

Berkshire Township Trustees

Regular Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2019

Bill Holtry called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Rod Myer, here; Bill Holtry, here; and Mike Dattilo, here.

Rod made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 24, 2019. Second by Mike. Vote: Unanimous

Bill made a motion to move to Executive Session at 7:03pm under the 121.22(G) purchase of property. Second by Mike Vote: Unanimous. Bill invited Jeff George, Beth Hugh, Shawna Burkham and Julie Donnan to the session. Rod invited Dave Weade, who declined.

Bill made a motion to return from Executive Session at 7:35pm Second by Mike Vote: Unanimous

Bill made a motion to authorize Beth Hugh and Jeff George to continue negotiations for park property and also to expand the search to include other properties as well. Rod seconded the motion. Vote: Unanimous

New Business (while our attorney is still present)

Bill went over the Certification letters from the County Auditor verifying the revenue and rates for the two proposed levies.

Bill made a motion to approve Resolution **19-7-1** to proceed with putting a 1.0 mill Bond Issue on the November Ballot. Rod seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Bill made a motion to approve Resolution **19-7-2** to proceed with a .05 mill tax levy. Seconded by Rod. Vote: Unanimous

Public Participation:

Ellen Ebe, Hollywoods Drive - questions about timing of buying property, Executive Session timing, and cemetery grave décor. Bill requested we look into the number of graves which have "too much" decoration so the trustees can make a determination if more action is required.

Jim Kappenhagen, Carter's Corner Road – asked for clarification on the Levy issues.

Old Business:

Jeff updated the status of the two nuisance properties. Both have been mowed. Jeff had County Prosecutor check to see if the property on Cheshire is in Probate, but it is not.

Roads Update –

- Mike gave an update of Walnut Street – we received an estimate from Paul Peterson Co. to install guard rails for an estimated cost of \$2887.55. Mike made a motion and Bill seconded to approve a Purchase Order not to exceed \$3000 for the Paul Peterson Company. Vote: Unanimous

- OPWC Grant – Trustees signed paperwork for an OPWC Grant Application for the resurfacing of Domigan Road.

Weed Control Training – Jeff requested that the trustees approve sending both maintenance employees for training on use of weed control chemicals. Estimated cost is \$35. per employee. Trustees approved.

Bill made a motion to approve a Then and Now Purchase Order, Resolution **19-7-3** for \$1270 to Workman Fence Co. for repairs made to the Berkshire Cemetery fence. Rod seconded. Vote: Unanimous.

Bill raised the issue of noisy construction starting at 5:50 a.m. on a new development on Dustin Rd. on land recently annexed by the Village of Galena. Bill has received calls from several other residents regarding the problem. Jeff is to call the Village to discuss.

Rod made a motion to authorize the Fiscal Officer to draw upon the funds to pay the bills. Second by Mike. Vote: Unanimous

Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. Second by Rod. Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Shawna Burkham, Assistant Administrator