

MINUTES OF THE OLEY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING HELD MARCH 13, 2023

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Oley Township Municipal Building by Mark Hoch with Supervisor 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.

There being no changes to the February 13, 2023 minutes, a motion was made by Mark Hoch and seconded by Edwin Pollock to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2023 meeting as presented. Mark Hoch – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

The police department report for the month of February 2023 was read indicating 300 calls for the month. Benjamin Raker questioned why there are so many motor vehicle warnings versus citations issued. Chief Ray Serafin said most of the warnings are on Main Street, citations cannot be issued unless they are going ten miles over the speed limit.

The road department report for the month of February 2023 was read. Received quotes from VJ Concrete Construction in amount of \$15,750.00 and Drumheller Construction in amount of \$15,862.50 for two-hundred thirty-five linear feet of curbing repair on Main Street, he is waiting on quotes from Snyder's Concrete and Clayton's Concrete. A motion was made by Mark Hoch and seconded by Edwin Pollock to award the Main Street curbing repair to the lowest quote. Mark Hoch – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried. A motion was made by Mark Hoch and seconded by Edwin Pollock to authorize advertising for bids to be opened April 10, 2023 or May 8, 2023 for Main Street overlay project (to be paid out of American Rescue Plan Fund) and Moravian School Road base and wearing course project (to be paid out of Liquid Fuels Fund). Mark Hoch – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried. A motion was made by Edwin Pollock and seconded by Mark Hoch to authorize M&A Excavating to replace pipes on Oley Furnace Road and Hunter Road at a cost of \$4,000. Mark Hoch – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried. The traffic calming measures were discussed. Atty. Picardi said before any traffic calming devices can be installed we will need to adopt a traffic calming policy which is reviewed by a traffic engineer and prior to installing speed humps/bumps/tables a percentage of the residents in the area would need to consent to this installation. Atty. Picardi will obtain a cost for a traffic engineer.

The Fire Chief's report for the month of February 2023 was read indicating a total of sixteen calls for the month.

The Ambulance Chief's report for the month of January 2023 was read indicating a total of 96 calls for the month.

The Tyler Spier property located at 353 Water Street is in violation of rubbish, sanitation, accumulation of rubbish or garbage and disposal of rubbish, citation issued. The John Reich property located at 434 Main Street is in violation of sanitation, accumulation of rubbish or garbage, and disposal of rubbish, citation issued.

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Received letter dated March 7, 2023 from HARB recommending that the Board of Supervisors of Oley Township issue a Certificate of Appropriateness to Oley Fire Company for property located at 477A Main Street to replace sign above entrance to Social Quarters on the side of the building as per the artwork submitted for a forty-eight inch by seventy-two inch sign with edges routed to provide some dimension and the surface is flat with printed graphics. This application was reviewed and discussed. Kevin Bieber said he discovered that it will not be printed graphics but rather routed graphics. A motion was made by Mark Hoch and seconded by Edwin Pollock to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness to Oley Fire Company for property located at 477A Main Street to replace sign above entrance to Social Quarters on the side of the building as per the artwork submitted for a forty-eight inch by seventy-two inch sign with edges routed to provide some dimension and the surface is flat with routed graphics. Mark Hoch – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

Incoming communications:

1. Letter dated February 8, 2023 from Oley American Legion requesting permission to hold the annual Memorial Day Parade on May 28, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. beginning at the Oley High School and proceeding west on Main Street to Frieden’s Cemetery and returning again to the school via Main Street and Jefferson Street, they also request assistance of the police and fire police to block the road and direct traffic. A motion was made by Mark Hoch and seconded by Edwin Pollock to allow the use of the routes as requested for the Memorial Day Parade on May 28, 2023 and authorize the police and fire police to block the roads and direct traffic as required and authorize “No Parking” signs to be posted along Main Street between Lynx Drive and Water Street. Mark Hoch – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

2. Letter dated March 8, 2023 from Michael & Meghan Cofalka requesting a temporary road closure of Bieber Mill Road on April 9, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for an Easter Brunch and he provided a check in the amount of \$100 to cover the costs associated with this. A motion was made by Mark Hoch and seconded by Edwin Pollock to grant permission to Michael & Meghan Cofalka to temporarily close a portion of Bieber Mill Road between Quarry Road and Wiest School Road on April 9, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for an Easter Brunch and authorize the use of township signage and equipment for this road closure. Mark Hoch – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

The Jeffrey & Kathy Updegrave request to amend the agreement to allow for the construction of a metal sided storage building and galvanized steel grain bin was discussed. The Supervisors had visited the site and viewed the area they are proposing to construct this building and bin. A motion was made by Mark Hoch and seconded by Edwin Pollock to amend the deed restrictions for the Trails End Lane property purchased by Jeffrey & Kathleen Updegrave to permit a seventy foot by one hundred forty foot metal storage shed and a twenty-seven foot diameter 10,000 bushel galvanized steel grain bin. Mark Hoch – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

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Received pay application #1 in amount of \$77,098.00 from Dutchman Contracting, LLC for the Salt Shed Project and this is being recommended for payment by LTL Consultants. A motion was made by Mark Hoch and seconded by Edwin Pollock to approve pay application #1 in amount of \$77,098.00 for Dutchman Contracting, LLC for the Salt Shed Project. Mark Hoch – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

Atty. Picardi prepared the Operation and Maintenance Agreements for the Etheridge and Savory properties planning module submissions and has submitted them to All County & Associates for their review and execution. All County & Associates reviewed these agreements and are satisfied with them, they will be obtaining the signatures from the applicants and return them to the township. A motion was made by Mark Hoch and seconded by Edwin Pollock to authorize the Chairman and Secretary to execute the Operation and Maintenance Agreements for the Etheridge and Savory properties. Mark Hoch – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

Mr. Hoch said he needs to provide the Windstream Communications contact information to our Solicitor so that he can send a letter to them requesting that their lines be moved off of the old utility poles along Main Street by Spring of 2023 so that the old poles can be removed.

Received recommendations from Oley Township Planning Commission and Oley Township Historical Architectural Review Board that the Board of Supervisors of Oley Township adopt the Small Wireless Facility Design Manual dated February 6, 2023. Atty. Picardi said this Manual will need to be adopted by resolution. It was agreed to review this manual and table action on this until our next meeting.

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. Mark Hoch – yes; Edwin Pollock - yes. All in favor....motion carried.

Public comment:

1. Matthew Walker – Asked if he could move the utility pole on his property into the road right-of-way since the Municipal Authority is planning to do this with a pole to connect to electric so that they do not need to obtain an easement to use the pole located on his property.

2. Leigh Urwiler – Asked if the Citizens Committee will have an opportunity to meet to discuss traffic calming measures. Atty. Picardi said we need to draft a Traffic Calming Policy first in order to have something to review and discuss with the committee and we need to proceed cautiously to address any liability concerns with what we would implement.

The next regular meeting will be held Monday, April 10, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

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A motion was made by Mark Hoch and seconded by Edwin Pollock to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. Mark Hoch – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor...motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley M. Moyer
Secretary/Treasurer

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