

**TOWNSHIP OF BERN**  
**BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

May 6, 2025

**SUPERVISORS MEETING**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:** Diane DeJesus, Secretary/Treasurer  
Keith Mooney, Esquire  
Brett Forry, Chief of Police  
Bobby Turner, Road Foreman  
Kent Morey, Engineer  
Bradley Pflum, Code Enforcement

**CALL TO ORDER-PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Dr. Wagner moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Mr. Thompson. **YES:** Dr. Wagner, Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson, and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

**FINANCE REPORT**

Balances as of May 6, 2025, General Fund: \$3,316,256.47, State Account: \$767,851.54, PLGIT: \$76,561.39, Certificate of Deposits: \$597,313.37, Expenses: \$80,920.63.

Treasurer's Report accepted subject to audit.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment

**TOWNSHIP MANAGER**

The Supervisors received a copy of the report.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY & SERVICES**

**Muhlenberg Township Fire and Rescue-** Supervisors received a copy of the report.

**Ratify Knox Box Keys and Hold Harmless Agreement with Greenfields Fire Company.** Dr. Wagner made a motion to approve the Knox Box Keys and Hold Harmless Agreement with Greenfield Fire Company, seconded by Mr. Thompson. **YES:** Dr. Wagner, Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson, and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

**Emergency Medical Services** – Supervisors received a copy of the report.

**Emergency Management** – Supervisors received a copy of the report.

**Police Discussion / Approval to send Sergeant to Handgun Instruction Training** – Chief Forry is requesting permission for Sergeant Seidel to attend training on June 30, 2025, through July 1, 2025. Dr. Wagner made a motion to approve sending Sergeant Seidel to Handgun Instruction Training, seconded by Mr. Eveland. **YES:** Dr. Wagner, Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson, and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

**Police Discussion / Approval to send Officer to Traffic Safety Training** – Chief Forry is requesting permission for Officer Johnson to attend training on August 26 through August 27. Dr. Wagner made a motion to approve of sending Officer Johnson to Traffic Safety Training, seconded by Mr. Eveland. **YES:** Dr. Wagner, Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson, and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

**Police Discussion / Approval to Remove Officer from Probation** – Chief Forry is requesting that Officer Lance Lillis be removed from probationary status and award him regular status for his position within Bern Township Police Department. Dr. Wagner made a motion to approve removing Office Lance Lillis from probationary to Officer Lillis to regular status, seconded by Mr. Eveland. **YES:** Dr. Wagner, Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson, and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

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

**Engineer** – The Supervisors received a copy of the report.

#### **Planning Commission**

**Discussion / Approval of Ray T. Davis Planning Modules-** Dr. Wagner made a motion to approve the planning modules for Ray T. Davis, seconded by Mr. Thompson. **YES:** Dr. Wagner, Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson, and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

**Discussion / Approval of Ray T. Davis II Subdivision Sketch Plan for Record** – The Planning Commission recommend approval of the plan subject to the items noted in the SSM review letter dated April 4, 2025. SSM has since received confirmation that the monuments have been set. Dr. Wagner made a motion to approve Ray T. Davis Subdivision Sketch Plan for Record, seconded by Mr. Thompson. **YES:** Dr. Wagner, Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson, and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

**Discussion of Legal Counsel of Riverfront Credit Union Land Development Plan -Dr.** Wagner made a motion that Joselle Cleary form Morgan, Hallgren, Crosswell & Kane, as Legal Counsel for Riverfront Credit Union Land Development Plan, seconded by Mr. Thompson. **YES:** Dr. Wagner, Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson, and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

**Discussion / Approval of C&B Development Freeboard Waiver 149-12. A** – Dr. Wagner made a motion to approve the C&B Development Freeboard Waiver 149-12. A, seconded by Mr. Thompson. **YES:** Dr. Wagner, Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson, and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

**Discussion / Approval of C&B Development Bedrock Pinnacle Waiver 149-20.C** – Dr. Wagner made a motion to approve the C&B Development Bedrock Pinnacle Waiver 149-20.C, seconded by Mr. Eveland. **YES:** Dr. Wagner, Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson, and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

**Discussion / Approval to Ratify Distribution of the Comprehensive Plan Draft** – Dr. Wagner made a motion to approve to Ratify Distribution of the Comprehensive Plan Draft, seconded by Mr. Thompson. **YES:** Dr. Wagner, Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson, and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

**Discussion / Approval of the Reading Airport Salt Storage Building Stormwater Agreement-** Dr. Wagner made a motion to approve the Reading Airport Salt Storage Building Stormwater Agreement, seconded by Mr. Thompson. **YES:** Dr. Wagner, Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson, and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

**Discussion / Approval of Bethany Romanian Church Stormwater Agreement** – Atty. Mooney stated that the Stormwater Agreement for the Bethany Romanian Church was not ready for approval.

### **Time Extensions**

**Ray T. Davis Subdivision Plan** – not needed.

**Penske Truck Collision & Repair Center** - Dr. Wagner moved that if an extension of time has not been granted by the applicant, prior to the expiration date of June 12, 2025, that the plan be rejected for the reasons set forth in the latest Engineering review letter, seconded by Mr.

Thompson. **YES:** Dr. Wagner, Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

### **Code Enforcement**

The Supervisors have a copy of the report.

**Discussion / Approval to Refund Permit Fee for 808 Bossler Road** - Mr. Eveland made a motion to approve the refund of the permit fee for 808 Bossler Road, seconded by Dr. Wagner. **YES:** Dr. Wagner, Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson, and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

### **STORMWATER MANGEMENT**

MS4 Stormwater Report – Nothing to report.

### **ROADS**

The Supervisors have a copy of the report.

**Discussion of Updating Road Occupancy Permit Fees** – Dr. Wagner made a motion to approve updating Road Occupancy Permit Fees, seconded by Mr. Thompson. **YES:** Dr. Wagner, Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson, and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

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

Nothing to report.

### **SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMISSION**

It was reported that the auditors were in South Heidelberg and were there for 3 hours. They will be making their way to the different Municipalities in the area.

### **ADMINISTRATION**

**Discussion / Approval of Teamster Health Insurance Renewal Rates** - Dr. Wagner made a motion to approve the Teamster Health Insurance Renewal Rates, seconded by Mr. Thompson. It was noted that this would be under the Component Rate Structure. **YES:** Dr. Wagner, Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson, and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting-** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at 7:00 PM at the Bern Township Municipal Building.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

This will be for a discussion of a personnel matter and there will be a vote after the Executive Session.

### **ADMINISTRATION**

**Discussion / Approval of Settlement and Resignation Agreement for Sergeant Subject to Solicitor's Preparation & Review by Chief of Police and Manager** – Atty. Becker read the motion to authorize preparation of the Settlement and Resignation Agreement of Sergeant Michael Wiley subject to the terms and conditions discussed in the Executive Session and to authorize the appropriate Township Officials to execute the agreement with the approval and confirmation by the Township staff which is Mr. Potts, Chief Forry and the Solicitor. Dr. Wagner made a motion to approve the Settlement and Resignation Agreement for Sergeant Michael Wiley, seconded by Mr. Thompson. **YES:** Dr. Wagner, Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson, and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

**Discussion / Approval of Hilltop Road Hair Salon** – Resident is wanting to convert their summer house into a salon. The salon will only have one customer at a time, and this will not have an impact. The Supervisors stated they would not send the Solicitor to the Zoning Hearing if they applied for a variance.

**Discussion on Washington Road Garage Strength** - This is a 50-acre track which covers both sides of Washington Road. The interested party is proposing to build a parking lot large enough to alleviate some parking from the baseball, swimming pool & soccer fields. Build a house on the river side of Washington past the tree line for his residence. Also, two larger soccer fields on the river side of the property along with a pickle ball court between Garage Strength and the Little League field to promote community usage. The remainder of the property will continue to be farmed. Variance needed for relocation prior to full purchase of the property to enable the moving of the business to that area. Also, work through the Land Development for the parking lot, plans for the home building and the recreational usage areas. Dr. Wagner suggested that he go to the Planning Commission and then come before the Supervisor and prepare plans.

**Discussion on Berks Fair Proposal on Special Events** - The discussion of allowing the Fair to have four special events a month not to exceed more than 24 a year. Atty Mooney recommended that the Ordinance not be changed at this time and allow the Fair to have a written Trial Agreement for a 1-year. Atty. Mooney will prepare this information for next month's meeting for everyone to look at. It was recommended that the 1-year Trial Agreement be extended to 18 months to allow the Fair to see if this proposal will be do-able. Atty. Mooney will discuss this with Mr. Potts when he returns.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mrs. Reed announced that this was for a Personnel Matter and that there would be no vote after the Executive Session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Diane DeJesus".

Diane DeJesus, Secretary/Treasurer