

Brecknock Township  
Board of Supervisors Meeting  
November 12, 2019

The regular meeting of the Brecknock Township Board of Supervisors, Lancaster County that was scheduled for November 12, 2019 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 David Leinbach, Jerry Long & Arthur Zerbe.

Elizabeth Magovern was present as Township Solicitor, Mike Reinert was present as Township Engineer and Carol Martin also noting herself as being present.

Community Open Session - no one wished to speak

GUEST – Karen Krader (John Hoffert PLS, LTD) representing Maple Grove/Beachy Annexation. The 23 acres being annexed off of a 72.187 acre parcel owned by Maple Grove Development Corp in Brecknock Township Berks County, will be added to an existing lot in Brecknock Twp Lancaster which is currently owned by Kervin & Bonita Beachy. After the lot add on the Beachy's lot will be a total of 34.849 acres. There are no improvements proposed at this time. Motion was made by Long and seconded by Zerbe to grant conditional final plan approval contingent on receiving approvals from Brecknock Twp Berks County and satisfying all the conditions of the Technicon letter dated 10/17/19. All in favor, motion was approved.

Mark Jones, Hartech Engineering representing James Martin of B&B Transport. Motion was made by Zerbe and seconded by Leinbach to grant the following waivers, 58-2D(4), 93-14.B(2), 95-18.D(2), 98-19, 98-37, 98-43.G and 98-51. All in favor, motion was approved. Motion was made by Zerbe and seconded by Long to grant Preliminary/Final Conditional Plan approval for B&B Transport contingent on satisfying the township Engineers letter of October 21, 2019. All in favor, motion was approved.

Motion was made by Leinbach and seconded by Long to accept the October 08, 2019 Board of Supervisors meeting minutes as submitted. All in favor, motion was approved.

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

Roadmasters report – Art thanked Andy for the work done at Esbenshade Greenhouse, cutting the weeds back. The meeting continued with discussion of on purchasing two new trucks. A Pickup truck with a service body and a dump truck with an estimated GVW of 39,000 lbs. Andy is recommending the board consider the bid from New Holland Auto Group for the 2020 F350 Reg Cab P/U (\$42,659) and the Reading Body for the P/U (\$17,073) total \$59,732 and then he is recommending the 2020 Freightliner (\$78,160) and the EM Kutz Body (\$65,604) total \$143,764. The pickup will be out 6 – 7 months for delivery and the dump truck would not be delivered till November 2020. Motion was made by Long and seconded by Zerbe to authorize the purchase the Freightliner with the EM Kutz Body for a total of \$143,764 and the Ford P/U and Reading Body for a total of \$ 59,732. All in favor, motion was approved.

**Items Requiring Board action/approval**

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

1. **Maple Grove Park Development Corp/Beachy Lot Add On Plan** –Received memorandum of understanding for action by the Board.

2. **B&B Transport Land Development Plan** – Taken care under the guests.
3. **Maple Ridge** – Issued financial security release recommendation letter dated October 28, 2019 in the amount of \$5,984.99.
4. **Richard & Dorcas Martin SWM** – Issued financial security release recommendation letter dated October 15, 2019 in the amount of \$2,500.00.
5. **Jeffrey & Esther Snader SWM** – Issued financial security recommendation letter dated October 17, 2019 in the amount of \$4,400.00.
6. **CMG Property Management LLC SWM** – Received memorandum of understanding and stormwater management agreement for action by the Board. Issued financial security recommendation letter dated October 23, 2019 in the amount of \$1,815.00.
7. **Summit Tower LLC SWM** – Issued financial security release recommendation letter dated October 15, 2019 in the amount of \$3,352.10.
8. **Brecknock Builders, LLC Land Development** – Issued financial security release recommendation letter dated October 29, 2019 in the amount of \$5,034.30.
9. **Harvey Hollingshead SWM** – Issued financial security recommendation letter dated October 30, 2019 in the amount of \$20,186.63.
10. **488 Staver Road Lot Add On Plan** – Received memorandum of understanding for action by the Board.
11. **Steven Albertson SWM** – Received memorandum of understanding for action by the Board.
12. **Robert Landis SWM** – Received the Storm Water Management Agreement for action by the Board.

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

Liz Magovern explained an amendment to the Land Development agreement for Villages at Hawk Valley. This amendment would grant them an extension to completing the improvements to Crestview Drive until September 19, 2020 and extend all other outstanding items until February 16, 2021 as well as increasing the financial security by 10% (a new total of \$1,617,630.29). The township also made a request to the developer to make repairs to the pipe crossing that they installed along Broadwing Drive. Those have been completed to the satisfaction of the roadmaster. Motion was made by Zerbe and seconded by Leinbach to accept the amendment to the Land Development agreement for the Villages at Hawk Valley as presented by the Solicitor. All in favor, motion was approved.

**PARK & RECREATION** The Park Board would like permission to concrete the steps going from the basketball court to the parking lot, they are currently made of wood. Two quotes were received the low bidder would be Yellow Hill Concrete at a price of \$3,766.27. There was a discussion on whether to consider stamped concrete. The board would like to know how much more it would be to add stamped concrete before taking action. The board is also okay with the Park Board checking into what it would cost and take to move the Brick Oven from Bowmansville Park to the Brubaker Farm House.

**OLD BUSINESS** – Act 537 Plan/Special Study – no new update at this time still working on it.

**NEW BUSINESS** - A group of citizens of Brecknock have made a request that the board consider changing the Zoning regulations for campgrounds. After discussion the Board would like those individuals to attend a Planning Commission meeting and give them their rationale on why they are requesting these changes.

Motion was made by Leinbach and seconded by Zerbe to support Resolution 2019-14 A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE LANCASTER COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE AND REQUEST TO THE LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO CONTINUE THIS VITAL COUNTY INITIATIVE IN 2020 AND BEYOND BY FULLY FUNDING THE PROGRAM IN A SUSTAINABLE MANNER. All in favor, motion was approved.

Motion was made by Zerbe and seconded by Leinbach to approve the Reams' Disposal Salvage License renewal for 2020. All in favor, motion was approved.

Proposed 2020 Budget summary:

Through 2019 marks the fourth consecutive year that the Township staff has kept the expenses within revenue. Some unexpected storm related repairs did force some non-critical projects to be delayed until future funding is available. Our goal remains to keep expenses within our revenue. A lot of the steel galvanized piping that was installed in the 70's and 80's is now rusted thru at the water level and need to be replaced. Maintaining our roads for safe travel for both motorized and non-motorized travel is requiring increased funding and remains one of our top priorities. Some big expense projects like the Good Road Pipe Replacement have been included in 2020 budget as summarized below.

- Expenses are projected 9.7% higher in 2020
  - Includes an additional \$109,000 for Storm piping and drainage, including \$70,000 for the Good Road Pipe replacement.
  - An additional \$97,000 for highway repairs including the Beam Road reclamation.
  - A 28% increase for winter maintenance costs.
- Increased Revenue to cover additional expenses are:
  - \$91,000 by increasing township real estate taxes. An average of \$30.00 per property parcel.
  - Expected increase in Earned Income Taxes of \$77,000.
- Some road projects and replacing the Township garage roof have been delayed until future funding is available.
- Silver Hill Rd and Fivepointville Road remain expensive future projects.
- Not only does the Township have a high mileage of roads to maintain, a lot of storm water piping that was placed within the developments have become the responsibility of the Township to maintain and we are starting to see failures that will need to be replaced.

A proposed increase in tax millage of .15 mil about \$30 per property will generate an additional \$91,000 for 2020.

Motion was made by Zerbe and seconded by Leinbach to authorize the advertisement of the proposed budget for public inspection for the required 20 days prior to the Board taking action at the December 10, 2019 Board meeting. All in favor, motion was approved

Arthur asked about the Bowmansville Roller Mill and why it's not open the required amount of times per year and why it's not advertised so residents know it's going to be open. He also asked Mr. Spence if he films each board meeting to intimidate the board.

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A motion was made by Leinbach to adjourn at 8:15 pm Zerbe seconded. All in favor, motion approved.

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