SUPERVISORS PRESENT: Irene Reed, Chairman
Brian Eveland, Supervisor
Jeff Thompson, Supervisor
Daniel Tobias, Supervisor
Dr. Boyd Wagner III, 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 by teleconference, which was advertised in the Reading Eagle.

CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Wagner moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented, which included the minutes of the May 4, 2021 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. Thompson and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

FINANCE REPORT

Balances as of June 1, 2021: General Fund: \$2,723,638.48, State Account: \$827,569.27, PLGIT: \$67,042.07, Certificate of Deposits: \$556,547.76, Expenses: \$48,601.95. Treasurer's Report accepted subject to audit.

PUBLIC COMMENT

PUBLIC SAFETY & SERVICES

Police Department

Discussion/ Approval to Purchase Body Armor- Chief Waugh requested a motion for approval to purchase twelve Point Blank AXII Level II Concealable Body Armor ballistic vests and trauma

insert plates for a total cost of \$10,444.92, in accordance with the Police Contract. Chief Waugh stated funding that is planned for and exists in the Police Equipment Fund will be utilized and also grant funding will be applied for as it has in the past for partial reimbursement. Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the purchase of the body armor utilizing monies from the Police Equipment Fund; Dr. Wagner seconded. YES: Dr. Wagner, Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

Discussion/ Approval to Assign Fire Police to Arts on the Avenue June 19, 2021- Chief Waugh requested a motion for approval to assign fire police for Arts on the Avenue June 19, 2021. Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve assigning fire police for Arts on the Avenue June 19, 2021; Dr. Wagner seconded. YES: Dr. Wagner, Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

Discussion of Payment to City of Reading- Chief Waugh requested a motion from the Board to reconsider their previous decision to pay \$5,799.71 to the City of Reading as required from the Police Equipment Fund in order to employ Officer Andrew Condon since the salary budgeted for Officer Angela Seiler, who resigned at the rate of Patrolman Class 1, and Officer Condon is a Patrolman Class 3. Chief Waugh stated that the savings in the sixteen remaining pay periods amounts to \$5,932.80 which would cover the payment to the City of Reading. Mr. Potts stated that the Board would have to reopen the budget and take \$5,800.00 out of the salary line item and put it to another appropriate place because a payroll check cannot be issued for this purpose. Mr. Eveland made a motion to approve reopening the budget; No second. Motion died.

PLANNING/ZONING/CODE ENFORCEMENT

Planning Commission

Discussion/ Approval to Accept Old Bernville Road Deed of Dedication- Dr. Wagner made a motion to approve accepting the Old Bernville Road Deed of Dedication; Mr. Thompson seconded. YES: Dr. Wagner, Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

Discussion/ Approval of Old Bernville Road Maintenance Agreement- Mr. Potts recommended waiving the Old Bernville Road Maintenance Agreement. Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve waiving the Old Bernville Road Maintenance Agreement; Mr. Tobias seconded. YES: Dr. Wagner, Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

Discussion/ Approval to Release the Eagle Brass Remaining Escrow- Mr. Potts stated that Mr. Morey recommended release of the remaining Eagle Brass remaining escrow in the amount of \$54,001.53 upon payment of any bills. Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the remaining Eagle Brass remaining escrow in the amount of \$54,001.53 upon payment of any bills; Mr. Tobias seconded. YES: Dr. Wagner, Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

Discussion/ to Sign Grandview Estates Sewage Modules-Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve signing the Grandview Estates Sewage Modules; Dr. Wagner seconded. YES: Dr. Wagner, Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

Discussion of Proposed Commercial Parking Regulations- The Supervisors tabled the discussion until next month.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Discussion/ Approval to Accept Assistant Road Foreman Resignation- Mr. Potts stated that Steve Edwards will be resigning due to retirement on July 2, 2021. Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve accepting Steve Edwards's resignation; Dr. Wagner seconded. YES: Dr. Wagner, Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

Discussion/ Approval to Hire Assistant Road Foreman- Mr. Potts recommended hiring Kevin Cogan for the Assistant Road Foreman position. Dr. Wagner made a motion to approve hiring Kevin Cogan for the Assistant Road Foreman position; Mr. Thompson seconded. YES: Dr. Wagner, Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

Discussion/ Approval to Hire Road Department Member- Mr. Potts requested a motion to hire a Road Department member. Dr. Wagner made a motion to approve hiring a Road Department member; Mr. Tobias seconded. YES: Dr. Wagner, Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATION

Discussion/ Approval to Accept Washington Road Low Volume Road Project Grant- Mr. Potts requested a motion to accept the \$39,175.00 Washington Road Low Volume Road Project Grant. Dr. Wagner made a motion to approve accepting the grant; Mr. Tobias seconded. YES: Dr. Wagner, Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

Next Supervisor's meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 PM; Dr. Wagner seconded. YES: Dr. Wagner, Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane DeJesus,
Secretary/Treasurer