

MINUTES OF THE OLEY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING HELD DECEMBER 9, 2024

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Oley Township Municipal Building by Jeffrey Spatz with Supervisors Lisa Schaeffer and Edwin Pollock in attendance. Solicitor Kenneth Picardi and Engineer Jessica Adams were 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 twenty-four hours 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 November 9, 2024 minutes, a motion was made by Edwin Pollock and seconded by Jeffrey Spatz to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2024 meeting as presented. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – abstained; Edwin Pollock - yes. Two in favor, one abstained....motion carried. There being no changes to the November 11, 2024 minutes, a motion was made by Lisa Schaeffer and seconded by Edwin Pollock to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2024 meeting as presented. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

The police department report for the month of November 2024 was read indicating 208 calls for the month. Chief Ray Serafin said they have apprehended the individual that did the Truist ATM building damage.

The road department report for the month of November 2024 was read.

The Fire Chief's report for the month of November 2024 was read indicating a total of 55 calls. Mr. Spatz indicated that the burn ban has been lifted but exercise caution when burning since everything is still very dry. Michael Kline said some residents suggested to form a committee to understand emergency services and the funding needs as there may be other ways to fund these services rather than through taxes. Received request to appoint the following special fire police: William VanOrden, Richard J. Miller, Jr., and James Folk. It was decided to table action on these appointments until the January 2025 reorganization meeting.

The Ambulance Chief's report for the month of November 2024 was read indicating a total of 78 calls.

The Allen & Susan Standhardt property located at 15 Rose Virginia Road is in violation of weeds, currently clearing and trimming vegetation on lot. The Matthew J. & Marisa M. Horne property located at 711 Main Street is in violation of sanitation, weeds, accumulation of rubbish or garbage, and disposal of rubbish, citations issued and hearing continued until December 26, 2024 but grass has been cut and washer/dryer have been removed. The John, Renald & Lorraine Bertolami property located at 10 Hoch Road is in violation of weeds and grass and weed removal, the property is now compliant with the Property Maintenance Code. The Stuart Synder property located at 118 Mill Road is in violation of rubbish and operation of recycling business, a notice of violation has been prepared to be sent.

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The tax collector submitted individuals to be exonerated for the 2022 and 2023 per capita taxes. A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Edwin Pollock to exonerate the tax collector from collecting the 2022 and 2023 per capita taxes for the individuals as listed. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried. Received request from Janet Shirey, tax collector, to add into the fee schedule a duplicate tax bill fee of \$10.00 and the tax certification fee of \$25.00 - \$50.00 (the current tax certification fee is \$25.00). It was suggested to make the tax certification fee a fixed amount such as \$35.00, this will be discussed with the tax collector.

Kim Seidel of Oley Township Municipal Authority was in attendance and provided an update on the new water storage tank project, 1,000 feet of water line has been installed from Friedensburg Road to Old State Road. Mr. Seidel said the township engineer has been reviewing all the plans associated with this project that were prepared and approved by the Authority engineer and he is concerned with double reviews and the costs associated with this. Ms. Adams said she would need to review and inspect all site improvements installed to make sure they match up with the recorded plans, she should not have to review any more drawings for this project. Mrs. Schaeffer feels the township engineer should be reviewing all these plans to assure that all the improvements are installed per the recorded plan.

Incoming communications:

1. Email received December 5, 2024 from Oley Valley Heritage Association requesting the use of the municipal building meeting room on Saturday, January 25, 2025 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the purpose of a workshop and informal open house for their membership. A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Lisa Schaeffer to grant permission to Oley Valley Heritage Association to use the municipal building meeting room on January 25, 2025 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the purpose of a workshop and informal open house for their membership. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

2. Letter dated December 3, 2024 from ARM Group, LLC informing us that Delaware County Solid Waste Authority – Rolling Hills Landfill intends to file a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit renewal application with DEP.

Mrs. Schaeffer said she is approximately two-thirds through typing the personnel policy amendment.

The request from Randall & Melissa Bortz to modify or eliminate some of the deed restrictions or language on their Reiff Road and Old State Road parcels was discussed since Randall Bortz was in attendance this evening. Atty. Picardi said this deed has conditions that the two tracts are to be treated as one and cannot be conveyed separately and not considered separate building lots and this is a covenant running with the land which lasts forever, there is an

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agricultural conservation easement on these parcels which will not permit the property to be subdivided. Mr. Spatz said there is no language in the agreement that the township could amend any part of the agreement. Mr. Spatz said in order to consider this request we would need a clearer runway to make a determination.

Maillie, LLP will not perform the audits if we only commit to one year. A motion was made by Lisa Schaeffer and seconded by Jeffrey Spatz to execute the arrangement letters to perform the audits of the Township and Tax Collector for the years ending December 31, 2024, December 31, 2025, and December 31, 2026 at a cost not to exceed \$18,500 for 2024, \$19,100 for 2025, and \$19,700 for 2026. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

Kevin Mohn of Systems Design Engineering was in attendance representing Berks Career and Technology Center for the Career Court Project. Mr. Mohn said they would like to move swale 5A onto Lot 10, 11, and 12 since the swale was not constructed on Lot 6 and 7. Mr. Mohn said Lots 6 and 7 have improvements constructed on them in the rear but Lots 10, 11, and 12 are vacant lots. Ms. Adams said they would need to establish new stormwater easements on these three lots. Atty. Picardi said easements are separately recorded so there is no need to record a revised plan. Ms. Adams said we cannot abandon the old easement since the sanitary sewer is still there and needs to stay there. Atty. Picardi said we should have a new plan for our file showing this new easement. A motion was made by Lisa Schaeffer and seconded by Edwin Pollock to authorize Berks Career and Technology Center Phase III Subdivision to create a new easement area to be recorded and no need to re-record the original subdivision plan. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

The financial report was called for and read. A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Edwin Pollock to accept the financial report and pay all the bills and salaries. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried. A motion was made by Lisa Schaeffer and seconded by Edwin Pollock to transfer \$100,000 from the General Fund 2024 unappropriated funds into the Capital Improvement Fund for future bridge projects. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

Public comment:

1. John Prange – He checked with Department of Environmental Protection regarding the spreading of sewage biosolids on fields and this farm has been authorized to spread the biosolids for twenty-five years and everything is legal.

The next regular meeting will be held Monday, January 13, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. Budget adoption and financial closeout meeting to be held Monday, December 30, 2024 at 8:00 A.M. Reorganization meeting to be held Monday, January 6, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

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A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Lisa Schaeffer to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock - yes. All in favor....motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley M. Moyer
Secretary/Treasurer

Cc: J. Spatz
L. Schaeffer
E. Pollock
K. Picardi
D. Allebach
N. Ulrich