

**Liberty Township Board of Supervisors
39 Topper Road
Fairfield, PA 17320**

January 7, 2019 Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes

The Board of Supervisors of Liberty Township, of Adams County, met Monday, January 7, 2019 directly following the Reorganization Meeting.

Present: Chairman John Bostek, Vice Chairman Bob Jackson, Supervisor Walter Barlow, Solicitor John Lisko, Roadmaster Brian Arentz, and Secretary Wendy Peck.

At 7:47 PM Mr. Bostek called the regular meeting to order and opened the meeting to public comments.

Public Comments

- **Agatha Foscatto 45 Oak Grove Dr** encouraged the Supervisors to maintain the Liberty Township Police Department and not contract with another municipality. She referred to recent negative news article coverage and alleged comments made by Carroll Valley Borough representatives.
- **Cindy Arentz 1734 Tract Rd** stated her support for Mrs. Foscatto's comment and asked that the Supervisors hire a new Chief of Police that resides within the township. She also referred to recent negative news article coverage.
- **Mr. Bostek** referred to the news coverage and clarified that the comments were made by council members and not the Carroll Valley Police Department staff.

Supervisor Comments

Mr. Jackson commented that he recently attended a Carroll Valley Borough special meeting to discuss providing a Police coverage proposal to Liberty Township. He stated that the meeting opened with a motion to not provide a proposal for police coverage which was defeated. Mr. Jackson reported that after much discussion, the council voted in approval to provide a proposal to Liberty Township. A proposal was provided to Liberty Township and the Carroll Valley Borough Representatives could be invited to an open discussion with Liberty Township at a public meeting in February. He went on to state that the Board is still considering applicants and that four applicants were scheduled to be interviewed in January. Mr. Jackson concluded that the issue of police coverage may be resolved by March.

Mr. Barlow had no comments.

Mr. Bostek reported that an Executive Session was held on January 2 with Special Counsel Zach Mills regarding the Treasurer bond claim. Mr. Bostek commented that for the past few years he has been meeting in Gettysburg for planned bike paths in the area. He stated that a public meeting will be held in the future. **Agatha Foscatto** asked if the bike path would be on the road or beside the road. Mr. Bostek replied that the group is proposing a separate path for bikes.

Minutes: Mr. Barlow moved to accept the minutes of the December 4 BOS meeting and Zoning Hearing. Mr. Jackson seconded the motion. All voted yes, and the motion passed. Mr. Barlow moved to accept the minutes of the December 18 Workshop Meeting. Mr. Jackson seconded the motion. All voted yes, and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Ms. Peck read the Treasurer's Report.

12/31/2018	ACNB Gen Oper & Payroll Fund	ACNB Capital Reserve Fund	PLGIT Gen Reserve Fund	Fire Tax Fund	Highway Aid Fund	Escrow Fund
Beginning Balance	127,320.41	96,568.84	100,250.24	37,585.41	78,292.75	6,502.17
Nov Interest	10.05	18.16	163.13	0.00	131.75	0.00
Dec Interest	10.96	16.41	177.49	0.00	138.46	0.00
Checks & Payments	-21,179.70	0.00	0.00	-41,580.00	-542.34	-1,933.50
Deposits & Credits	21,662.10	0.00	0.00	3,995.56	0.00	0.00
Ending Balance	127,823.82	96,603.41	100,590.86	0.97	78,020.62	4,568.67

Mr. Jackson moved for acceptance of the December Treasurer's Report. Mr. Barlow seconded the motion. All voted yes, and the motion passed.

Expenses: Mr. Barlow moved for acceptance of the 12/19/18-01/07/19 expenses. Mr. Jackson seconded the motion. All voted yes, and the motion passed. Mr. Jackson made a motion for approval of the 12/23/18-01/05/19 payroll. Mr. Barlow seconded the motion. All voted yes, and the motion passed.

Police Officer's Report – No report was given.

Zoning Officer's Report – Mr. Bostek reported that one land use permit for a new home on Girl Scout Road was issued in December 2018 with \$475 permit fees collected.

Roadmaster Report – Mr. Arentz reported on the month's activities in the Road Department which included driving 806 miles, using 87 gallons of on-road fuel, and 42 gallons of off-road fuel. He announced that he had several appointments lined up for next week including an appointment with U.S. Municipal the morning of January 15 to discuss a proposal for a new dump truck. A meeting with PennDOT is scheduled for 10 AM on January 16 to discuss outstanding issues with Orchard Road. He went on to state that he fixed several run-over signs, cut brush, performed truck maintenance, replaced seals in spreader, cut and filled road shoulders, cold patched and opened ditches and pipes.

Planning Commission Report: Planning Commission Secretary Barb Ruppert reported that the Planning Commission met on December 18. The Commission decided to wait for Mr. Lisko's revisions for proposed zoning ordinance amendment to Section 303.4 (detached garages and small structures) before continuing discussions. Under New Business the Commission voted to request that new plans be submitted before a final review is given for Middle Creek Bible (25D16-0007---000)/Braun (25D16-0037---000) November 13, 2018 Subdivision and Lot Addition Plan Submission. The Commission voted to grant the Middle Creek Bible (25D16-0007---000)/Braun (25D16-0037---000) Request for Planning Waiver & Non-Building Declaration. They continue to review the SALDO and Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Bostek noted that Nancy Wenschhof was not in attendance and announced the Board's intention to present her with a certificate recognizing her 43 plus years of service to the township.

Elected Auditors Report: No report was given. The Elected Auditors will hold their annual meeting on Tuesday, January 8 at 7:30 PM.

Old Business

The Treasurer Bond Claim Status: Mr. Lisko reported that the township is currently negotiating with Traveler's Insurance on a settlement amount and that Cincinnati bond company has requested additional documents.

New Business

- **Mr. Barlow made a motion for the Solicitor to take no action** opposing the distribution of the proceeds from the Judicial Sale in the December 5, 2018 notices. Mr. Jackson seconded the motion. All voted yes, and the motion passed.
- **Mr. Barlow made a motion for the Solicitor to take no action** opposing the distribution of the proceeds from the Tax Upset sale in the December 5, 2018 notices. Mr. Jackson seconded the motion. All voted yes, and the motion passed.
- **Mr. Jackson made a motion to approve Middle Creek Bible (25D16-0007---000)/Braun (25D16-0037---000) Request for Planning Waiver & Non-Building Declaration.** Mr. Barlow seconded the motion. All voted yes, and the motion passed.
- **Mr. Jackson made a motion to Request Updated Plans Addressing All Adams County Planning Commission and Liberty Township Engineer Comments for Middle Creek Bible (25D16-0007---000)/Braun (25D16-0037---000) Subdivision/Lot Addition Plan and to advise them how to request an extension or restart the plan application process.** Mr. Barlow seconded the motion. All voted yes, and the motion passed.
- **Mr. Bostek made a motion to Set Mileage Rate** for Township mileage reimbursement same as Federal Rate 58 cents per mile for 2019 with the option to reconsider the rate if the Federal Rate changes during 2019. Mr. Barlow seconded the motion. All voted yes, and the motion passed.
- **Mr. Bostek made a motion to adopt Resolution 2109-01 Eliminating Employee Contributions to The Police Pension Plan For 2019.** Mr. Jackson seconded the motion. All voted yes, and the motion passed.
- **The Board was asked to consider appointing representatives to various agencies for 2019.**
 - Mr. Bostek made a motion to appoint Mr. Bostek as first representative and Mr. Jackson as second to the York Adams Tax Bureau. Mr. Barlow seconded the motion. All voted yes, and the motion passed. Mr. Bostek made a motion to appoint Mr.

Jackson as first representative and Mr. Bostek as second to the Adams County Tax Committee. Mr. Jackson seconded the motion. All voted yes, and the motion passed.

- Mr. Bostek made a motion to appoint Mr. Jackson as first representative and Mr. Barlow as second to the Adams County Council of Governments. Mr. Barlow seconded the motion. All voted yes, and the motion passed.
 - Mr. Bostek made a motion to appoint Mr. Jackson as first representative and Mr. Barlow as second to the Adams County Council of Governments Legislative Committee. Mr. Barlow seconded the motion. All voted yes, and the motion passed.
 - Mr. Bostek made a motion to appoint Mr. Jackson as first representative and Mr. Bostek as second to the Adams County Borough Association. Mr. Barlow seconded the motion. All voted yes, and the motion passed.
 - Mr. Bostek made a motion to appoint Mr. Jackson as first representative and Mr. Barlow as second to the Fairfield Regional Emergency Association. Mr. Barlow seconded the motion. All voted yes, and the motion passed.
 - Mr. Bostek made a motion to appoint Mr. Barlow as first representative and Mr. Jackson as second to the Fairfield Fire Department. Mr. Barlow seconded the motion. All voted yes, and the motion passed.
 - Mr. Bostek made a motion to appoint Mr. Bostek as first representative and Mr. Barlow as second to the Emmitsburg Fire Department. Mr. Barlow seconded the motion. All voted yes, and the motion passed.
 - Mr. Bostek made a motion to appoint Mr. Bostek as first representative and Mr. Barlow as second to the Fountaindale Fire Department. Mr. Barlow seconded the motion. All voted yes, and the motion passed.
 - Mr. Bostek made a motion to accept Ms. Peck's second year as appointed Treasurer for Adams County Association of Township Officials. Mr. Jackson seconded the motion. All voted yes, and the motion passed.
 - Mr. Bostek made a motion to appoint Mr. Barlow to attend the PSATS annual conference in 2019. Mr. Jackson seconded the motion. All voted yes, and the motion passed.
- **Mr. Bostek made a motion to transfer \$50,000 from the ACNB General Operating Fund to the PLGIT General Reserve Fund.** Mr. Barlow seconded the motion. All voted yes, and the motion passed.
 - **Mr. Jackson made a motion to approve Chairman Bostek to sign the Memo Of Understanding with Solicitor Lisko.** Mr. Barlow seconded the motion. All voted yes, and the motion passed.
 - **Mr. Jackson made a motion to approve Chairman Bostek to sign the Memo Of Understanding with Special Counsel Mills.** Mr. Barlow seconded the motion. All voted yes, and the motion passed.
 - **Mr. Barlow made a motion to approve Chairman Bostek to sign the Memo Of Understanding with PA Municipal Code Alliance.** Mr. Jackson seconded the motion. All voted yes, and the motion passed.

At 8:34 PM, Mr. Bostek made a motion to recess to Executive Session to discuss a recent Zoning Hearing Board application. Mr. Jackson seconded the motion. All voted yes, and the motion passed.

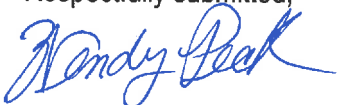
At 8:52 PM, the regular meeting resumed.

Mr. Bostek made a motion to issue Blue Ridge Sportsman's Club a refund for their Zoning Hearing Board application and upon the advice of the Solicitor issue a zoning permit for their sign. Mr. Barlow seconded the motion. All voted yes, and the motion passed.

The Solicitor suggested that the Planning Commission look at the Zoning Ordinance Article 3, Section 313.8 Prohibited Signs and suggest a revision to permit these types of signs in certain zones. The Board agreed with this suggestion.

At 8:55 PM, Mr. Bostek made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Barlow seconded the motion. All voted yes, and the motion passed. The next public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 22, at 11 AM at the Township Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,



By Wendy Peck, Secretary/Treasurer