

**SUMMIT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 20, 2023**

The Summit Township Board of Supervisors public meeting was held on Wednesday, September 20, 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. Township Solicitor, Michael Gallagher, Township Secretary, Roxann Stickney, Curtis D. Weichey, Pam Weichey, Helen Osche, Joel Hilliard representing PA American Water, Rob McLafferty, Rob Shuler, Jeff Leech, Chester Spohn, III, and Jason Bresnahan.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR – QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA

There were no questions or comments from the floor.

SEPTEMBER 6, 2023 REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Rick Green motioned to approve the September 6, 2023 regular public meeting minutes as presented. Larry Osche seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT

FUND BALANCE		ACTIVITY	
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN	0.00	BALANCE AS OF 09/06/2023	731,135.22
CAPITAL FUND	238,718.73	CDs	504,995.20
FIRE HYDRANT FUND	5,402.95	SAVINGS ACCOUNTS	625,501.06
GENERAL FUND	343,665.61	DEPOSITS/DEBITS	19,794.90
SEWAGE ESCROW FUND	28,614.77	DISBURSEMENTS	36,161.39
SEWAGE PERMIT FUND	13,005.12	AVAILABLE FUNDS 09/20/2023	1,845,264.99
STATE FUND	85,361.55		
AVAILABLE FUNDS	714,768.73		
CAPITAL FUND - SAVINGS	152,982.14		
GENERAL FUND SAVINGS	472,518.92		
GENERAL FUND CD #6157	151,498.56		
GENERAL FUND CD #6158	353,496.64		
TOTAL FUND	1,845,264.99		

The treasurer presented the following report.

Deposits included Earned Income Taxes, Local Services Taxes, and real estate taxes.

Disbursements included payment for stone, pipe, and truck repairs.

Rick Green motioned to approve the Treasurer’s report as presented. Larry Osche seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL FUND INVOICES APPROVAL

Larry Osche motioned to approve payment for BioFab Products, Inv. Invoice 18241 for repairs to the 2003 Ford F-550 salt spreader FOR \$2,096.00. Rick Green seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Larry Osche motioned to approve payment for Butler Petroleum Corp. invoice 686538 for unleaded gasoline for \$821.70. Rick Green seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Larry Osche motioned to approve payment for Butler Petroleum Corp. invoice 686535 for on-road fuel for \$2,995.13. Rick Green seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Larry Osche motioned to approve payment for Elliott's Tire Service, Inc. invoice 103860 for boom mower tire repair for \$349.69. Rick Green seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Larry Osche motioned to approve payment for Green Acres Contracting, Inc. invoice 69089 for Stutz Road guiderails for \$19,900.00. Rick Green seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Larry Osche motioned to approve payment for Hampton Concrete Products, Inc. invoice 23920 for stock grates for \$981.00. Rick Green seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Rick Green motioned to approve payment for Jerich Insurance Agency invoice 3538 for the Township worker's compensation policy for \$1,079.00. Willie Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Rick Green motioned to approve payment for Jerich Insurance Agency invoice 3487 for the Township liability insurance for \$1,690.00. Willie Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Rick Green motioned to approve payment for Jerich Insurance Agency invoice 3549 for the 2024 Mack truck insurance for \$1,121.00. Larry Osche seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Rick Green motioned to approve payment for the State Worker's Insurance Fund invoice for the fire companies' worker's compensation insurance for \$1,017.00. Larry Osche seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Larry Osche motioned to approve payment for Wine Concrete Products, Inc. invoice 92910 for knock out boxes with bases for \$940.00. Rick Green seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

UPGRADE PA WATER SYSTEM ON PORTMAN ROAD

Willie Adams motioned to table until the next meeting the PA American Water Fire Hydrant Service Upgrade on Portman Road. Rick Green seconded the motion. Motion Carried Unanimously.

SOLICITOR REPORT

The Solicitor presented the following report:

- A. FIRE DEPARTMENT BILLING: It was determined that the fire companies need to work with one another regarding invoice submission.
- B. SPORTSMAN'S SUPPLY: Oral arguments on preliminary objections are scheduled for October.

A status conference is scheduled for September 26, 2023 regarding the Trufley property clean-up.

The Geibel property clean-up is scheduled for a hearing in April 2024.

An executive session regarding the Butler Area Sewer Authority (BASA) will be held at the meeting.

LICK HILL VFD

Larry Osche motioned to change Lick Hill Volunteer Fire Department's fire beat territory effective September 26, 2023. The fire beat territory will be re-evaluated at the first regular public meeting on January 2, 2024. The Lick Hill Volunteer Fire Department fire beat territory will be North of the North white line of Route 422.

Herman Volunteer Fire Company fire beat territory will include South of the of the North white line of Route 422 including the Mitchell Hill area. Written notification of the beat territory change will be sent to Lick Hill Volunteer Fire Department, Herman Volunteer Fire Company, and Butler County Emergency Services. Willie Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

PROPERTY CLEAN-UP

- A. 103 CARBON CENTER ROAD: The property owner will be sent a second notification to clean-up the property.

- B. 246 CARBON CENTER ROAD: The property is status quo. A hearing is scheduled for April 2024.
- C. 262 CHICORA ROAD: Status hearing is scheduled for September 26, 2023.
- D. EAST BUTLER ROAD: Rick Green motioned a third and final letter will be sent if a minimum of 6’ fence is not installed by September 30, 2023. Willie Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- E. 174 PORTMAN ROAD: Property is found to be satisfactorily cleaned up.
- F. 212 SAXONBURG ROAD: The property clean-up will be finalized in the Spring of 2024.

SHIELD ASPHALT PAVING, INC.

Rick Green motioned to send notification to Shields Asphalt Paving, Inc. that Summit Township is debarring them from bidding on any projects until 2027 due to defective workmanship on Bonniebrook Road and McGrady Hollow Road. Willie Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSTRUCTION CODE INSPECTION CONTRACT

Willie Adams motioned for Construction Code Inspection Services to provide the Township’s building code enforcement for 2024. Rick Green seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

LOVICH SUBDIVISION

The Kelli Jo Lovich subdivision plan was reviewed by the Township’s engineer, Township’s Planning Commission and Butler County Planning Commission. The Township’s Planning Commission submitted a recommendation letter of approval for the Kelli Jo Lovich subdivision at 114 Rimp Road, Butler, PA. The Board of Supervisors reviewed the plan.

Willie Adams motioned to approve the Kelli Jo Lovich subdivision plan at 114 Rimp Road, Butler, PA as administratively correct. Rick Green seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

WEICHEY SUBDIVISION

The Curt Weichey subdivision plan was reviewed by the Township’s engineer, and Township’s Planning Commission. The Township’s Planning Commission submitted a recommendation letter of approval for the Curt Weichey subdivision at 494 Route 422 East, Butler, PA contingent upon Butler County Planning Commission review. The Board of Supervisors reviewed the plan.

Willie Adams motioned to approve the Curt Weichey subdivision plan at 494 Route 422 East, Butler, PA as administratively correct contingent upon Butler County Planning Commission review. Rick Green seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

NEWSLETTER.

Willie Adams motioned to approve the Fall 2023 – Winter 2024 newsletter. The Supervisors will review the newsletter before being distributed. Rick Green seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

TRICK OR TREAT DATE

Willie Adams motioned to approve October 31, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. be set for trick-or-treat.

ENGINEER REPORT

The engineer reviewed the Kelli Jo Lovich subdivision plan and Curt Weichey subdivision plan.

TOWNSHIP BUILDING

Larry Osche motioned to put out for bid a new Township building. Rick Green seconded the motion. Willie Adams voted “no”. Rick Green voted “yes”. Larry Osche voted “yes”. Motion carried.

ASPHALT TRAINING AT PENN TOWNSHIP

Larry Osche motioned for himself, John Marra and Randy Collins attend an asphalt training at Penn Township. Rick Green seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

PA ONE CALL 811 TRAINING

Larry Osche motioned for himself, and road department employees attend a PA One Call 811 training. Rick Green seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

JOHN DEERE LAWN MOWER

If the transmission of the John Deer tractor needs to be replaced, then a new tractor be purchased due to the cost of the repair.

SPEED LIMIT SIGNS

Rick Green motioned to table the electronic speed limit signs until the next meeting due to further research being performed. Willie Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ROADMASTER REPORT

The Roadmaster presented the following Report:

1. Cutting of grass performed.
2. Chevron signs installed at Stutz Road.
3. Equipment maintenance performed.

Rip rap will be placed in the ditch on Stutz Road.

Damage is being assessed to guiderails at Carbon Center Road caused by a motor vehicle accident.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Willie Adams announced an executive session was held with Lick Hill Volunteer Fire Department on September 18, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. No decisions were made.

Willie Adams announced the meeting will be recessed into an executive session immediately following public participation. The meeting will be reconvened.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Chester Spohn requested clarification of the driveway ordinance. This will be researched for the next meeting.

Jason Bresnahan informed the Board of Supervisors that a lawsuit has been filed against him, and East Butler Borough regarding Water Tower Lane.

Jeff Leach brought to the Supervisors' attention a drainage issue on Kaiser Road. This will be researched.

RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Willie Adams motioned to recess into executive session at 9:15 p.m. Rick Green seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

RECONVENE MEETING

Meeting reconvened at 9:30 p.m.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM: BASA - PUC LITIGATION

Willie Adams motioned to add the Butler Area Sewer Authority (BASA) – PUC litigation to the agenda. Larry Osche seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

BASA – PUC LITIGATION

Willie Adams motioned to authorize the Township's Solicitor to file a reply to any objections or exceptions filed in the Butler Area Sewer Authority (BASA) – PUC litigation contesting the recommendation of the ALJ and to take any other action as necessary. Rick Green seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business to come before the board, Rick Green motioned to adjourn the meeting. Willie Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Roxann L. Stickney, Secretary

NEXT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PUBLIC MEETING WILL BE HELD WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2023