

Brecknock Township Board of Supervisors
Minutes of Meeting – February 2, 2021

Call to Order: The regular monthly meeting of the Brecknock Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Jeff Fiant at the Township Building with member Ron McClure present and Supervisor Mark Weber attending via Zoom. Also participating by Zoom were Michelle Mayfield, Township Solicitor, John Weber, Township Engineer as well as several members of the public. Also present at the building were Kelly Young, Secretary Treasurer, Police Sargent, Mark Hafner, and several members of the public. The call to order was followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Public Comment Period: No comments were heard from those in attendance at the building or by Zoom.

Minutes: The minutes of the January 4 2021 meeting were unanimously approved as amended, to set the corrected 2021 standard mileage rate to 56 cents per mile not 57.5 cents per mile, written on motion by Ron McClure seconded by Mark Weber.

Treasurer's Report: The end of the year Treasurers report dated 12/31/20, Treasurers report dated 2/2/21, and payment of all bills and payrolls were unanimously approved on motion by Ron McClure seconded by Mark Weber.

Sunoco Pipeline Updates: Chuck Keifer has requested some quotes to obtain projected pricing on repairs to Alleghenyville Road. Michelle Mayfield recommended that the Township determine what was spent on repairs to Alleghenyville road to this point. Quotes and information will be forwarded to Township Solicitor and Township Engineer as received.

Other Unfinished Business: None

Amendment of "Fire Prevention and Fire Protection Ordinance": Motion was made by Jeff Fiant seconded by Ron McClure and unanimously approved to advertise the proposed amendment to Code of Ordinances, chapter 7 to add a new part 2 to be entitled "Emergency Services Cost Reimbursement" to authorize emergency service providers to seek recovery and costs of materials and equipment used and services rendered in providing fire protection and emergency medical services.

Approval of lease purchase of Brecknock Fire Company's new engine: Motion was made by Jeff Fiant seconded by Ron McClure and unanimously approved to ratify Brecknock Township's approval of the Brecknock Fire Company to enter into a lease purchase agreement for a new engine.

1109 Maple Grove Road – Holding Tank Agreement: Kevin Sutera, property owner of 1109 Maple Grove Road was present to get approval for septic disposal holding tanks to be installed until the weather allows for the completion of the on-lot septic system installation. Motion was made by Ron McClure, seconded by Mark Weber and unanimously approved to allow for the installation and maintenance agreement of the holding tank, provided that the property owners agree that they are responsible for, and will reimburse to the Township the Township Solicitors' charges for legal services rendered in connection with the preparation of this agreement.

Open Record Officer Appointment: Motion was made by Ron McClure, seconded by Mark Weber and unanimously approved to appoint Kelly M. Young to the office of Open Records Officer of Brecknock Township and for the attached Open Records Policy be adopted by Resolution NO. 2021-6.

Winter Road Help Addition: Motion was made by Ron McClure, seconded by Mark Weber and unanimously approved to approve the hiring of Lamar Lauver for winter road help retroactive to February 1, 2021.

Brecknock Township Recreation Board – Correspondence: In their January 12th meeting, the Recreation Board discussed the idea of displaying the history of Brecknock Township in the Brecknock Township Building. After a discussion, the Supervisors stated that they were generally in favor of this idea and would like to hear more about it at a later time when COVID -19 restrictions are lifted.

Pagoda Pacers – Charlie Horse Trail Half Marathon: Shaun Luther was present to discuss a new proposed course route that would have participants running along and crossing over Township roads and the Horse Shoe Trail. Motion was made by Jeff Fiant, seconded by Ron McClure and unanimously approved to allow utilization of Township roads, Saturday, May 29, 2021 as part of the course providing the Certificate of Liability Insurance naming the Township as a certificate holder and ensuring that there is a waiver acknowledging the risks with COVID-19 and releasing the Township of any liability.

Health Plan: Kelly Young informed the Board that our medical insurance broker is recommending going out to market for alternative carriers, plans and rates. UPMC has been a good plan for the current year, however they are offering one plan as a renewal option for Berks County groups, and it is not a very attractive plan. We will begin the process of shopping new plans.

2021 Road Work for Public Bid: Motion was made Jeff Fiant, seconded by Ron McClure and unanimously approved to authorize John Weber, Township Engineer to prepare and publish notification to bid for the 2021 Asphalt Seal Coat Project and the 2021 Slurry Seal Project as requested by Township Roadmaster, Chuck Keifer. Bids must be received by 10:00 am Monday, March 1, 2021 at which time will be publicly opened and read. A contract award will be considered by the Board of Supervisors at their meeting on March 2.

Stone Quote H&K: Motion was made by Ron McClure, seconded by Mark Weber and unanimously approved to accept the HKGroup Costars quote for stone for the year 2021.

Other New Business: Joan Matthews, 94 Guigley Drive, participating via Zoom was attending the meeting to express her dissatisfaction with snow removal on her court, specifically her address. After input from our Roadmaster Chuck Keifer, Township Supervisor Mark Weber, who has done snow removal on Guigley Drive, explained the process for this road and cul de sacs in general. Joan stated that this last storm, snow removal was more satisfactory. Supervisor Jeff Fiant stated that the focus should be on the present and going forward.

Adjournment: There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM by Chairman Jeff Fiant on an unanimously approved motion by Jeff Fiant which was seconded by Ron McClure.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly M. Young
Secretary Treasurer