

Brecknock Township Board of Supervisors  
Minutes of Meeting – June 7, 2022

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Call to Order: The regular monthly meeting of the Brecknock Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:04 PM by Chairman Jeff Fiant at the Township Building with members Ron McClure and Parker Reinoehl present. Also present at the building were Kelly Young, Secretary Treasurer, Michelle Mayfield, Township solicitor, John Weber, Township Engineer, Erik Grunzig, Police Chief, and several members of the public. Joel Lutz, Brecknock Township Fire Department and Dorothy Martin were participating via zoom. 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. Jeff Fiant acknowledged a visitor in the audience. Gin is riding the Horseshoe Trail (with her horse), from New Jersey to Oregon. She stopped here and will continue her trip tomorrow and anticipates it taking her 6 to 7 months. Previously, Gin walked from Delaware to California. All present wished her well.

Minutes: The minutes of the May 3, 2022, meeting were unanimously approved as written on motion by Ron McClure, seconded by Parker Reinoehl.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurers report dated 6/7/22, and payment of all bills and payrolls were unanimously approved on motion by Ron McClure seconded by Parker Reinoehl.

**Unfinished Business:**

Road Work 2022: Jeff Fiant stated most of the road work has been completed to date. The sweeping of stones needs to be completed. Jeff mentioned the high quality of the work on this year's project.

American Rescue Report: Kelly Young stated that she filed the 1<sup>st</sup> report the end of April. The next report will be due by April 30<sup>th</sup> of 2023. No word on when the 2<sup>nd</sup> deposit of funds will take place.

Other Unfinished Business: None

**New Business:**

Memorandum of Understanding -Berks County Conservation District: The memorandum of understanding is an agreement between the Township and the Berks County Conservation District to control accelerated erosion and to prevent sediment pollution to the waters which may result from the conduct of earth disturbances in Brecknock Township. Motion was made Jeff Fiant, seconded by Ron McClure, and unanimously approved to approve the memorandum of understanding between the Berks County Conservation District and Brecknock Township.

Fire Police – Authorization for Police Department to use and request assistance of Fire Police for events at Maple Grove Raceway for the remainder of 2022: Motion was made by Ron McClure, seconded by Parker Reinoehl and unanimously approved to authorize the use of Brecknock Fire Police, who are covered under our workers compensation insurance and outside entity Fire Police, contingent on them having approval and workers compensation insurance from their representative township/entity, for the remaining 2022 events at Maple Grove Raceway.

Zoning Hearing Board – Meeting Dates: The upcoming Zoning Hearing Board meeting dates are as follows, Lauver 6:00, 6/9/22, DiGuardi 7:00, 6/9/22 and NHR Property (Doc & Bubba's), 6:00, 6/21/22.

Berks County Association of Township Officials – Resolutions for legislation to be considered by PSATS to consider at their annual convention: The Board did not have any recommendations for legislation to be considered.

Center for Excellence in Local Government – Donation Request: Motion was made by Ron McClure seconded by Jeff Fiant and unanimously approved to approve a sponsorship/donation in the amount of \$1,000 to the Center for Excellence in Local Government.

Betty Barlet – 923 Maple Grove Road– Report of Neighbors Burn: Jeff Fiant, chairman, reviewed the letter and pictures from Betty Barlet. Betty is on vacation and unable to attend the meeting. These photos reveal timbers being taken to the back of the neighbor's property (889 Maple Grove Road) to burn. Betty called the Township office to state her neighbor was burning and she suspected they were burning the timbers. The information was forwarded. Faith and Leroy Hoover of 889 Maple Grove Road were present to discuss this issue. Jeff Fiant referenced section 20-102 of our ordinance. According to the ordinance no items are permitted to be burned on an owner's property if those items are generated from another property, whether located within or outside of the Township. This issue was addressed at 2 previous meetings. After much discussion on the matter, Jeff Fiant directed the couple to investigate alternative methods of getting rid of the mats and if they have any progress to report they should attend the July 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Tower Direct – April & May Reports: April & May EMS reports were reviewed

#### Other New Business:

John Weber mentioned that on June 2<sup>nd</sup> a representative from the DEP was at the Township building to conduct a MS4 Inspection. Kelly, Chuck, John, and Jessica from LTL were present. Today we received the report from DEP, and everything looks good. Faith Hoover asked if the Zoning Officer was present at the meeting. Jeff informed her that he was not present. Faith has questions regarding putting a water wheel on their property. Jeff referred her to Berks County Conservation District.

Executive Session was called regarding potential litigation involving 23 Lindsay Court

Return from Executive Session: Motion was made by Ron McClure, seconded by Parker Reinoehl, and unanimously approved to amend the agenda for the addition of Zoning Hearing Board application of 23 Lindsay Court. Motion was made by Ron McClure, seconded by Parker Reinoehl, and unanimously approved to authorize the Township Solicitor to attend the Zoning Hearing for 23 Lindsay Court to oppose the Zoning Hearing Board application.

Adjournment: There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM by Chairman Jeff Fiant.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly M. Young, Secretary Treasurer