

Butler Township Board of Supervisors

May 13, 2024

Meeting Minutes

Chairman Wilkinson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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Present: Ed Wilkinson (Chairman), Dominic Englebert (Vice-Chair), Victor Woerner (Supervisor), Danielle Helwig (Secretary), Jon Holmes (Engineer), & Todd King (Solicitor)

1. Regular Business

Consent Agenda: **A motion was made by Englebert to approve the consent agenda below.**

Motion carried 3-0

- a. April Minutes
- b. Zoning Meeting Minutes
- c. April Payroll
- d. Bills from April 9 through May 13, 2024
- e. Financial Statement through May 13, 2024

2. Appearances: Steve Moles was present and thanked the Township Officials for all they do. Mr. Moles discussed the bank in front of his house. (high grass, leaning utility pole, low wires)

3. Roadmaster Report: Corey Hoch mentioned that the bank near Mr. Moles is eroding. They are waiting on quotes to get pipes flushed. Supervisors Woerner asked whose responsibility to fill pot holes near railroad tracks. Mr. Hoch commented that the township will fill them in.

4. Business:

A. Ballfield:

1. A motion was made by Englebert to hire Larry J Peters Jr. as auctioneer for the ball field sale. Motion carried 3-0
2. A motion was made by Englebert to set the reserve at \$25,000.00. Motion carried 3-0
3. A motion was made in the form of a Resolution to hire Larry J Peters Jr. as auctioneer for the ballfield sale. Motion carried 3-0

B. Township Building Updates:

Kelly O'Conner (GMS Funding Solutions) provided an update on their activities towards the grant funding for the township building. The memorandum is attached to these minutes.

Solicitor King will review the previous RFPs for bank funding to cover the cost until the grants are disbursed.

C. Shop Phone

The phone at the Maintenance Shed is not working properly. Mr. Hoch prefers to use his cell phone. The CenturyLink phone line will be cancelled.

D. Bids

1. A motion was made by Woerner to award Aero Oil the Fuel bid at \$2.959 Fixed rate. Motion carried 3-0
2. A motion was made by Wilkinson to award New Enterprise the Aggregate (Stone) bids for # 8, #2A, 2RC and Anit Skid. Motion carried 3-0

3. A motion was made by Woerner to award Russell Standard the bid for Emulsions. Motion carried 3-0
2024 Bid result sheet will be attached to these minutes.

E. Concerns:

1. Old Mill Table Rock:

A motion was made by Englebert to send Mr. Guise a letter regarding the condition of this property. Motion carried 3-0

The township has received a complaint regarding the condition of the property about the number of old and unused items sitting and how messy the property looks.

2. Old Mill Center Mills: Nothing to report

F. Zoning Amendments

1. Convenience Stores: Arendtsville is requesting a text amendment to allow convenience stores in the VC (village core) district. The Butler Township Planning Commission has recommended this amendment. The Butler Township Supervisors are in agreement to move forward with this change.

2. Solar: Butler Township Supervisors discussed moving the solar farms from the AP (Ag Preservation) district to the LC (Land Conservancy) district. Sherri Clayton-Williams and Jenna Smith from the ACOPD to offer their assistance with our zoning amendments. They can provide an analysis on the feasibility of this change. Secretary Helwig will initiate a letter requesting ACOPD assist the Township with the amendments and to request the analysis of the zoning district changes for the solar farms. Other comments were made on solar: Soils testing, water contamination, decommissioning, recycling of panels etc. The Bushey's have created a spread sheet comparison of a few local Solar Ordinances. Wilkinson suggests that Solicitor King draft a document with the most restrictive items using the spreadsheet. Others are in agreement.

5 Reports

- NAREMA: No Report
- Engineer, Jon Holmes
 - a. 89 University Dr: 2 Evergreens are dead. It is suggested they replace the 2 trees. Holmes will determine an amount for a cash escrow and escrow agreement and the bond can be released. They can continue the bond if they choose.
 - b. Kennies: Parking Island is in, trees are planted. No Bond, enforceable under zoning.
 - c. SALDO: Solicitor's office has cleaned up all the tract edits. Jon has reviewed. Discussion with the Planning Commission was to change the submission requirements for plans from 10 days to 30 days.
- Solicitor, Todd King: No Report

6 Public Comment: None

7 Announcements: None

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Helwig

