

Brecknock Township  
Board of Supervisors Meeting  
January 12, 2016

The regular meeting of the Brecknock Township Board of Supervisors, Lancaster County that was scheduled for January 12, 2016 was held at the Brecknock Township Building, 1026 Dry Tavern Road, Fivepointville. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jerry Long at 7:00 p.m.

At this time the Pledge of Allegiance took place followed by Roll Call of Officials.

Present were Melvin Boyd, Arthur Zerbe & Jerry Long.

Chairman Long welcomed William Cassidy back as Township Solicitor, Carol Martin, Secretary/Treasurer and the other board members. Mike Reinert, Twp Engineer wasn't present at the start of the meeting due to icy road conditions.

#### Community Open Session

Ron Funk – presented a letter to the Board and read it aloud regarding several topics (Attached to minutes as an exhibit).

Larry Horning spoke on many topics and then presented the Board with a copy of several of his talking points. (Attached to minutes as an exhibit)

Jed Kensinger from LNP Media Group made several statements and asked the board questions regarding their intent to interview for Professional Services (i.e. Eng., SEO & Bldg. Code Inspectors).

Cindy Speace wanted to know what the board plans are to fill the vacancy on the NLCA (Northern Lancaster County Authority).

At this time the board was given an opportunity to make comments. Zerbe had no comments. Boyd said that it didn't make him happy that some of the speakers had some valid points. Long stated that the things that were said were very personal in nature, told Larry Horning that he was sorry and glad that he got it off his chest.

A motion was made by Boyd, seconded by Zerbe to accept the December 08, 2015 Board of Supervisors minutes as presented. All in favor, motion approved.

A motion was made by Zerbe and seconded by Boyd to approve the bills as presented. All in favor, motion was approved.

Roadmasters Report – A discussion took place regarding the COG meeting for the joint road applications bidding. A motion was made by Long and seconded by Boyd to include all of the roads previously submitted by the Andy Baum, Roadmaster in the joint bidding and see what unit prices are before deciding exactly which roads we will commit to. All in favor, motion approved.

At this time the board reviewed the items that needed action on Michael Reinert's Engineers report (Mike did not make it to the meeting due to icy road conditions).

A motion was made by Boyd and seconded by Zerbe to authorize a reduction in the Dustin Bowman letter of credit in the amount of \$9,710.50, holding \$971.05 for an 18 month maintenance period for the structural integrity of the stormwater facilities. All in favor, motion approved.

A motion was made by Boyd and seconded by Zerbe to accept the Storm Water Management Agreement and the Memorandum of Understanding for Martin S. Colleran for Storm Water facilities located at 1057 Dry Tavern Road. All in favor, motion approved.

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A motion was made by Boyd and seconded by Zerbe to authorize a release in financial security for Galen Wise Land Development in the amount of \$2,860.00 still holding \$7,040.70 which will serve as the maintenance security for the structural integrity of the Storm Water facility for 18 months. All in favor, motion approved.

A motion was made by Boyd and seconded by Zerbe to accept the Storm Water Management Agreement for Robert Landis for Storm Water facilities located at 1542 Dry Tavern Road. All in favor, motion approved.

A motion was made by Boyd and seconded by Zerbe to accept a financial security in the amount of \$1,000 from Robert Landis for the Storm Water Management Facilities located at 1542 Dry Tavern Road. All in favor, motion approved.

A motion was made by Zerbe and seconded by Boyd to accept the Roadmaster, Engineer, SEO & Zoning reports as presented. All in favor, motion approved.

**PARK & RECREATION** No meeting was held in December.

**OLD BUSINESS** - None

**NEW BUSINESS**

A motion was made by Boyd and seconded Zerbe to accept the delinquent Real Estate Tax list for 2015 in the amount of \$1,147.18 to be forwarded to LC Tax Claim Bureau for collections. All in favor, motion approved.

PenDOT will be doing some bridge work on Muddy Creek Road and is requesting permission to use Township Roads for a detour while the work is being done, this needs approve of the Board of Supervisors. A motion was made by Boyd and seconded by Zerbe to accept Resolution 2016-1, a resolution authorizing the detour and the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Township and the PA Dept. of Transportation. All in favor, motion approved.

Being no further business, meeting was adjourned by a motion made by Boyd and seconded by Zerbe.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Carol L. Martin  
Secretary/Treasurer

presented to BOS.  
Ⓞ mtg 1/12/16.

11 January 2016

To: Supervisors; Brecknock Township Lancaster County

From: Ron Funk; Spokesperson for concerned Brecknock Township Residents

The 4 January Supervisor's Organization Meeting was divisive. In reviewing the video of the meeting we saw that there was no respect or harmony among Supervisors and the actions taken do not make the community a better place to live.

- As residents we expect the Supervisors to have differences of opinion but we also expect them to conduct themselves with respect for each other, for Township Employees, service providers and residents. We expect information on all topics discussed in meetings to be available to the public, all actions fully disclosed and all persons treated equally.
- At the Organization Meeting a list of zoning violations was discussed and appeared to target specific businesses. What is the Township's policy for code enforcement? There was discussion on making the Code Enforcement Officer a Township employee. Please make available the job description for the Code Enforcement Officer and the terms of employment.
- In the best interest of the Township, committee vacancies should be filled by prior appointees who have demonstrated their commitment to the community. There should be strong compelling and documented reasons to disqualify these individuals.
- A Request for Proposal (RFP) should be prepared for the Code Enforcement Officer, Inspector and Engineer and made available on request. To demonstrate that filling these positions is done without prejudice the RFP should be advertised, the selection process and terms of the agreement made public.
- The Road Master was appointed for a six month probationary term. This appointment should include a job description and criteria to evaluate performance. Not providing this information creates an unstable and hostile work environment.

Sincerely,



Ron Funk

Exhibit to  
1/12/16 BOS  
mtg minutes

presented to BOS  
@ mtg 1/12/16

1. Jerry – Monday evening, at the reorganization, you stated that your actions are not personal...but your actions betray your claim.
2. Can you tell me here tonight WHY you did not reappoint me to the Park and Rec Commission?
3. Is it because I ran in the May Primary? Do you understand the purpose of the Primary Election?
4. **Reading from your letter 20 years ago when you ran the last time for the BOS...**
5. Can you explain HOW I am a threat to Mr. Zerbe, as you stated in your email to me? Is there some secret agenda that you and Mr. Zerbe are working on?
6. Your position the last time you were a candidate was that the voters should have a choice. This time you criticize the concept of choice? Jerry, what changed? Your position the last time you were a candidate, and I quote: "I wish we had 5-6 people...getting involved". You offered "character" as one of your qualifications".
7. You criticized the sewer authority. However, you are so unfamiliar with the Authority that you do not know the correct name of the Authority correct? Then you had the arrogance to criticize the work of the Authority by FALSELY stating "we have less service now". Based on what fact? Totally untrue! How dare you insult the good work of the Authority when you know absolutely nothing about the Authority? Do you cherry-pick your facts to serve your personal agenda? You do not have the information needed to have an informed opinion! Is that how you operate?
8. Do you realize that seeking rate relief based on need is impossible to implement? This is a clear and dishonest attempt to pander for votes while plainly miss informing the voters.
9. You falsely stated that Mr Zerbe is the "single reason the township has held the line on taxes" is completely FALSE. In my memory, there has never been a single vote or even a discussion to raise the taxes in my memory. Where did you get this false information? Did you make it up to get elected? Did you deliberately intend to miss lead the community or did someone else write those words for you?
10. Jerry, your alleged quote of Ben Franklin makes a mockery of your integrity: Men most eager to seek leadership positions are the least qualified to serve". Your desperate and negative campaign speaks for itself. Your March 10 email says it all: [You are] trying to anticipate what [you] need to do to win this election. You printed false statements, miss-represented my positions, dis-honored yourself at the Primary election when falsely accusing me of violating election laws, and mocked my wife and son. Even Monday evening you wanted to shake my hand after what you have written and the actions you have taken. When I asked you how I offended you, you told me "no offense, just disappointed". To the community present, I apologize for bringing the matter to a public meeting. But since Jerry's letter was public, I wanted to address this matter in public. Jerry, from this day forward, I will hold no grudge against you. I forgive you, for your offenses against me and my family. I pray God's blessing on you and your family. God bless you all.

Larry Hornung

1/12/16

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