

Brecknock Township Board of Supervisors
Minutes of meeting – March 6, 2007

The regular monthly meeting of the Brecknock Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:02 PM by Chairman Jeff Fiant at the Township Building with all members present. The call to order was followed by the salute to the flag.

The public comment period on agenda items was conducted with no comments heard from those in attendance.

The minutes of the February 6, 2007 meeting were unanimously approved as written on motion by Richard Burkhart seconded by John Burger.

The treasurer's report and payment of all bills and payrolls were unanimously approved on motion by Richard Burkhart seconded by John Burger.

Motion was made by Richard Burkhart seconded by John Burger and unanimously approved to adopt **Ordinance #155** which regulates parking in fire lanes and **Ordinance #156** which establishes speed limits and stop intersections on Township roads.

Sealed proposals for 2007 road projects were opened and read at approximately 7:15 PM. Bids were requested using three options: 1) Option A for Witmer Road, Malsnee Road and Maple Grove Road from Alleghenyville Road to Bowmansville Road; 2) Option B for Maple Grove Road from Alleghenyville Road to Bowmansville Road and Maple Grove Road from Bowmansville Road to a point 950 south of Kachel Road; 3) Option C for Witmer Road, Malsnee Road, Maple Grove Road from Alleghenyville Road to Bowmansville Road and Maple Grove Road from Bowmansville Road to a point 950 feet south of Kachel Road. Bids received were as follows:

1. **Reading Site Contractors:** Option A - \$99,129.30; Option B - \$144,986.45;
Option C - \$190,221.50
2. **EJB Paving & Materials Co.:** Option A - \$92,941.40; Option B - \$132,846.25;
Option C - \$175,521.30
3. **Burkholder Paving:** Option A - \$115,093.00; Option B - \$161,282.50;
Option C - \$213,373.00
4. **Brubacher Excavating:** Option A - \$100,894.60; Option B - \$144,931.50;
Option C - \$190,418.60

After review of all bids by our engineer, motion was made by John Burger seconded by Richard Burkhart and unanimously approved to award the contract to EJB Paving and Materials Company for \$175,521.30 using Option C. It was verified that the bid quantities in the contract are correct and that an escalator clause is included. The work will be done after the school year is completed

The Kevin Kunkle Annexation Plan was reviewed and unanimously approved on motion by Richard Burkhart seconded by John Burger contingent upon notarization of the plans by the owners after which they will be signed.

Motion was made by Richard Burkhart seconded by John Burger and unanimously approved to appoint Barbara McIntyre to the vacancy on the Recreation Board.

Chairman Jeff Fiant gave an update on the asphalt zipper grant. We have been notified by State Rep. Sam Rohrer that we have been awarded the grant for \$25,000. We have advertised for bids for the machine to be received and opened at a special meeting on March 15, 2007 at 4 PM. We are looking into a five-year loan with Citizens Bank for which one-half of the payments will be paid by Robeson Township who would be jointly purchasing the machine with Brecknock Township. A resolution will have to be prepared by our solicitor to incur the debt for purchase of the equipment.

Motion was made by Richard Burkhart seconded by John Burger and unanimously approved to authorize our solicitor to prepare and advertise an ordinance for the April meeting to expand the Recreation Board membership from five to seven as requested by the Recreation Board.

Motion was made by Richard Burkhart seconded by John Burger and unanimously approved to purchase four signposts identifying the Horse-Shoe Trail at a cost of \$135.00 each. The Recreation Board has requested the purchase of six signposts but it was agreed to postpone signposts at two locations as there are anticipated changes in the Trail location.

Chairman Jeff Fiant reported that a request has been received from a property owner on Kremp Road who is donating conservation easements on his property to the Berks County Conservancy, for help from the Township to pay for costs for appraisal, survey and other miscellaneous fees associated with the transaction. The appraisal fee would amount to \$1,500, the Conservancy fee to manage the easement into perpetuity is \$8,600 and the amounts of the other fees involved are not known at this time. The Board members agreed that the Township could help with fees for donated easements but not with those for which the property owner is being paid. Our solicitor will further review the matter, and we will try to get more definite information on the other costs involved.

The chairman announced that an executive session will be conducted on personnel matters at the conclusion of the regular meeting with no decisions to be made.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM on a unanimously approved motion by Richard Burkhart seconded by John Burger.

Dorothy L. Martin
Secretary