

**SUMMIT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 16, 2023**

The Summit Township Board of Supervisors public meeting was held on Wednesday, August 16, 2023, at the Summit Township Municipal Building, 502 Bonniebrook Road, Butler, PA.

CALL TO ORDER

Willie Adams called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All persons present stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Supervisors Willie Adams, Larry Osche and Rick Green were present. Township Solicitor, Michael Gallagher, Township Secretary, Roxann Stickney, Regis E. Karch, Dave Barry Jim Henry, and Ken Orloski.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR – QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA

There were no questions or comments from the floor.

AUGUST 2, 2023 REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING & AUGUST 9, 2023 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

Rick Green motioned to approve the August 2, 2023 regular public meeting minutes as presented. Larry Osche seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Rick Green motioned to approve the August 9, 2023 special meeting minutes as presented. Larry Osche seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT

FUND BALANCE	
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN	0.00
CAPITAL FUND	308,849.96
FIRE HYDRANT FUND	6,422.92
GENERAL FUND	406,093.52
SEWAGE ESCROW FUND	28,614.77
SEWAGE PERMIT FUND	14,011.37
STATE FUND	85,141.00
AVAILABLE FUNDS	849,133.54
CAPITAL FUND - SAVINGS	152,982.14
GENERAL FUND SAVINGS	472,518.92
GENERAL FUND CD #6157	151,498.56
GENERAL FUND CD #6158	353,496.64
TOTAL FUND	1,979,629.80

ACTIVITY	
BALANCE AS 08/02/2023	817,931.17
CDs	504,995.20
SAVINGS ACCOUNTS	625,501.06
DEPOSITS/DEBITS	69,404.26
DISBURSEMENTS	38,201.89
AVAILABLE FUNDS 08/16/2023	1,979,629.80

The treasurer presented the following report.

Deposits included Earned Income Taxes, Local Services Taxes, Recorder of Deeds and Tax Claim.

Disbursements included payment for the traffic light repairs and garage design.

Rick Green motioned to approve the Treasurer report as presented. Larry Osche seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL FUND INVOICES APPROVAL

Larry Osche motioned to approve payment for Brightspeed invoice P-105178MB for Headland Road wire repairs for \$2,395.27. Rick Green seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Larry Osche motioned to approve payment for Butler County Council of Governments invoice COG01-23 for the crack sealer rental for \$600.00. Rick Green seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Larry Osche motioned to approve payment for Butler Motor Transit, Inc. invoice 20423653 for 2003 Peterbilt truck alternator replacement for \$483.11. Rick Green seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Rick Green motioned to approve payment for Jerich Insurance Agency invoice 3502 for the Township's worker's compensation policy for \$1,079.00. Larry Osche seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Larry Osche motioned to approve payment for M & M Lime Company, Inc. invoice 14354 for Stutz Road rip rap for \$249.53. Rick Green seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Rick Green motioned to approve payment for the State Worker's Insurance Fund invoice for the volunteer fire companies' worker's compensation policy for \$1,017.00. Larry Osche seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Larry Osche motioned to approve payment for Stephenson Equipment, Inc. invoice 18068725 for salt spreader parts for \$606.69. Rick Green seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Larry Osche motioned to approve payment for Traffic Systems and Services, LLC invoice SR-31211 for the traffic light battery back-up repair for \$901.50. Rick Green seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

SUMMIT AUTHORITY PAYMENT REQUEST

Rick Green motioned to approve Summit Authority payment request for Senate Engineering Company invoice 63459 for the public sewage project for \$2,279.00. The Authority will reimburse the Township upon receiving funding. Larry Osche seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

SEAL COAT PROJECT

Larry Osche motioned to approve payment for Youngblood Paving, Inc. invoice 2023-1390 for the seal coat project for \$168,634.50. The invoice will be paid from the General Fund \$100,000.000 and from the Capital Fund \$68,634.50. Rick Green seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

SOLICITOR REPORT

The Solicitor presented the following report.

1. The Township did not settle the opposition against Butler Area Sewer Authority (BASA) sale to PA American Water but chose not to oppose the settlement. One of the outcomes is that the customer's rate will not double. The rate will only increase 40% in the second year.
2. A Continuance Motion for the Geibel case will be filed.
3. The Trufley case is in progress.
4. The Rails-To-Trails Agreement for the public sewage project is in progress.
5. Gagliardi agreements for the stormwater issue are in progress.
6. The East Butler Road property owner will be sent a final notice to clean up the property. If it is not cleaned up, legal action will be taken.
7. The Deal property clean-up has made progress.

LICK HILL VFD

Lick Hill VFD has been sent a letter requesting a meeting with the Board of Supervisors. The meeting date must be determined by August 21, 2023. If no response is received, a demand letter will be sent on August 31, 2023.

CDBG 3-YEAR PLAN

Larry Osche motioned to approve the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 3-year plan. Rick Green seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2023-08 CDBG 3-YEAR PLAN

Larry Osche motioned to approve Resolution 2023-08 for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 3-year plan. Rick Green seconded the motion. Motion Carried Unanimously.

CDBG BINSEY ROAD PROJECT COMMITMENT LETTER

Larry Osche motioned for the submission of a commitment letter for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Binsey Road project. The Township will be responsible for costs that surpass the grant funding. Willie Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ENGINEER REPORT

No reviews were performed and no additional business to submit.

ROADMASTER REPORT

The Roadmaster presented the following Report:

- 1. Catch basin cleaning.
- 2. Grass cutting performed.
- 3. Clean-up from grass cutting.
- 4. Equipment maintenance performed.

Fog Lines have been painted on Stutz Road.

Larry Osche motioned to send a letter to suspend Shields Paving, Inc. from performing work in Summit Township for a period to be determined by the Board of Supervisors due to poor quality of workmanship on McGrady Hollow Road and Bonniebrook Road. Rick Green seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

PA American Water Company has requested a meeting to discuss a pump station project on Portman Road.

Peoples Gas has requested a meeting to discuss a gas line project from Bonniebrook Road to Brooke Devore Road and Route 422 to Heist Road.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM: STUTZ ROAD GUIDERAILS

Larry Osche motioned to add to the agenda guiderails for Stutz Road due to quotes being received after the agenda was posted. Willie Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Phone quotes were obtained from Green Acres Contracting for \$19,400.00 and Pennline for \$21,350.00. A third quote was not available due to the lack of another company in the area that provides guiderails installation.

Larry Osche motioned to accept the lowest quote from Green Acres Contracting for \$19,400.00 for guiderails at Stutz Road. Willie Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM: INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR BONNIEBROOK ROAD

Larry Osche motioned to add to the agenda an intergovernmental agreement between Jefferson Township and Summit Township for the sealing of Bonniebrook Road due to information arriving just before the meeting. Rick Green seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Larry Osche motioned for Summit Township to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with Jefferson Township for the sealing of Bonniebrook Road from Route 422 to the Jefferson Township line. Rick Green seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

KARNS CROSSING BRIDGE PROJECT LETTER OF SUPPORT

The support letter for the Karns Crossing Bridge project was submitted.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Willie Adams announced an executive session was held with PA American Water Company regarding the public sewage project on August 1, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. No decisions were made.

Willie Adams announced an executive session will be held after the meeting to discuss pending litigation.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Rege Karch informed the Board of Supervisors that Summit Township and Buffalo Township will be receiving a letter concerning a tree on the Rails-To-Trails property.

Dave Barry, Emergency Management Coordinator, said that various fire departments attended a structural burn session. The preliminary delivery date for the Herman VFC new fire engine is November 2024. Pump testing for area fire companies is scheduled for the week of August 28, 2023.

Ken Orłowski requested for police to patrol Hinchberger Road for speeding motorists. The cost for an electronic sign that indicates motorists' speed will be researched.

ADJOURN

Larry Osche motioned for the meeting to recess into executive session. Rick Green seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Rick Green motioned to reconvene the meeting at 8:44 p.m. Larry Osche seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

With there being no further business to come before the board, Rick Green motioned to adjourn the meeting. Larry Osche seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Roxann L. Stickney, Secretary

NEXT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PUBLIC MEETING WILL BE HELD WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2023