

TOWNSHIP OF STROUD
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING, February 15, 2022 7:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the Stroud Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairwoman & Secretary, Christine A. Wilkins at 7:00 P.M. and was conducted for an in-person meeting of the Board. Also attending were Vice Chairwoman & Ass't Secretary, Jennifer Shukaitis; Supervisor/Ass't Treasurer Edward C. Cramer; Township Manager, Daryl A. Eppley; Township Solicitor, Todd Weitzmann; Township Engineer, Donna Alker; and Recording Secretary, Janice Willey. Mrs. Wilkins began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments: (Non-Agenda Items). There were none.

Approve Regular Meeting Minutes: February 1, 2022. Ms. Shukaitis made a motion to **Approve Regular Meeting Minutes: February 1, 2022.** Mr. Cramer seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 3-0.

Approve Public Hearing Minutes: February 3, 2022 (Eagle Valley Self Storage). Mr. Cramer made a motion to **Approve Public Hearing Minutes: February 3, 2022 (Eagle Valley Self Storage).** Ms. Shukaitis seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 3-0.

Approve Payment Of Bills: General Fund: \$119,359.36. Ms. Shukaitis made a motion to **Approve Payment Of Bills: General Fund: \$119,359.36.** Mr. Cramer seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 3-0.

Approve Payment Of Bills: Golf Course Fund: \$4,128.22. Mr. Cramer made a motion to **Approve Payment Of Bills: Golf Course Fund: \$4,128.22.** Ms. Shukaitis seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 3-0.

Treasurer's Report: Month of January, 2022. Mr. Eppley read the report aloud. Ms. Shukaitis made a motion to **accept Treasurer's Report: Month of January, 2022.** Mr. Cramer seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 3-0.

Manager's Report: Mr. Eppley reported the new temporary bridge for the Mervine Road replacement project has been installed and will be opened for use when the existing bridge is dismantled in April. He met with PennDOT's bridge inspection representative who had a few maintenance recommendations for Lessig Lane and Crossdale Road bridges. A pre-bid meeting was held last week for contractors on the Miller Street curb and sidewalk replacement project. Bids are to be submitted through the PennBid program by 3:00 P.M. on February 22. The project bids will be on our March 1 agenda for discussion and possible award. The HSPS Comprehensive Plan Update and recorded presentation has been received by task force members. Virtual meetings to discuss draft are scheduled for tomorrow and Thursday. Municipal planning commissions are to review, revise and recommend adoption at their respective March meetings. He is working with our American Rescue Plan funding consultant to apply the Final Rules from U.S. Treasury and to make our first report by April 30.

Public Works Dept. Report: Mr. Eppley read from Douglas Walker's report. The Road Crew has been working on the following projects; their main focus during the winter season is snow and ice on the roads. They are keeping up with the maintenance of the Ice Rink. Also, cutting canopies back on Metzgar Road, Hallet Road, Shady Tree Drive and Brookfield Lane. For the 2021/2022 Season - 150 trees have been collected and delivered to the Nature Preserve from our Christmas Tree Recycling Program. Nelson Estepan, a new employee now has a Class A CDL license. Since being hired in July he has worked with other road crew employees to prepare. He passed his test last week. And as always we are working hard on the "Request for Action" forms as they come in.

Police Report: Officer Palmer was representing the police department. He gave a brief breakdown of the monthly report and said if there are any questions feel free contact him.

Solicitor's Report: Mr. Weitzmann reported he had filed a brief on the Dawn Welsh zoning appeal regarding chickens in a residential district and is waiting on Judge Williamson to schedule argument or make a decision. The rest of his comments are for executive session.

Engineers' Reports: Mrs. Alker reported she attended the January 19th MS4 roundtable meeting, it was not well attended. It was basic stormwater information. Act 167 update, she received a draft copy of their plan, made comments and forwarded it to the Supervisors. The Monroe County Conservation District is looking for comments by March 1' 2022. Regarding Act 537 Sewage Planning, she spoke with Chris McDermott for updates. Mr. McDermott was attending the meeting and gave his updated findings for the Inflow & Infiltration study. Mr. Cramer asked if this will be presented to BCRA, Mr. McDermott said he will do so.

Fire Department Report: Patrick Bull gave a brief summary from his report and there was a discussion on radio upgrades and Penn Estates' hydrant issues. Mrs. Wilkins said there is an item on the agenda regarding the radios.

Old Business:

1. **Lowe's Land Development Plan – Planning Commission Recommendation – Action Deadline: 3/15/22.** Todd Simmons attended the meeting representing Lowe's. There was a discussion on the changes that were made from previous plans. Mr. Cramer made a motion to **approve modifications to Lowe's Land Development Plan, modifications from Township Engineer's letter under item 1 A-J.** Ms. Shukaitis seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 3-0. Mr. Cramer made a motion to **approve Lowe's Land Development Plan.** Ms. Shukaitis seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 3-0.
2. **Buccino Petition For Zoning Map Amendment Changing 1444 & 1450 N. Ninth Street From C-4 To C-2; Draft Ordinance No. 2 – 2022 Referred To Twp. & County Planning Commissions; Hearing Scheduled For March 22, 2022 At 7 PM.** No Action taken.
3. **ETK Ventures Minor Subdivision, 1856 W. Main Street – Revised Plan Referred Back To Twp. Planning Commission; Action Deadline: 6/15/2022.** Mr. Cramer made a motion to **table as per applicant's request.** Ms. Shukaitis seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 3-0.

New Business:

1. **Authorize Sending Support Letter To Monroe County Commissioners For Funding P25 Radio Equipment Conceptually As Follows: One-Third Home Municipality, One-Third County, One-Third Fire Department.** Ms. Shukaitis made a motion to **authorize Sending Support Letter To Monroe County Commissioners For Funding P25 Radio Equipment Conceptually As Follows: One-Third Home Municipality, One-Third County, One-Third Fire Department.** Mr. Cramer seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 3-0.
2. **Open Spring Clean-up Bids.** Mr. Weitzmann opened and read the 4 bids received aloud. Mr. Cramer made a motion to **table Spring Clean-up Bids for review by township Solicitor and Manager until the next meeting on 3/1/2022 at 7:00 P.M.** Ms. Shukaitis seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 3-0.
3. **Accept Township Planning Commission's 2021 Annual Report.** Ms. Shukaitis made a motion to **accept Township Planning Commission's 2021 Annual Report.** Mr. Cramer seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 3-0.
4. **Adopt Resolution No. 2022-32 Regarding 2022 Regulations And Fee Schedules For Gaunt Road.** Mr. Cramer made a motion to **adopt Resolution No. 2022-32 Regarding 2022 Regulations And Fee Schedules For Gaunt Road.** Ms. Shukaitis seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 3-0.
5. **Approve Purchase Of 2022 Caterpillar 259D3 Compact Track Loader At A Price Of \$59,800.00 Under CoStars State Contract Less Trade-In Of 2006 CAT 248B HF Loader (\$5,500) For A Net Price Of \$54,300.00 Under 2020 DEP 902 Grant Agreement; Budget Line Item #426.740.** Ms. Shukaitis made a motion to **approve Purchase Of 2022 Caterpillar 259D3 Compact Track Loader At A Price Of \$59,800.00 Under CoStars State Contract Less Trade-In Of 2006 CAT 248B HF Loader (\$5,500) For A Net Price Of \$54,300.00 Under 2020 DEP 902 Grant Agreement; Budget Line Item #426.740.** Mr. Cramer seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 3-0.
6. **Approve Purchase Of 2022 John Deere 410L Backhoe At A Price Of \$126,027.00 Under CoStars State Contract Less Trade-In Of 2008 CAT 430E Backhoe (\$50,000) Or 2004 JD 410G Backhoe (\$33,000) Under 2020 DEP 902 Grant Agreement Subject To DEP Approval If Required; Budget Line Item #426.740.** Mr. Cramer made a motion to **approve Purchase Of 2022 John Deere 410L Backhoe At A Price Of \$126,027.00 Under CoStars State Contract Less Trade-In Of 2008 CAT 430E Backhoe (\$50,000) Or 2004 JD 410G Backhoe (\$33,000) Under 2020 DEP 902 Grant Agreement Subject To DEP Approval If Required; Budget Line Item #426.740.** Ms. Shukaitis seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 3-0.
7. **Approve BCRA Detour Plan On Township Roads During Construction Of Waterline Improvements On Stokes Mill Road.** Ms. Shukaitis made a motion to **approve BCRA Detour Plan On Township Roads During Construction Of Waterline Improvements On Stokes Mill Road. Also, have Township Manager ask if there are any alternate routes and flagging options for one lane.** Mr. Cramer seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 3-0.
8. **Approve Proposal By Colliers Engineering & Design (Formerly Maser Consulting) In The Estimated Amount Of \$16,000.00 For Additional Engineering Services (Geotechnical; Construction Quality**

Assurance) Related To Construction Of Mervine Road Bridge Replacement; Budget Line Item #438.453. Mr. Cramer made a motion to **approve Proposal By Colliers Engineering & Design (Formerly Maser Consulting) In The Estimated Amount Of \$16,000.00 For Additional Engineering Services (Geotechnical; Construction Quality Assurance) Related To Construction Of Mervine Road Bridge Replacement; Budget Line Item #438.453.** Ms. Shukaitis seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 3-0.

9. **Approve Donation Of Compost Remaining From 2020 Leaf Collection To Pocono Organics For Use At Their Organic Farm; Hauling Costs To Be Borne By Pocono Organics.** Ms. Shukaitis made a motion to **approve Donation Of Compost Remaining From 2020 Leaf Collection To Pocono Organics For Use At Their Organic Farm; Hauling Costs To Be Borne By Pocono Organics.** Mr. Cramer seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 3-0.

Executive Session: Mr. Cramer made a motion to **go into executive session at 7:49 P.M. to discuss litigation, real property, personnel and security matters.** Ms. Shukaitis seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 3-0. Mr. Cramer made a motion to **return to regular session at 8:33 P.M.** Ms. Shukaitis seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 3-0. Mrs. Wilkins said that the Board discussed personnel and litigation matters in executive session and she asked if there were any motions. Ms. Shukaitis made a motion to **increase the rate of pay for Nelson Estepan, Road Crew employee to \$19.00/hour starting 2/21/2022, due to him obtaining a CDL Class A license.** Mr. Cramer seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 3-0.

There being no further business, Ms. Shukaitis made a motion to **adjourn the meeting at 8:34 P.M.** Mr. Cramer seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janice Willey
Administrative and Recording Secretary