

Berkshire Township Trustees Regular Meeting Agenda WIP – January 13, 2025

Mike Dattilo called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m.

Determination of a Quorum/Roll call: Trustees Mike Dattilo, Rod Myers, and Paul Disantis in attendance, also present were Tyler Lane, Township Administrator, Melody George, Fiscal Officer, and Meeting Secretary, Alison Newton.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of meeting minutes – Mike Dattilo made a motion to approve the December 9, 2024, December 30, 2024, and January 6, 2025, meeting minutes. Paul Disantis seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

The next Trustee Meeting: February 10,2025 at 1454 Rome Corners Road at 7:00 p.m.

Announcements:

Old Business: none

New Business:

Mike Dattilo made a motion to approve motion **Resolution 2025-1-1** approving moving of funds in the amount of \$5405.00 from 1000-690-599 other expenses to 1000-120190 Salaries.

Rod Myers seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Mike Dattilo made a motion to approve **Purchase Order (2025-1-1) payable to Julian & Grube in the amount of \$4320.00** for consulting fees for 2024 for compliance.

Paul Disantis seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Mike Dattilo made a motion to approve **Purchase Order (2025-1-P2) payable to Silco Fire and Security in the amount of \$13,311.55** for installation/repurposing of cameras and security door addition for maintenance building expansion.

Paul Disantis seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Mike Dattilo made a motion to approve Purchase Order (2025-1-P3) payable to A&T Workman Fence LLC in the amount of \$4,989.00 for replacement of fencing at The Berkshire Cemetery.

Rod Myers seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Mike Dattilo made a motion to approve **Resolution 2025-1-R2** certifying that the township is responsible for maintaining 25.689 miles of public road for the calendar year 2025.

Paul Disantis seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Mike Dattilo made a motion to approve **Resolution 2025-1-R3** approving 2025 Berkshire Township Road Improvements totaling an estimated cost of \$226,400.00.

These roads include sections of: Alexander Road, Golf Course Road, Hatherton Place, Lawton Street, Broxton Lane, Birtles Court, and Adlington Drive.

Paul Disantis seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Mike Dattilo made a motion to approve a payment to Jacob Biser in the amount of \$75.00 for repairs to his mailbox damaged by a Berkshire Plow on January 6, 2025.

Rod Myers seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Mike Dattilo made a motion to approve **enter Executive Session** pursuant to O.R.C. 121.22(G)(1) to consider the employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee at 6:23pm.

Paul Disantis seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Mike Dattilo made a motion to resume the regular meeting at 6:31pm.

Rod Myers seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Mike Dattilo made a motion to terminate the employment of Daniel Hale, effective immediately. Paul Disantis seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Mike Dattilo made a motion to advertise employment for a full-time maintenance worker, effective immediately.

Paul Disantis seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Discussion:

- Fire Board Report Rod Myers
 - Preparations for construction are being made but they are waiting for better weather to break ground.
- Joint Recreational Development District—Tyler Lane
 - o Formation and Appointment: Tyler is continuing to work with the city of Sunbury and the Village of Galena to create a joint recreational district. Next month or in March they will bring forward a resolution to the trustees, to create the joint district. They will look for members to appoint that will assist the Township with this board. The members cannot be current

employees, trustee etc. The purpose is to look at what sort of amenity is desired among residents and is only a start of the districts looking into wanted by residents and this would be an initial step that would occur before a

Public participation:

Ellen Ebe, Hollywood Drive

Ellen asked why the salaries of the other workers were not presented, Tyler explained that those were presented in the November meeting. She then thanked the board for nomination to be on the Zoning Appeals Board. She thanked Austin Slattery for his service on the Zoning Commission and expresses disappointment for him not being re-appointed. She then asked about the board term expiration dates and why some of those changed. Tyler explained that the only ones that were changed were the alternates, this was lowered to two years, rather than stay at five years. Finally, she asked if it would be possible for the zoning meeting members to receive a raise. Tyler explained he could look at other zoning boards in the area and see if the pay is comparable.

Jan Adkins, South Galena Road

Jan wanted to ask about the possibility of plowing the walking path while expressing how much the community uses the path. Rod mentioned the risks of damage to the path with the plows. There was general discussion about the options and disadvantages to paving. Jan also asked about the master plan and neighborhood strategies for Berkshire Township. Tyler explained the current progress and where the plan stands with regional planning.

Paying of bills:

Mike Dattilo made a motion to pay all bills and authorized P.O.'s since December 9, 2024, meeting. Paul Disantis seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

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Adjournment:

Mike Dattilo made a motion to adjourn at 6:45 p.m.

Paul Disantis seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Date

Berkshire Township Trustee Approvals

Fiscal Officer