



**Berkshire Township Trustees**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
January 9, 2023

**Call to Order:** Mike Dattilo called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

**Determination of a Quorum/Roll Call:** Trustees Mike Dattilo, Rod Myers and Paul Disantis were in attendance. Also Present were Melody George, Fiscal Officer; Kevin Vaughn, Township Administrator; and Chris Sharlike, Meeting Secretary

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of meeting minutes:**

- Mike Dattilo made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2022 regular meeting and the December 28, 2022 special meeting. The motion was seconded by Paul Disantis and was approved 3-0.

**The next Trustee meeting:** February 13, 2023, at 1454 Rome Corners Road at 7:00 p.m.

**Announcements:** Township Offices will be closed Monday, January 16 (Martin Luther King Day)

**New Business:**

Motion to approve resolution #23-1-15 for Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement by and between Berkshire Township and Delaware County regarding TIF allocations. (*attachment*)

- Paul Disantis moved to table the resolution until the February 13, 2023 Trustee meeting in order to have more time to study and discuss the agreement. Rod Myers seconded the motion, noting that it was one of the most important pieces of legislation the Trustees have had before them and that it warranted further study and consideration. Administrator Vaughn requested that the Trustees consider moving the meeting up and inviting the County Engineer and County Commissioner to address the agreement and answer questions. After discussion, the motion to table until February 13, 2023 was passed 3-0.

Motion to approve resolution #23-1-16 to authorize the Township Administrator to execute a Road Maintenance Agreement by and between Berkshire Township and the City of Sunbury. (*attachment*)

- Chairman Dattilo and Administrator Vaughn explained that the City of Sunbury would plow Golf Course Road and a small section of Cheshire Road. Berkshire Township will continue to plow a portion of 3 B's & K Road. Mike Dattilo made a motion to approve the resolution and Paul Disantis seconded. The motion was approved 3-0.

**Public participation:**

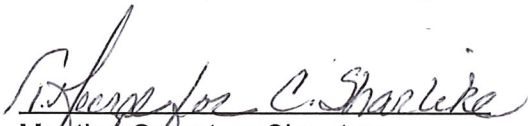
- Austin Slattery of Hatherton Place commended the Board for tabling the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with Delaware County, in order to take time to study and research the agreement. Administrator Vaughn pointed out that the staff has done an immense amount of work on this document for the last 11 months. Mr. Slattery also asked about how to get the attachments for the organizational and standard meetings. Administrator Vaughn offered to give Mr. Slattery the documents at the meeting.
- Ellen Ebe of Holly Woods Drive expressed her disappointment in the Board for appointing Scott Lillie to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Ms. Ebe state that she has been an involved resident of Berkshire Township since 2013, attending township meetings regularly, and was appointed by the Trustees as an alternate of the Board of Zoning Appeals in March of 2020. When the BZA had an opening after the resignation of one of the members, Ms. Ebe said the Trustees conducted interviews and she interviewed for the position. With the newest opening, Ms. Ebe noted that the Trustees made an appointment to the BZA rather than conducting interviews. She opined that the decision of the Board seemed to be one of political favoritism and discrimination and asked each member of the Board of Trustees to explain how and why they made the decision that they did. Members of the Board of Trustees responded that they had discussed the opening and made the decision in this case to make the appointment rather than conduct interviews. It was also explained that appointing someone new with a fresh perspective is valuable. Ms. Ebe also asked about the amount paid to the Zoning and BZA members for meetings. The Trustees are discussing compensation for Board members.
- Mary Howard of South Galena Road thanked the Board of Trustees for the way they run the meetings and said the Township is doing a good job. Roads are clear and everything is kept nice. Chairman Dattilo thanked the crews that worked during the last snowstorm and said that two crew members were out on Christmas Day, working to make sure the roads were cleared.

**Paying of bills:**

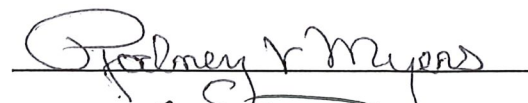
- Rod Myers made a motion to pay all bills and authorized P.O.'s since the last special meeting of December 22, 2023. Paul Disantis seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

**Adjournment**

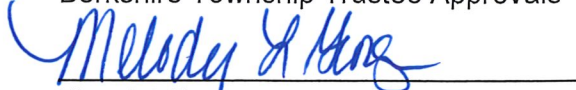
- Rod Myers moved to adjourn and Paul Disantis seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

  
Meeting Secretary Signature

2-13-23  
Date

  
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Berkshire Township Trustee Approvals

  
Fiscal Officer