

Brecknock Township  
Board of Supervisors Meeting  
December 12, 2017

The regular meeting of the Brecknock Township Board of Supervisors, Lancaster County that was scheduled for November 14, 2017 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, William Cassidy, Mike Reinert & Carol Martin.

#### Community Open Session

Garth Wise wanted to thank Mel Boyd for his service to the township on both the Board and Northern Lancaster County Authority, stated it was a pleasure serving with him.

Esbenshade Greenhouse – Simple subdivision taking the residence off of the tract of land that the greenhouse is also on. Motion was made by Zerbe and seconded by Boyd to approve waiver request from 95-18.D(2) for road/shoulder widening along Staver Road and Bowmansville Road; partial waiver from 98-28.B(2)(d-e) for showing all existing features within 200 feet of the subject tract; conditional final plan approval contingent on the applicant satisfying all comments outlined in the Township Engineer's review letter dated 11/09/17 and approval of the waiver requests previously noted. All in favor, motion was approved.

Summit Tower Site Stone Hill Road – The plan was given a Land Development waiver with the agreement they would do a Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP) . The SWMP that has been approved was over designed. They are proposing a re-design using a small projects applications, the Brecknock Township Planning Commission and township engineer have both recommended approval by the Board of Supervisors using this approach. Motion was made by Boyd and seconded by Zerbe to grant the approach of re-design and approval by the engineer. All in favor, motion was approved.

A motion to accept the November 14, 2017 Board of Supervisors minutes was made by Boyd and seconded by Zerbe. All in favor, motion was approved.

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

#### REPORTS

##### Items Requiring Board action/approval

The following items within the engineering report require Board action/approval this month:

1. **Robert Zimmerman SWM** – Issued financial security release recommendation letter dated November 20, 2017 in the amount of \$2,375.00.
2. **Andrew Martin SWM** – Issued financial security release recommendation letter dated November 20, 2017 in the amount of \$250.00.
3. **Good Family Farms SWM** – Issued financial security release recommendation letter dated November 16, 2017 in the amount of \$694.60.
4. **Nelson Burkholder SWM** – Issued financial security release recommendation letter dated November 16, 2017 in the amount of \$600.00.

5. **John R. Zimmerman Land Development (Silver Hill Road)** – Issued financial security release request letter dated December 8, 2017 in the amount of \$114,236.25.

A motion was made by Boyd and seconded by Zerbe to accept and approve all of the recommendations noted by the Township Engineer. All in favor, motion approved.

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

#### **PARK & RECREATION – no meeting in December.**

**OLD BUSINESS** - At last month's meeting the board authorized the preparation of a resolution to opt out of a new law that was passed amending the state gambling law which has allowed for the creation of 10 mini-casinos (Category Four licenses). Motion was made by Boyd and seconded by Zerbe to adopt Resolution 2017-8 Prohibiting the location of a category 4 licensed facility within the township. All in favor, motion approved.

At the Planning Commissions 11/27/17 meeting the commission discussed the possible rezoning of 11 tracts of land on Bowmansville Road from Residential Low (RL) to Residential Medium (RM). There are several non-conforming lots in these 11 parcels, including an existing Mobile Home Park which is not permitted in RL but is in RM. The board also reiterated that the consensus of the Planning Commission agreed that the future land use designation for commercial did not seem appropriate for this area and rezoning to Residential Medium was more appropriate. There were no further comments provided from the Planning Commission or public in attendance at the meeting. The Planning Commission recommended that the matter be forwarded along to the Board of Supervisors to continue the formal process as required by Ordinance for rezoning of properties in the Township. Motion was made by Long and seconded by Boyd to forward the proposal to Lancaster County Planning Commission for their review and comment for action at future public meeting by the Board of Supervisors. All in favor, motion approved.

The proposed budget has been advertised for public inspection. Long gave a brief overview of the requirements regarding the millage rate the year following a reassessment. The first resolution before the board would reduce the millage rate to a net neutral from 2017. This would take the 2017 millage rate of 0.269 to 0.212. Motion was made by Long and seconded by Boyd to adopt resolution 2017-9 adjusting the millage rate levied by the township in light of the Lancaster County Reassessment to 0.212. All in favor, motion approved. At the November Board meeting Long announced that as part of the draft proposed 2018 budget would include an approx. 10% increase in Real Estate Taxes for each property owner (\$4.00). The second resolution would increase the millage rate from the 0.212 to 0.233 which is approx. \$4.00 per average property owner. Motion was made by Long and seconded by Zerbe to adopt Resolution 2017-10 fixing the tax rate for the year 2018 to 0.212. Motion was approved by Long and Zerbe, Boyd opposed.

Motion was made by Boyd and seconded by Zerbe to adopt the proposed budget for 2018. All in favor, motion approved.

#### **NEW BUSINESS – none**

A motion was made by Boyd and seconded by Zerbe to adjourn at 7.38 pm. All in favor, motion approved.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Carol L. Martin  
Admin/Secretary/Treasurer