Berkshire Township Trustees

Regular Meeting Agenda– September 9, 2024

Mike Dattilo called the meeting to order at 7:00 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, Zoning Inspector, David Weade, and Meeting Secretary, Alison Newton.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of meeting minutes: Mike Dattilo made a motion to approve the August 12, 2024, and August 23 Special Meeting minutes. Paul Disantis seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

The next Trustee Meeting: October 14, 2024, at 1454 Rome Corners Road at 7:00 p.m.

Announcements: none

Old Business: none

New Business:

Mike Dattilo made a motion to approve payment to Andrew Berger of 11497 Rosecrans Road in the amount of $75 for repairs to his mailbox damaged by a Berkshire Tractor on August 19, 2024.
Rod Myers seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Mike Dattilo made a motion to approve **payment of PO #49** to Chase Bank for interest on Park Bond due Dec. 2024 in the amount of $50,545.94.
Paul Disantis seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Mike Dattilo made a motion to approve **payment of PO # 50** to chase Bank for interest and principal for Maintenance Bond due Dec. 2024 in the amount of $205,700.00
Rod Myers seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Mike Dattilo made a motion to approve **Resolution 2024-9-1** approving the Official Certificate of Estimates Resources for 2025 approved for $12,111,610.06.

Rod Myers seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Rod Myers made a motion to approve **Resolution 2024-9-R2** approving Morton rezoning of entire property approved as one lot under Article 8 of the Berkshire Township Zoning Resolution as recommended by the Berkshire Township Zoning Board at the 8-1-2024. Application # 24-148

Discussion: This is a 13-acre lot that is applying for a rezone from agriculture to FR-1 for a 3-lot split. Mr. Morton addressed the trustee, provided some background and explained that the original proposal had 4 lots however, after various conversations with county officials, he then decided to make 3 lots instead.
Mike Dattilo seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Mike Dattilo made a motion to approve **Resolution 2024-9-R3** approving changes to Articles 15, 16 and 17 of the Berkshire Township Zoning Resolution as recommended by the Berkshire Township Zoning Board at the 8-1-2024 meeting. Application #24-124

Discussion: David Weade provided a brief history of the changes to articles, the application was put forth by the township, and would allow breweries, wineries, and distilleries to be permitted in addition to expansion of language regarding ambulatory healthcare facilities under these articles.
Paul Disantis seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Mike Dattilo made a motion to approve **Resolution 2024-9-R4** authorizing the township administrator to enter into a cooperative agreement with the City Sunbury and Delaware County to submit an application to the Ohio Public Works Commission for the Project known as S. 3B's & K Road Improvements Project.

Discussion: Tyler explained that the Delaware County Engineers office recommended the township to apply for a grant to receive funds to support this project. The total estimates for the project are around $509,000, the grant would cover 74% of that, however, the township would only need to cover 6.5% of the cost. The future OPWC grant with Berlin Township for south of Cheshire Road will require a bigger grant compared to the northern section.
Rod Myers seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Mike Dattilo made a motion to approve **Resolution 2024-9-R5** authorizing the township administrator to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or local transportation improvement program(s) and to execute contracts as required.
Paul Disantis seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Mike Dattilo made a motion to approve **Resolution 2024-9-R6** adopting changes to the Berkshire Township Employee Handbook effective September 9, 2024.
Paul Disantis seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Mike Dattilo made a motion to approve **Resolution 2024-9-R7** approving a Berkshire-Berlin-Delaware Townships Joint Waste/Trash Contract RFB (Request for Bid)
Rod Myers seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Discussion:

- Delaware County Health Department – Ali Hillier
  Ali provided information about the Delaware County Fair (14th-21st). The Health Department will have clinic services and health screenings available. These include tests for glucose, BP, and cholesterol as well as vaccines. Next, the Health Department will hold a lead awareness workshop on Monday September 23rd which will offer free soil testing 5pm-7pm for lead on 9/23/24 at the health district. Finally, the Health Department is hosting a fall open house to celebrate their 1-year anniversary in their current location on Thursday October 3rd from 530pm-8pm.

- Maintenance Building update
  Tyler explained that the building is still underway and expected to be finished before the end of the calendar year. They are still assessing their options for the roofing color differences but noted that it would not fall on the township to cover the costs of this.

- Park Project update
  There has been a large cost savings to the septic part of the project which allows approximately $40,000 spare to go towards other things:
  - Sign- (There is a rendering for the Trustees—it has an unknown on cost, but it would be well below $40,000)
  - Silo- (This would cost around $6,000 to power wash and paint)
  - Ribbon Cutting- The Township would like to host a ceremony for the opening of the park and pavilion. The park is expected to be completed before the end of October, and the building will be completed around November. The ribbon cutting could be scheduled in the fall when it is still warm. Time considerations include 10am-12pm or 4pm-6pm on Saturday (11/2) or 12pm-2pm on Sunday (11/3).

- BST&G update – Rod Myers
  The fire station has made big strides since last month, the land is in their possession, the bond is approved, now the construction is set to start.

Public participation:

Gary Gollahue, 9744 Cheshire Road
He introduced himself as a 30+ year resident of Berkshire Township and he addressed concern with his neighbor (9740 Cheshire Road) owned by Mr. Jim Longshore that has abandoned cars, mattresses, and chicken coup to the side of the house. He explained that he has sent letters and emails to the township asking for help to address the problems at this property.

Robin Riley, 9822 Cheshire Road
She introduced herself and addressed her concern with the residents at the same property, and the animals at this property. She also noted concerns with her property value declining due to this neighbor.

David Weade addressed the history of this property and how the Township has sent numerous letters. He provided options on how the Township can help them move forward with this issue. Tyler explained the process for addressing these issues that are within the rules and laws set forth by the County and Township.

There were general discussions about the process and their options.

Paying of bills: Mike Dattilo made a motion to pay all bills and authorized P.O.'s since the Aug 12, 2024, meeting.
Rod Myers seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Adjournment: Mike Dattilo made a motion to adjourn at 7:48p.m.
Paul Disantis seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Meeting Secretary Signature

10/14/24
Date

Rodney V Myers

Berkshire Township Trustee Approvals

Melody L George
Fiscal Officer