

MINUTES OF THE OLEY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MEETING HELD AUGUST 8, 2022

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Oley Township Municipal Building by Jeffrey Spatz with Supervisors Mark Hoch and Edwin Pollock in attendance. Solicitor Kenneth Picardi was also in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was observed.

The meeting agenda was posted in the meeting room and the township website prior to the start of the meeting. No public comment was heard on any of the listed agenda items.

Mr. Spatz announced that the Supervisors met in executive session this evening at 6:00 p.m. relative to personnel.

There being no changes to the July 11, 2022 minutes, a motion was made by Mark Hoch and seconded by Edwin Pollock to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2022 meeting as presented. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Mark Hoch – yes; Edwin Pollock - yes. All in favor....motion carried.

The police department report for the month of July 2022 was read indicating 204 calls for the month. Chief Ray Serafin provided an overview of the criminal offenses for the month.

The road department report for the month of July 2022 was read. The signal ahead warning flasher on Route 662 was damaged due to a motor vehicle accident, Telco provided an estimate of \$17,700 to replace this flasher, the owner of the vehicle did not have insurance so this amount was provided to the police to add onto the case as restitution but we will also be reporting this damage to our insurance company. A motion was made by Mark Hoch and seconded by Edwin Pollock to authorize Telco to replace the signal ahead warning flasher on Route 662 at a cost of \$17,700. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Mark Hoch – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried. The radar feedback signs have been placed along roadways in the township, Trey Miller provided and reviewed a speed data report.

There was no Fire Chief's report for the month of July 2022.

There was no Ambulance Chief's report for the month of July 2022.

The Scott Lutz property located at 41 Moravian School Road is in violation of accumulation of rubbish or garbage and disposal of rubbish, the owner is in a nursing home and they will not take any responsibility of the property and the son who lives there is currently in jail. The Stuart M. Snyder property located at 118 Mill Road is in violation of sanitation, accumulation of rubbish or garbage, disposal of rubbish, and motor vehicles, performing a monthly inspection and owner complied with moving trailers out of the woods. The Perry Good, Jr. property located at 71 Carriage Circle is in violation of sanitation, motor vehicles, accessory structure maintenance, hearing held and was given sixty days to clean up property. The Mark & Barbara Akins property located at 14 Dale Drive is in violation of sanitation, accumulation of rubbish & garbage, and disposal of rubbish, owner given time to clean up property. The Frank

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Fisher Family, LP property located at 1839 Memorial Highway is in violation of signs. The Cro-Arms, LLC property located at 959 Memorial Highway is in violation of signs.

Received letter dated August 2, 2022 from Oley Township Planning Commission recommending that the Board of Supervisors of Oley Township reject the Berks Career and Technology Center Subdivision – Phase III Final Plan, plan number E-03-0485-0010, dated October 26, 2021, for all the reasons as listed in the December 2, 2021 review letter from LTL Consultants, Ltd., unless a request for waiver extending the review time period beyond the date of August 13, 2022 is received. A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Mark Hoch to reject the Berks Career and Technology Center Subdivision – Phase III Final Plan, plan number E-03-0485-0010, dated October 26, 2021, for all the reasons as listed in the December 2, 2021 review letter from LTL Consultants, Ltd., unless a request for waiver extending the review time period beyond the date of August 13, 2022 is received. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Mark Hoch – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

Received August 4, 2022 from Oley Township Municipal Authority an Escrow Agreement for the Oley Township Municipal Authority New Water Storage Tank Land Development review fees being held in escrow. This plan was briefly reviewed and discussed. A motion was made by Mark Hoch and seconded by Edwin Pollock to authorize the Chairman and Secretary to execute the Oley Township Municipal Authority Escrow Agreement. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Mark Hoch – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

Received Zoning Hearing Board decision for Friedens United Church of Christ granting variances for minimum lot area, lot width, lot coverage, reduction in front yard, side yard and rear yard setbacks, and height for the residue lot.

Received Zoning Hearing Board decision for Richard Yoder and Rachel Stringfellow granting a variance to extend the barn into the side yard of an additional ten feet.

Received letter dated July 31, 2022 from HARB recommending that the Board of Supervisors of Oley Township issue a Certificate of Appropriateness to Lindsay B. Schwegmann for property located at 69 Bertolet Mill Road to construct an open-sided lean-to to the uphill end of big barn to provide shelter for horses as per sketch provided, size to be approximately twenty-eight foot by ten foot with seven inch square posts, timber frame construction with oak and hemlock, roof to be hand-split cedar shake shingles with seven and one-half inch exposure, no permanent alterations to be made to barn. This application was reviewed and discussed. A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Edwin Pollock to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness to Lindsay B. Schwegmann for property located at 69 Bertolet Mill Road to construct an open-sided lean-to to the uphill end of big barn to provide shelter for horses as per sketch provided, size to be approximately twenty-eight foot by ten foot with seven inch square posts, timber frame construction with oak and hemlock, roof to be hand-split cedar shake shingles with seven and one-half inch exposure, no permanent alterations to be made to barn. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Mark Hoch – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

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The tax collector submitted individuals to be exonerated for the 2019, 2020, and 2021 per capita taxes as listed. A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Edwin Pollock to exonerate the tax collector from collecting the 2019, 2022, and 2021 per capita taxes as listed. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Mark Hoch – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

Incoming communications:

1. Letter dated July 11, 2022 from Entech Engineering notifying us that the Oley Township Municipal Authority is filing a Chapter 105 Water Obstructions and Encroachment General Permit Registration with DEP for the Oley Township Municipal Authority Old State Road Water Main Extension to install approximately seven hundred fifty foot of ductile iron water main along Old State Road and asking us to complete a Municipal Land Use Letter that is to be submitted with the permit application to DEP. A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Edwin Pollock to authorize the Secretary to complete the Municipal Land Use Letter for Entech Engineering for Oley Township Municipal Authority for the Old State Road Water Main Extension. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Mark Hoch – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

2. Letter dated July 20, 2022 from Comcast regarding the commencement of the franchise renewal process. Mr. Hoch would like to meet with a representative to discuss switching Comcast's cable lines over to the newly installed poles and remove the old poles prior to the paving on Main Street next year. Atty. Picardi will acknowledge receipt of the letter to Comcast and request to meet with them to discuss the pole and cable line issues on Main Street.

The salt shed construction project is out for bid, the bids will be opened September 1, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. and the contract can then be awarded at the September 7, 2022 meeting.

Mr. Spatz said the cost of a sixty-five inch monitor screen with a mounting bracket to hang on the meeting room wall would cost approximately \$600. A motion was made by Mark Hoch and seconded by Edwin Pollock to authorize the purchase of a sixty-five inch monitor screen with a mounting bracket at a cost not to exceed \$600. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Mark Hoch – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

The Berks Career and Technology Center heavy equipment training site concept plan/Operation and Maintenance Agreement was discussed. Atty. Picardi said the Berks County Conservation District permit is required before he can complete the Agreement. Action on this Agreement will be tabled until next month.

Received letter dated August 5, 2022 from LTL Consultants providing us with their comments on the Berks County MDC 23-3-03 construction set site plan for the property located at 574 Oley Road and these were reviewed this evening. Waiver of the land development was given subject to the filing of a final plan submission with the building and zoning permit applications.

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Received renewal options for our employee healthcare program, our present plan is the Gold PPO Choice \$3,000 with Capital Blue Cross, the renewal premium increase will be two percent. Mr. Hoch will discuss the healthcare program with the employees and table action on this until our next meeting.

The parking restrictions and patterns during the Oley Fair were discussed. A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Edwin Pollock to authorize no parking on either side of Main Street between Friedensburg Road and Lynx Drive from 8:00 a.m. Thursday, September 15, 2022 to 11:00 p.m. Saturday, September 17, 2022, no left turn from the Oley Fire Company as needed, Main Street and Jefferson Street up to the fairgrounds entrance to be made one way when necessary, and all traffic to exit north on Jefferson Street as necessary. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Mark Hoch – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

The financial report was called for and read. A motion was made by Mark Hoch and seconded by Edwin Pollock to accept the financial report and pay all the bills and salaries, subject to a satisfactory explanation of the LTL Consultants salt shed project bill in the amount of \$5,419.27. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Mark Hoch – yes; Edwin Pollock - yes. All in favor....motion carried.

Public comment:

1. Michael Cofalka – He resides at 200 Bieber Mill Road which is between Quarry Road and Wiest School Road and requests that we make this section of Bieber Mill Road a no truck route. Mr. Spatz asked what would be required to install a cul-de-sac at the residential end of the roadway and close the remaining portion of the roadway and turning it back to the property owner. Atty. Picardi will research what the steps would be to accomplish this.

The next regular meeting will be held WEDNESDAY, September 7, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.

A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Edwin Pollock to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Mark Hoch – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Shirley M. Moyer  
Secretary/Treasurer

Cc: J. Spatz  
M. Hoch  
E. Pollock  
K. Picardi  
D. Allebach  
N. Ulrich