

**TOWNSHIP OF BERN
BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

February 2, 2021

SUPERVISORS MEETING

SUPERVISORS PRESENT: Irene Reed, Chairman
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 by teleconference, which was advertised in the Reading Eagle.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Thompson moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented, which included the minutes of the January 4, 2021 Reorganization Meeting and Supervisors Meeting and to accept the finance report, subject to audit and approve payment of bills on the list, seconded by Mr. Eveland. YES: Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

FINANCE REPORT

Balances as of February 2, 2021: General Fund: \$1,693,208.30, State Account: \$547,043.71, PLGIT: \$67,029.50, Certificate of Deposits: \$545,887.95, Expenses: \$42,963.40. Treasurer's Report accepted subject to audit.

PUBLIC SAFETY & SERVICES

Emergency Management

Discussion / Approval of the Recovery Commission Activities- Mr. Potts stated that Enersys has offered the use of the old Teleflex building to Penn State Health for administering vaccinations in the lobby area and that technically zoning permits and permits for temporary signage would be required. Mr. Potts suggested that the arrangement be handled like the Penn State testing site at

the bank location and waive the permits through the Emergency Management Recovery Commission. Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the Recovery Commission activities; Mr. Eveland seconded. YES: Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

Discussion / Approval to Ratify Snow Emergency Declaration- Mr. Potts informed the Board that a snow emergency had been declared for the last snowstorm and requested that the Board approve a motion to ratify the Snow Emergency Declaration. Mr. Thompson made a motion to ratify the Snow Emergency Declaration; Mr. Tobias seconded. YES: Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

Police Department

Discussion / Approval to Accept Bids for Three Police Cars- Chief Waugh requested a motion to accept the highest bid on the completed Municibid auctions for three Police vehicles and to proceed with the next highest bidder if the highest bidder should default. Mr. Thompson made a motion to accept the highest bids and to move to the second highest bid should the highest bidder default; Mr. Eveland seconded. YES: Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

PLANNING/ZONING/CODE ENFORCEMENT

Discussion / Approval of Grandview Estates Final Land Development Plan- Mr. Potts stated that the Planning Commission recommended Board approval conditioned on the January 6, 2021 SSM review letter which also includes the need to submit sewer modules. Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the Grandview Estates Final Land Development Plan; Mr. Eveland seconded. YES: Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

Discussion / Approval of Berks Park Building E Municipal Improvements Agreement- Mr. Potts stated that Atty. Mooney prepared the agreement. Mr. Eveland made a motion to approve the Berks Park Building E Municipal Improvements Agreement; Mr. Thompson seconded. YES: Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

Discussion / Approval of Berks Park Building E Stormwater Agreement- Mr. Potts informed the Board that Mr. Morey did a review and Atty. Mooney prepared the agreement. Mr. Tobias made a motion to approve the Berks Park Building E Stormwater Agreement; Mr. Eveland seconded. YES: Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

Discussion of "No U-Turn" Signage on Route 183 North of Route 222- Mr. Potts explained the need to add "No-U-Turn" signage on Route 183. The Supervisors discussed the topic and agreed to add it to the ordinance.

Discussion / Approval to Waive Barley Snyder Conflict for Ziegler Road Residential Addition Stormwater Agreement- Mr. Potts explained that this is for a small stormwater project and that this is the only thing that Barley Snyder would be doing for this project and if special counsel is necessary it may cost the residents extra money. Atty. Dietrich explained that the legal work Barley Snyder had provided the residents had nothing to do with the real estate transaction. Mr. Thompson made a motion to waive the Barley Snyder conflict for Ziegler Road residential

addition Stormwater Agreement; Mr. Eveland seconded. YES: Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Ratification of DEP Equipment Grant Time Extension- Mr. Potts stated that he sent a letter requesting a three-month extension to DEP on the Section 902 Equipment Grant and that DEP sent a letter that needed to be signed and returned to DEP within 10 days. Mr. Potts informed the Board he signed and returned the letter and that the new deadline is May 5, 2021. Mr. Potts requested a motion to ratify the extension. Mr. Thompson made a motion to ratify the extension; Mr. Tobias seconded. YES: Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATION

Discussion / Approval to Sponsor Penn State Health Cath Lab Grant- Mr. Potts informed the Board that Penn State Health has asked the Township to be the grantee on a grant and act as a pass through for the grant. Mr. Potts stated that there will need to be a Cooperation Agreement with the Township as the grantee and Penn State Health as the sub grantee and that Penn State Health will indemnify and hold Bern Township harmless in connection with the grant. Mr. Tobias made a motion to sponsor the Penn State Health Cath Lab Grant; Mr. Eveland seconded. YES: Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

Discussion of Erik Hirner Memorial Motorcycle Ride on May 30, 2021-Mr. Potts informed the Board that PennDOT is requiring the event organizer to obtain letters from each municipality approving the ride through their jurisdictions before they will give their approval. Mr. Potts recommended to state that there is no objection, instead of approve when making the motion. Mr. Tobias stated that there is no objection to the ride event passing through Bern Township; Mr. Eveland seconded. YES: Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

Discussion / Appointments to Vacate Positions: Planning Commission; Zoning Hearing Board Alternate; Solid waste Advisory Commission (2 each)- Mrs. Reed nominated Kathy Larue for the Zoning Hearing Board alternate 2-year position. Mr. Potts stated that the position will actually end at the end of 2021 because it remained vacant last year. Mr. Thompson made a motion to appoint Kathy Larue for the Zoning Hearing Board alternate 2-year position; Mr. Eveland seconded. YES: Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried. The other open positions will be filled at the next meeting.

Next Supervisor's meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Depetris spoke about the Hartman Farm Project and some concepts for it. Mrs. Reed stated that she prefers the entire Board be present for further discussion. Mr. Thompson and Mr. Eveland agreed. Mr. Depetris will return for another meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoover from Oak Circle expressed concerns about lack of snow plowing on their street and snow routes. Mr. Potts stated that he plans to review the snowstorm and the plowing and come up with ways to improve the process.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 PM; Mr. Eveland seconded. YES: Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,

Diane DeJesus,
Secretary/Treasurer