

**TOWNSHIP OF STROUD**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING, February 16, 2021, 7:10 P.M.**

The Regular Meeting of the Stroud Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairwoman & Secretary, Christine A. Wilkins at 7:10 P.M. and was conducted remotely by internet utilizing Zoom.us. Also attending were Vice Chairwoman & Ass't Secretary, Jennifer Shukaitis; Supervisor/Ass't Treasurer Edward C. Cramer; Township Manager, Daryl A. Eppley; Township Engineer, Donna Alker; Township Solicitor, Todd Weitzmann; and Recording Secretary, Janice Willey. (On February 12, a public notice was posted on Township website and Facebook page inviting remote public participation by email, phone and/or Zoom.us.)

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

**Approve Regular Meeting Minutes: February 2, 2021.** Ms. Shukaitis moved to **approve Regular Meeting Minutes: February 2, 2021.** Mr. Cramer seconded. All voted aye, motion carried 3-0.

**Approve Payment Of Bills: General Fund: \$97,694.16.** Mr. Cramer moved to **approve Payment Of Bills: General Fund: \$97,694.16.** Ms. Shukaitis seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 3-0.

**Approve Payment Of Bills: Golf Course Fund: \$2,058.76.** Ms. Shukaitis moved to **approve Payment Of Bills: Golf Course Fund: \$2,058.76.** Mr. Cramer seconded. All voted aye, motion carried 3-0.

**Treasurer's Report: Month of January, 2021.** Mr Eppley read the Treasurer's Report aloud. Ms. Shukaitis moved to **approve the Treasurer's Report: Month of January, 2021.** Mr. Cramer seconded. All voted aye, motion carried 3-0.

**Manager's Report:** Mr. Eppley reported Chris McDermott, Township Engineer is working on the subdivision plan for the former Shulman property with sight distance at Hickory Valley Road. PennDOT has approved the type size and location submission for the Mervine Road Bridge replacement project. RKR Hess is working with MetEd on utility pole relocations and structural adequacy approval from PennDOT before bidding can proceed, however bid specs are in progress. He has been in contact with property owners along West Main Street, where the township is looking to re-zone. There is some interest in expanding that location closer to the township/borough line eastward. Our 2020 Liquid Fuels report has been approved by PennDOT. Salt deliveries have been made and we are well stocked and ready.

**Public Works Dept. Report:** Mr. Eppley read Mr. Walker's report. The Road Crew has been working on completing the Glenn Brook suites project. Their main focus has been snow. They have been out plowing, salting and cleaning up, also, keeping the pump stations clear. As always, working hard on the "Request for Action" forms as they come in.

**Police Report:** Officer Raymond reported there were 783 calls for the month of January and gave a breakdown of each from the Police Report that was distributed earlier. He asked if there were any questions and if we needed him to feel free to call him.

**Solicitor's Report:** Nothing to report outside of Executive Session.

**Engineer's Report:** Mrs. Alker reported she was working on MS4 and needs some feedback from the supervisors on some questions she has before the workshop on 2/18/2021. She is meeting with the Planning Commission on Monday 2/22/2021 to continue working on some zoning ordinance amendments. She did amend the draft geothermal ordinance and sent that over for the boards review, along with a draft official map. She will get together with Mr. Eppley and discuss this further. She is still working on the Stream Stabilization Project and the Route 447/Brushy Mountain Road Project.

**Fire Department Report:** Mr. Swope reported to Mr. Eppley via email, the department is still working with their attorney regarding the bankruptcy by Stroud Mall. Good news to report they did receive \$154,000.00 of the expected \$170,000.00 from what was owed to them. Also, some of the members have already started getting their vaccines.

**Old Business:**

1. **Acknowledge Cross Easement Agreement Between DEPG Stroud Associates, L.P., Bartonsville Plaza Condominium Association, And OM SAI Bartonsville, LLC – Request to table by Attorney Marc Wolfe/DEPG until 3/02/2021 meeting.** Mr. Cramer moved to **table Cross Easement Agreement Between DEPG Stroud Associates, L.P., Bartonsville Plaza Condominium Association, And OM SAI Bartonsville, LLC.** Ms. Shukaitis seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 3-0.

**New Business:**

1. **Discuss Request By Freeland & Kauffman, Inc. On Behalf Of Lowe's To Reduce Parking By 153 Spaces And Utilize Same For Outdoor Sales/Storage/Product Display.** Todd Simmons, Wayne Brooks and Travis Spicer, were representing Lowes. There was an explanation on Lowe's intended plan in their parking lot. It was decided that a new plan sheet will be submitted along with specific notes and after reviewed, then have it signed by the property owner.

2. **Discuss Allowing Sewage Effluent To Be Discharged On Township Properties Regarding Proposed Expansion Of Sewer Service Area To Stroudsmoor Country Inn.** After discussing matter, Mr. Cramer motioned **they are not interested in Allowing Sewage Effluent To Be Discharged On Township Properties Regarding Proposed Expansion Of Sewer Service Area To Stroudsmoor Country Inn. He explained for these reasons Brodhead Creek Regional Authority well #3 is right there and the golf course with McMichael's Creek running through it.** Ms. Shukaitis seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 3-0.

3. **Approve Purchase Of 60-Inch Gas Range, Or Equivalent, From KaTom Restaurant Supply, Inc. For A Price Of \$2,444.00 And Installation Of Same By Dave Muller At Estimated Cost Of \$890.00 At Glen Brook Clubhouse; Budget Line Item #452.373.** Ms. Shukaitis moved to **approve Purchase Of 60-Inch Gas Range, Or Equivalent, From KaTom Restaurant Supply, Inc. For A Price Of \$2,444.00 And Installation Of Same By Dave Muller At Estimated Cost Of \$890.00 At Glen Brook Clubhouse; Budget Line Item #452.373.** Mr. Cramer seconded. All voted aye, motion carried 3-0.

4. **Open Spring Clean-Up Bids.** Mr. Eppley opened the one bid received, which was from Waste Management. Their quote was for \$33.00/cy for 1,000/cy. Total bid \$33,000.00. Mr. Cramer moved to **approve Waste Management's bid of \$33.00/cy for 1,000/cy, total bid \$33,000.00, subject to review by the Township Solicitor.** Ms. Shukaitis seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 3-0.

**Executive Session:** Ms. Shukaitis made **a motion to go into executive session at 8:02 P.M. to discuss litigation, real property, personnel and security matters.** Mr. Cramer seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 3-0. Mr. Cramer made a motion to **return to regular session at 8:35 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 **approve Craig Coslar's 16 hours of vacation time from 2020 to be carried over to 2021.** Mr. Cramer seconded. All voted aye, motion carried 3-0. Mr. Cramer made a motion to **order John Harvey take a leave of absence without pay, until a satisfactory return to duty process is completed. He will be permitted to use his vacation, sick, personal or comp time during this period. He must comply with all requirements instituted by the professional. He will be responsible for any related expenses.** Ms. Shukaitis seconded. All voted aye, motion carried 3-0. Mr. Cramer made a motion to **approve the use of open space funds for the acquisition of the Fremont property in Cherry Valley by the Nature Conservancy to be donated to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife in the amount of \$108,132.00 and the property is located in Stroud Township, with our standard language use by Stroud Township residents.** Ms. Shukaitis seconded. All voted aye, motion carried 3-0.

There being no further business, Ms. Shukaitis made a motion to **adjourn the meeting at 8:38 P.M.** Mr. Cramer seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Janice Willey  
Administrative and Recording Secretary