

**SUMMIT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 19, 2023**

The Summit Township Board of Supervisors public meeting was held on Wednesday, April 19, 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. Also, present Township’s Solicitor, Michael Gallagher, Township Secretary, Roxann Stickney, Regis E. Karch, Jim Henry, Zane King, Owen King, Joey Georgry, Tim Welter, Lori Welter, Adam Tilko, Katey Tilko, Terri Schultz, Dave Barry, Jason Bresnehan, Mark Mirtes, Sue Hoffivel Tim Sutton, and Jim Day.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR – QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA

There were no questions or comments from the floor.

APRIL 5, 2023 REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING APPROVAL

Rick Green motioned to approve the April 5, 2023 regular public meeting minutes as presented. Larry Osche seconded the motion. Motion Carried Unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT

FUND BALANCE		ACTIVITY	
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN	15,584.12	BALANCE AS OF 04/05/2023	938,615.78
CAPITAL FUND	296,957.64	CDs & SAVINGS ACCOUNT	1,112,394.32
FIRE HYDRANT FUND	4,907.45	DEPOSITS/DEBITS	27,077.27
GENERAL FUND	281,056.59	DISBURSEMENTS	36,733.32
SEWAGE ESCROW FUND	28,614.77	AVAILBLE FUNDS 04/19/2023	2,041,354.05
SEWAGE PERMIT FUND	11,961.27		
STATE FUND	289,877.89		
AVAILABLE FUNDS	928,959.73		
CAPITAL FUND - SAVINGS	151,578.69		
GENERAL FUND SAVINGS	460,815.63		
GERNERAL FUND CD	350,000.00		
GENRAL FUND CD	150,000.00		
TOTAL FUND	2,041,354.05		

The Treasurer presented the following report.

Deposits included recorder of deeds, earned income taxes and local services taxes.

Disbursements included engineering fees for the Act 537 public sewage project and police services.

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 Ashlar Architecture & Engineering, LLC invoice 6865 for the garage design for \$4,279.85. Rick Green seconded the motion. Larry Osche voted “yes”. Rick Green voted “yes”. Willie Adams voted “no”. Motion Carried.

Larry Osche motioned to approve payment for Bauer Excavating, Inc. invoice STMB-23-01 for Bonnie Drive drainage project for \$7,297.50. Rick Green seconded the motion. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Willie Adams motioned to approve payment for Butler County Assessment Office invoice 2023-203 for tax processing for \$1,595.41. Rick Green seconded the motion. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Larry Osche motioned to approve payment for Butler Motor Transit, Inc. invoice 20423299 for the 2009 Peterbilt alternator replacement for \$1,012.29. Rick Green seconded the motion. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Willie Adams motioned to approve payment for Gallagher Law Group invoice 1760 regarding the BASA sale for \$1,102.00. Rick Green seconded the motion. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Willie Adams motioned to approve payment for Jerich Insurance Agency invoice 3358 for the secretary/treasurer bond for \$1,696.00. Rick Green seconded the motion. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Larry Osche motioned to approve payment for Sealmaster Hillsville invoice SM54413 for seal crack materials for \$1,536.00. Rick Green seconded the motion. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Rick Green motioned to approve payment for Senate Engineering Company invoice 62961 for the solar farm ordinance for \$246.00. Larry Osche seconded the motion. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Willie Adams motioned to approve payment for State Worker’s Insurance Fund 5th installment of the volunteer fire companies’ worker’s compensation for \$1,017.00. Rick Green seconded the motion. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Larry Osche motioned to approve payment for Traffic Systems and Service, LLC invoice SR-31061 for Route 422 traffic light repair for \$540.00. Rick Green seconded the motion. Motion Carried Unanimously.

SUMMIT AUTHORITY PAYMENT REQUEST INVOICES

Rick Green motioned to approve the Summit Authority payment request for the following invoices totaling \$1,596.25. The Authority will reimburse the Township upon receiving funding.

Gallagher Law Group invoice 1779 for the Rails-To-Trails Agreement for \$190.00.

Senate Engineering Company invoice 62890 for the Act 537 Plan public sewage project for \$1,406.25.

Larry Osche seconded the motion. Motion Carried Unanimously.

TERRI SCHULTS

Assistant District Attorney, Terri Schultz, attended the meeting to introduce herself and present her experience and qualification to become a Butler County Common Pleas judge.

SOLICITOR REPORT

The Solicitor presented the following report.

The Hogue property clean-up case is closed. It is a clean-up success.

The Connell property is scheduled to go to court.

The Sportsman’s Supply Company court case is in the process.

A visit to the Geibel property is scheduled for April 21, 2023.

RAILS-TO-TRAILS AGREEMENT

The Rails-To-Trail Agreement will be signed and submitted to the Summit Authority and Buffalo Township for signatures.

BASA SALE

Willie Adams motioned for Summit Township to file objections to the sale of Butler Area Sewage Authority (BASA) to PA American Water. Rick Green seconded the motion. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Willie Adams motioned for the approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between Summit Township and Center Township objecting to the Butler Area Sewage Authority (BASA) sale. Rick Green seconded the motion. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Willie Adams motioned to sign a Non-Disclosure Agreement between Summit Township, Center Township and Gallagher Law Group to have Tim O'Brien provide public relations for the litigation involving the sale of BASA. Mr. O'Brien hourly rate will be \$150.00. Center Township will pay 80% of expenses incurred and Summit Township will pay 20% of the expenses. This is based upon the number of EDUs in each respective Township. Rick Green seconded the motion. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Willie Adams motioned to ratify the payment of O'Brien Communications invoice INV0010-0423/S for public relation services for \$100.00. Rick Green seconded the motion. Motion Carried Unanimously.

SPEED LIMIT ORDINANCE

Willie Adams motioned to approve Ordinance #85 that has a speed limit of 25 mph on Shepperd Drive. The fine amount will be consistent with the applicable fine set forth in the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code at the time of the violation. Rick Green seconded the motion. Motion Carried Unanimously.

WANDERING DOG ORDINANCE

Pennsylvania has a law that dogs are not allowed to run at large. Summit Township has a dog ordinance that prohibits dogs from wandering. Dogs are required to stay on their own property. Summit Township will enforce dogs running at large.

POLICE ENFORCEMENT OF ORDINANCES

Saxonburg police can enforce Summit Township's ordinances.

WELTER SUBDIVISION

The Tim Welter subdivision at Binsey Road was reviewed by the Supervisors, Township's engineer, planning commission and Butler County Planning Commission.

The Township's planning commission found the plan to be administratively correct and recommended approval.

Willie Adams motion to approve the Tim Welter subdivision at Binsey Road contingent upon Butler County's Planning Commission approval. Larry Osche seconded the motion. Motion Carried Unanimously.

BRESNEHAN CARRIAGE HOUSE/FARM WORKER'S SECONDARY RESIDENCE

Jason Bresnehan attended the meeting regarding the requirements for a carriage house/farmer worker's secondary residence at a farm that is in a Residential (R-1) Zoning District. A zoning hearing is required for this use.

SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY LOCATION

The Solicitor determined that the entire house at 376 Saxonburg Road is in Summit Township. Therefore, the entire parcel is properly taxed to Summit Township and a proper member of Butler Area School District.

BCATO SPRING CONVENTION

Willie Adams motioned to approve the Supervisors, Secretary/Treasurer, Planning Commission members and Zoning Field Officer to attend the Butler County Association of Township Officials (BCATO) spring convention on May 18, 2023. Rick Green seconded the motion. Motion Carried Unanimously.

HERMAN VFC EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT

Kody Marsico and Ronald Marsico, Jr. applied for the Herman Volunteer Fire Company earned income tax credit. The Township secretary confirmed that Kody Marsico and Ronald Marsico, Jr. are on the eligibility list.

Willie Adams motioned to approve Kody Marsico and Ronald Marsico, Jr. for the Herman Volunteer Fire Company earned income tax credit. Rick Green seconded the motion. Motion Carried Unanimously.

ENGINEER REPORT

The engineer reviewed the Tim Welter subdivision plan at Binsey Road.

SIMON DRIVE, HEADLAND ROAD AND BONNIEBROOK ROAD

Larry Osche motioned to approve PennDOT's request for traffic to be detoured onto Simon Drive, Headland Road and Bonniebrook Road while work is being performed on Herman Road. Schnur Road will be closed while work is carried out on Herman Road. Rick Green seconded the motion. Motion Carried Unanimously.

LIMESTONE

Larry Osche motioned to sell the 1B stone that is left from the vacuuming of roads that were seal coated. The Township has no use for this size of stone. Willie Adams seconded the motion. Motion Carried Unanimously.

ROADMASTER REPORT

The Roadmaster presented the following report:

1. Storm damage clean-up was performed.
2. Traffic control was provided for the Bonnie Drive project.
3. Stutz Road project has begun.

The backhoe cylinder is leaking, and needs repaired.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Willie Adams announced an informational meeting was held on April 17, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. with PennVest regarding funding for the public sewage project. Larry Osche and Willie Adams attended.

Willie Adams motioned for the Township's secretary/treasurer attend a grant funding session that is sponsored by the Buffalo Creek Coalition. Rick Green seconded the motion. Motion Carried Unanimously

OPEN TO THE FLOOR – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Adam Tilko inquired if Harvest Lane could become a Township road. The lane would have to be brought to the Township's specification for a road, however, the Township is not obligated to take over the maintenance of the road.

ADJOURN

Larry Osche motioned to adjourn the meeting. Rick Green seconded the motion. Motion Carried Unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Roxann L. Stickney, Secretary

NEXT MEETING BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PUBLIC MEETING WILL BE HELD WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2023