

**MINUTES  
SUMMIT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
PUBLIC MEETING  
FEBRUARY 15, 2017**

The Summit Township Board of Supervisors public meeting was held on Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at the Summit Township Municipal Building, 502 Bonniebrook Road, Butler, PA.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman, 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**

All Supervisors were present. Also, in attendance for the meeting, Michael Gallagher, township solicitor, Michael Elisco representing Senate Engineering Company for the township engineer, Roxann Stickney, township secretary, and David Barry.

**OPEN TO FLOOR – QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA**

There was no questions or comments on the agenda.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 1, 2017**

Rick Green motioned to approve the February 1, 2017 public meeting minutes as presented. Larry Osche seconded the motion. Motion Carried Unanimously.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

The Treasurer’s Report was read by the Secretary/Treasurer.

<b>FUND BALANCE AS OF 2/15/17</b>	
Capital Fund	\$156,004.38
CDBG	\$1.00
Fire Hydrant Fund	\$3,921.19
General Fund	\$378,715.76
Sewage Escrow Fund	\$12,251.77
Sewage Permit Fund	\$6,844.37
State Fund	\$74,758.79
<b>Available Funds</b>	<b>\$632,497.26</b>
Capital Fund CD	\$300,000.00
General Fund CD	\$200,000.00
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$1,132,497.26</b>

<b>ACTIVITY</b>	
Available Funds as of 02/01/17	\$626,606.20
CD Total	\$500,000.00
Deposits	\$33,374.25
Disbursements	\$27,483.19
<b>Total Funds Available as of 02/15/17</b>	<b>\$1,132,497.26</b>

The treasurer announced that the General Fund CD yielded \$252.05 quarterly interest and the Capital Fund CD yielded \$453.70 quarterly interest. This information will be reflected at the next meeting’s financial chart CD section.

Larry Osche motioned to approve the treasurer’s report. Rick Green seconded the motion. Motion Carried Unanimously.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT**

Solicitor, Michael Gallagher, presented the following report:

1. Mountain Gathering, LLC sent to the Supervisors, himself, and Senate Engineering a copy of the ESCGP-2 permit application that was submitted to the DEP for the compressor station. Mountain Gathering’s

attorney, Shawn Gallagher, has requested that the Township accept the permit in lieu of a Land Development Plan.

Senate Engineering Company has requested that Mountain Gathering, LLC submit a Land Development Plan.

Michael Elisco of Senate Engineering will send their requests of the additional information required to Michael Gallagher. Michael Gallagher will forward the requests to Mountain Gathering's attorney. Michael Gallagher will review Mountain Gathering's response and submit his recommendation to the Supervisors.

2. The State is opening licensing for the growing and dispensing of the medical marijuana. The dispensing of medical marijuana will be similar to a pharmacy. It is the Solicitor's opinion that the Township amend the Zoning Ordinance Use Chart to address the zoning districts that medical marijuana will be permitted.

Typically, the indoor growing of the medical marijuana is permitted in an Industrial District. The outdoor growing of commercial hemp is permitted in an Agricultural District. The dispensing of the medical marijuana is permitted in a Commercial District.

This information will be relayed to the Planning Commission and Michael Baker International for their recommendation.

The Roadmaster informed the Solicitor that he has contacted several towing companies regarding the Snow Event Ordinance. He cannot find a company that is willing to tow a vehicle during a snow event due to the liability of damaging a vehicle.

It was the Solicitor's recommendation that the State Police and City of Butler be contacted for the towing companies that they use.

#### **INVOICE APPROVAL**

Larry Osche motioned to approve for payment Daniel Dellich Trucking invoice 220 for anti-skid materials for \$5,183.31. Rick Green seconded the motion. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Larry Osche motioned to approve for payment Hunter's Truck Sales & Service invoice 1099245 for the 2009 Peterbilt water pump repair for \$848.40. Rick Green seconded the motion. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Rick Green motioned to approve for payment Jerich Insurance Agency invoice 64628 for worker's compensation for the Township for \$2,119.00. Larry Osche seconded the motion. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Larry Osche motioned to approve for payment PPC Lubricants invoice 1366019 for oil to maintenance the vehicles for \$1,107.85. Rick Green seconded the motion. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Larry Osche motioned to approve for payment SWIF installment 3 of 11 for worker's compensation for the fire departments for \$937.00. Rick Green seconded the motion. Motion Carried Unanimously.

#### **HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL**

Rick Green motioned to renew with UPMC for health insurance that is comparable to the current plan. Willie Adams seconded the motion. Motion Carried Unanimously.

#### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Michael Elisco representing Senate Engineering Company, presented the following report:

1. There was no subdivision to review.
2. Stormwater:
  - A. The Shuler to Bergbiler Temporary Water Line does not require any further review.

- B. The Mountain Gathering compressor station is being reviewed. Senate Engineering is waiting for a response from Mountain Gathering to several requests they submitted pertaining to the compressor station plan. A review letter will be sent to Township this week.

3. Act 537

- A. The Engineer and Supervisors met to review the Act 537 Plan.
- B. Comments were incorporated in a final plan ready for public comment in April as discussed with the Supervisors.
- C. An evaluation was done with having the sewage plant location at Stutz Road and Herman Road. It was determined that the savings on the monthly bill would be \$9.00 but construction cost would more likely be higher. The DEP looks at what is most cost effective. Future expansion would be limited at this site.

Stutz Road is not as good long-term plan as the former ballfield property on Herman Road.

RUS and Penn Vest loans were discussed. RUS offers 40 year loans but can call the loan for payment whenever they so choose. RUS uses more federal funding than Penn Vest. Penn Vest offers 30 year loans but does not call the loan for payment.

**ACT 537**

Willie Adams motioned to advertise for public comment the Act 537 Draft. Larry Osche abstained from voting due to conflict of interest. Rick Green abstained from voting due to conflict of interest. Motion died to lack of second.

Pursuant to section 11.03J of the Ethics Act, Larry Osche motioned for Senate Engineering to advertise the Act 537 Plan on April 1, 2017. Rick Green seconded the motion.

Larry Osche amended the motion to have Senate Engineering advertise the Act 537 on March 15, 2017. Rick Green amended his second to the motion. Motion Carried Unanimously.

**GEIBEL ROAD**

Larry Osche presented that it will cost approximately \$150,000.00 to \$160,000.00 for the milling, binder, pipe and asphalt for Geibel Road. The price of the asphalt price would include \$5,000.00 being allocated for Heist Road to Route 422.

Larry Osche motioned to advertise for bid the asphaltting of Geibel Road and from Heist Road to Route 422. Rick Green seconded the motion. Motion Carried Unanimously.

**ROADMASTER REPORT**

Roadmaster, Larry Osche, presented the following road department report:

1. Salting of roads.
2. Removal of branches and trees from storms.
3. Potholes patched.
4. Upon inspecting roads, it was discovered that a hole has developed at the corner of Stutz Road and Herman Road. Penn Dot will be contacted regarding the repair.

**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

Larry Osche presented that the rental of a digital transit is \$150.00 a week. The cost of a new digital transit is between \$2,000.00 to \$2,200.00. A couple of years ago, the township had \$600.00 in digital transit rental fees. Last year, Lou Gagliardi and Dan Hay did not charge the township for the use of their digital transit. Michael Elisco presented that Precision Laser has refurbished engineering equipment. He will email pricing information to the Township.

Larry Osche will meet with Dick Knapko regarding seal coating the following roads:

1. Headland Road
2. Green Manor Drive from the Jefferson Township line to Bull Creek Road.
3. Shepperd Drive
4. Harris Road
5. Schiebel Road
6. Star Grille Road
7. South Osche Road

Willie Adams announced that the Supervisors had an informational meeting on February 6, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. with Michael Elisco of Senate Engineering Company to discuss the Act 537 Plan. No decisions were made.

Rick Green motioned to approve the renewal of the service agreement for Bronder Technical Services for the traffic signals at \$1,300.00 per quarter. Larry Osche seconded the motion. Motion Carried Unanimously.

**OPEN TO THE FLOOR**

Emergency Management Coordinator, Dave Barry, presented the following:

1. To encourage volunteerism for local fire companies, a township tax reduction incentive is available for individuals that become an active volunteer fire fighter. The Herman Volunteer Fire Company will be submitting a request to the Supervisors for the approval of the tax reducing incentive.
2. Each fire company will be allotted a certain number of radios at a reduced cost. Butler County will pay 75% of the cost of the radio and the fire company is responsible for the remaining 25%. If a fire company would like to purchase additional radios, the fire company is responsible for the entire cost of the radio.
3. Once the radio system is in effect, the Township will be required to pass an Ordinance for buildings of a certain size to be equipped with an amplifier for fire fighters that are in the building will not lose their radio signal.

**ADJOURN**

With there being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, Rick Green made the motion to adjourn. Larry Osche seconded the motion. Motion Carried Unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2017 AT 6:45 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Roxann L. Stickney, Secretary