

**Brady Township Board of Supervisors**  
141 West Liberty Road Slippery Rock, PA 16057

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors**  
**April 21, 2021**

**This meeting was conducted through ZOOM conferencing for participants and in person for the Board of Supervisors per the provisions of Act 15 of 2020 signed by Governor Tom Wolf on April 20, 2020 due to the COVID-19 Statewide Emergency Declaration according to the procedures enacted by the governor and the CDC.**

**Attendance:** Supervisors Kenneth Hertzog, Robert McConnell, Donald Staiger and Attorney Ron Coyer were in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman, Kenneth Hertzog followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ratify resolution 2020-13 Emergency Declaration and extension of emergency declaration until the next township meeting. **Motion** made by Robert McConnell and second by Donald Staiger. All in favor and motion carried.

A **MOTION** was made by Donald Staiger and seconded by Robert McConnell to approve the Treasurer's Reports for April 21, 2021 as presented. All in favor and the **MOTION** passed.

A **MOTION** was made by Robert McConnell and seconded by Donald Staiger to approve the Minutes of the monthly meeting of March 17, 2021 as presented. All in favor and **MOTION** passed.

There was a prior request of individuals to be recognized: Darlene Covert, Cindy Rudish, Harry McMurray and David Shira.

I. Public Participation: Ms. Rudish spoke for all 4 individuals; I have attached her concerns to these minutes.

II. Reports

- a. Sewage Enforcement-There was no sewage report received for this meeting.
- b. Zoning- There was no zoning report received for this meeting. Secretary asked for clarification on zoning fees for non-residents. The fees are as stated on January 4, 2021. \$100 to township and Richardson fee is \$45.00.
- c. Roadmaster Report – Robert McConnell plans to spend \$150,000 for road maintenance and repair of Duffy, Hall, McBride and Lindey roads. This will be put out for bids. **Motion** made by Robert McConnell, second by Donald Staiger. All in favor and motion carried. Robert McConnell also states that the International needs to go to Errera for inspection and the Kodiak needs air brake repair.

- d. Attorney, Ronald Coyer - 5 questions for codification project. Book color to be blue. Township seal to be provided. Regarding question 308-008, Elizabeth Township sample ordinance to be used. New Recreational Vehicle ordinance 2021-01 to be added. And ordinance 2019-3, which has been updated, is to be provided. **Motion** made by Robert McConnell, second by Donald Staiger to approve these 5 items and forward to General Code. All in favor and motion passed. Attorney Coyer reported that he has not been successful getting the maintenance agreement recorded for the 245 Staff Road culvert project with Ms. Guiney. Ms. Guiney has not come to the office to sign the document in front of the Notary.

### III. Old Business

- a. Building Updates - KLH Engineering advised that Bid advertisement needs to be amended due to conflicting dates given for receipt and opening of bids. Everything for this process is being handled by John Mowry of KLH Engineering. **Motion** to table this item until the May meeting was made by Robert McConnell, seconded by Donald Staiger. All in favor and motion carried.
- b. Schoolhouse Restroom - septic design. **Motion** to contact two contractors to submit bids was discussed and request for two company bids to be undertaken. Robert McConnell made this motion, seconded by Donald Staiger. All in favor and motion carried.
- c. Recreational Vehicle Park/Campground Ordinance - **Motion** by Robert McConnell, second by Donald Staiger to approve full Ordinance as received from Eric Brown, Attorney. Signed copy to be forwarded to Eric Brown for his file.
- d. Wilda Snyder property, Muddycreek Drive - One bid was received and opened from Ken Shanter for \$1,600.00 with the condition that a Garage could be built on the property. The Supervisors reviewed the same indicating that the bid in its format could not be accepted as a condition, but they would accept the bid if the bidder removed all conditions and meets the bid terms as the property was advertised. **Motion** made by Donald Staiger, seconded by Kenneth Hertzog to notify bidder that they would accept bid if all conditions were removed, and the bid met the terms advertised without any conditions attached. **Motion** made and seconded and approved by Donald Staiger and Kenneth Hertzog with Robert McConnell opposed. Motion carried.

### IV. New Business

- a. Transfer of funds – **Motion** by Robert McConnell, second by Donald Staiger to transfer \$1,000.00 from Liquid Fuels fund to Equipment fund for Backhoe. All in favor and motion carried.
- b. **Motion** to approve payment of Ken & Donna Hertzog to attend flagger training on April 13, 2021 at \$40.00 per person was made by Donald Staiger and seconded by Robert McConnell All in favor and motion passed.
- c. **Motion** made by Robert McConnell and seconded by Donald Staiger to dispose of old mal-functioning secretary chair, since a new one was purchased this year. All in favor and motion carried.

V. Public Participation

- a. Darlene Covert expressed concern that all 3 of the supervisors did not attend flagger training.
- b. Harry McMurray inquired about the cost of the sewage connection for the handicapped restroom in the office.
- c. Cindy Rudish's presentation to the Board asked why Township Solicitor attends all Board meetings at a cost of \$200/hr. She also questioned several of the timesheets, as there were discrepancies.
- d. The Township belongs to PA Assoc of Township Supervisors (PSATS) who can provide free legal advice and then we can still use the Township Solicitor when deemed necessary.
- e. There was also a question raised about the lease of property by the Township for land adjoining the new Township building. The land is being leased for \$1.00 and the Solicitor charged \$100.00 to prepare the lease paperwork.

A **Motion** made by Robert McConnell and seconded by Donald Staiger to remove Solicitor from attendance at monthly meetings as a cost saving measure. All in favor and motion carried. It was understood that he will be available as needed for legal advice.

A **Motion** was made to appoint Christina McCullough as assistant Township Secretary and Treasurer with bonding to be put in place and to assist the Township Secretary, Linda Terpstra in secretarial duties and/or training as applicable. Robert McConnell made the motion, Donald Staiger seconded. All in favor and the motion passed. This action was taken after Ann Stockert submitted her resignation to the Board earlier in the evening, so there was a Township Treasurer of which would be bonded.

A **Motion** to pay bills – Motion by Robert McConnell, second by Donald Staiger. All in favor, motion passed.

Adjournment - **Motion** by Donald Staiger, second by Bob McConnell. All in favor, motion passed. Adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Linda Terpstra, Township Secretary,**

**With Amendments undertaken along with corrections,**

**to be approved by the Township Board of Supervisors**

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copy~~

To be included in the April <sup>2021</sup> meetings min  
in is entirety

## BIBLE

our court systems is still using the bible to swear on, to convict people not to LIE to tell the truth and nothing but the truth.

Today as I speak my bible will remain on this table, to remind us that this great county, our nation was and still is conceived under GOD. May I pray? Dear heavenly father, thank you for today. Lord bless this township, let our twp officials and personal be guided by your will and your word. I ask that your remove any malice in our hearts and open our eyes to the truth. In Jesus name I pray and all gods children said AMEN.

The township is a business and should be run that way, making money not wasting it. The chairman has one and only one duty, to run the monthly meeting. Everything else including changing light bulbs is determined by all 3 supervisors.

I have 2 concerns to present and discuss with the supervisors.

#1 the twp solicitor mr coyer pay rate 200 per hour.

The meeting minutes for june 17 2020 reflects kenny questioning the solicitors past 3 months, mar apr may for repeated calls to bobby, bobby replied its due to covid. After reviewing the solicitors time sheets. The time sheets show in jan 2020 there was 5 calls to bobby and dec2019 there was 3 calls to bobby, this was before covid.

**WHY DO YOU QUESTION TIME SHEETS AFTER YOU HAVE ALREADY APPROVED AND SIGNED HIS PAYCHECK?**

In the solicitors time sheet for Nov 2020 the first listing is for doing ag security WHY? In the meeting minutes for the organizational meeting minutes for jan 6<sup>th</sup> 2020 it states that don staiger was appointed to the ag security committee. SO WHY IS MR COYER DOING DONS JOB?

In the meeting minutes for sept2020 and oct2020 it clearly shows us

that the twp will be leasing a piece of twp property to someone for a horse Pasteur , then it tells us that its a year lease and the twp will be charging 1.00 for this lease. Then the solicitor time sheet for oct2020 shows that it cost the twp 100 dollars to have the solicitor prepare that lease. SO WHEN WILL WE BE MAKING ANY MONEY ON THIS? And how much taxes does the twp pay for that piece of property?

I do believe I have also found some overcharging going on with the solicitor time sheets. Time sheet for dec 2019 reads 12/18 he attend reg twp meeting and charged the twp 2 hours and 40 minutes at 480.00 but the meeting minutes reflect that the meeting ended at 830pm thus a 1 and ½ hour meeting, thus a overcharge of 1 hour and 10 minutes costing the twp 120.00

The time sheet jan 2021 states that he prepared information and attended the organizational meeting and reg meeting on jan 4<sup>th</sup>. After reviewing meeting minutes there was nothing in the reorg meeting or 4<sup>th</sup> meeting from mr coyer ,thus he charged twp 2 hours and 50 min for 500.00 but the meeting minutes shows that the reorg meeting was 45 minutes long and the meeting minutes for the 4<sup>th</sup> show that meeting was 35 minutes total 1 hour 20 minutes. Thus showing an overcharge of 1 hour and 40 minutes costing the twp 240.00 .

In the time sheet for jan 2020 it reflects that he charged the twp 40.00 to fill out the ethics form. And charged twp 3 hours to attend reorg and reg meeting but the 2 meeting minutes reflect that the reorg meeting was 48 minutes long and reg meeting was 45 minutes long, totaling 1 and ½ hours, I am seeing an over charge of 1 and ½ hour costing the twp 260.00 so far I have found 8 time sheets with this same problem.

WHO IS CHECKING ON THIS OTHER THAN ME?

I also have the past five years of financial reports , these reflect that the solicitor has made a total of 91,036.00 in the past five years.

I HAVE REACHED OUT TO 2 OTHER TWP FOR INFORMATION, findly twp in mercer co their lawyer has never come to a monthly meeting in 14 yrs he isnt on a retainer and charges 100.00 an hour. The most made was 12,000 avg is 500 to 4,000 yearly small twp like ours. Clay twp lawyer does not come to the meetings and is not on a retainer and charges 170.00 an hour  
WHY ARENT WE USING THE FREE PSATS LAWYER?

As a twp resident and someone who actually cares for the financial stability of brady twp. I kindly asking that the supervisors make a motion right now to remove the solicitor from attending the monthly meeting AND only use his services when it is deemed necessary by the free psats lawyer.

#2 assistant Secretary / treasure ann stockert pay rate 18.54an hour in the meeting minutes for Nov 2020 it shows us that ann resigns as of jan 31 2021, stating she has found a better job.

An add was put in the butler eagle advertising the twp position of sec/treasure in dec2020 meeting minutes it reveals to us that twp plans to hire linda T as sec on jan 4<sup>th</sup> reorg meeting.

Jan 4 reorg meeting minutes show that twp hired linda as sec and webmaster then rehired ann as assistant. sec as well as treasure and permit/zoning officer. WHY SHE RESIGNED AS OF JAN 31 2021. so now we have two sec two treasure with pay and no one willing to train the incoming sec/ treasure. Has linda received any training from ann? I have the past 5 years of financial reports here that reflect ann has made 167,518.00

did you know supervisor that the quick books that our twp is using for their financial undergoing is not secure, it can be changed at any

time. Please get a new system and have Linda check with other twpships on this.

Time for new beginnings

as a concerned twp resident I am asking you to please make a motion right now to let ann go. And find someone to train Linda. PLEASE MAKE GOOD BUSSINESS DECISSIONS our twp depends on you 3 men.