

BRIDGETON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
Minutes of August 12, 2020 Regular Monthly Meeting

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the regular meeting of the Bridgeton Township Board of Supervisors, was held remotely via zoom, on August 12, 2020, as advertised, at the Township Building, 1370 Bridgeton Hill Road, Upper Black Eddy, Pennsylvania. Present were Supervisors Gard Holby, Roger Keller. Also present was Secretary / Treasurer Colleen Pursell and Solicitor David Shafkowitz. Supervisor Michael Lynch was absent. The advertisement of the meeting being held remotely was posted at the municipal building, website and social media. An Executive Session was held prior to the meeting to discuss personnel.

Supervisor Holby called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon motion by Supervisor Keller and seconded by Supervisor Holby, which carried 2-0, the minutes from the July 8, 2020 regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was approved.

BILLS/PAYROLL: Upon motion by Supervisor Keller, seconded by Supervisor Holby which carried 2-0, the bills and payroll in the amount of \$25,942.72 from July 2020 was approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Upon motion by Supervisor Keller, seconded by Supervisor Holby, which carried 2-0, the Treasurer's report from July 2020 was approved. Secretary / Treasurer Pursell advised that the bills include the final payment for the generator installed at the municipal building.

REPORTS:

1. Fire Company – No report.
2. Open Space – Supervisor Keller advised that Jim Engle of Tinicum Conservancy reached out to him to discuss connecting Ringing Rocks Park to the Bridgeton Park.
3. Solicitor – Solicitor Shafkowitz advised that we have advertised for an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement, Ordinance 2020-3, with Springfield Township

The following documents were marked as Exhibits by Solicitor Shafkowitz:

- B-1: Copy of the Proposed Ordinance;
- B-2: Copy of the Legal Notice;
- B-3: Proof of Publication; (it should be noted that the Zoom Meeting credentials were advertised)

The hearing for consideration of the adoption of the Ordinance was opened by the Solicitor. The Solicitor then proceeded to provide the Board with an overview of the proposed Ordinance which would provide for the sharing of road maintenance equipment and services between Bridgeton Township and Springfield Township. The hearing was opened to the public. Township Resident, Ken Law, inquired as to how the agreement would be used. Supervisor Keller advised that all requests for shared services would still go through the Board of Supervisors. Township Resident, CC Hopf, asked if the Board will be obtaining agreements with other municipalities. Supervisor Holby advised that the agreement will only be with Springfield Township at this time.

Being no further public comments, upon motion by Supervisor Holby, seconded by Supervisor Keller, which carried 2-0, the hearing on the proposed Ordinance was closed. Upon motion by Supervisor Holby, seconded by Supervisor Keller, which carried 2-0, the Board adopted Ordinance 2020-3, An Ordinance of Bridgeton Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Authorizing the Township to Enter into an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with Springfield Township.

4. Planning Commission – CC Hopf advised that they continue to meet via Zoom which has been going well. Additionally, the Commission continues to work on the Comprehensive Plan.
5. Secretary / Treasurer – The generator at the municipal building is up and running.
6. B/N/T Groundwater Committee – No report.

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7. Roadmaster – Asphalt Maintenance Solutions completed the road work on Ringing Rocks Road and Birch Road.

8. Zoning – Report has been received and is on file.

9. Emergency Management – No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. A discussion was held regarding the status of the municipal building being closed due to COVID-19. The Board unanimously agreed to keep the building closed at this time and reassess next month.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Supervisor Keller advised that he met with the Appalachian Mountain Trail regarding their proposed crossing on River Road. He was advised that the current proposal was denied by PennDOT. They will continue to work on this.

2. Secretary/Treasurer Pursell advised that on January 6, 2020 the Board adopted Resolution 2020-2 declaring its intent to follow the schedules and procedures for the disposition of records set forth in the Municipal Records Manual approved December 6, 2008. It was requested that the Board approve the destruction of records in accordance with this resolution.

Upon motion by Supervisor Holby, seconded by Supervisor Keller, which carried 2-0, the Board adopted Resolution 2020-3, authorizing the destruction of public records as listed on the resolution.

3. Bridgeton Township Zoning Officer, Jim Kopchak, requested that the Board consider an ordinance amendment of fines and fees for property maintenance.

Upon motion by Supervisor Holby, seconded by Supervisor Keller, which carried 2-0, the Board authorizes the Solicitor to advertise for an ordinance amendment of fines and fees for consideration at the September 2020 meeting.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ken Law, Township Resident, stated that he has seen an increase of aggressive driving throughout the Township. A discussion was held regarding enforcement.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon a motion by Supervisor Keller, seconded by Supervisor Holby, which carried 2-0, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen M. Pursell
Secretary/Treasurer