

**South Londonderry Township
Board of Supervisors – Meeting Minutes
Palmyra, PA**

December 10, 2024

Opening Ceremonies and Introduction- The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Chairwoman Bucks followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following members were present:

Faith Bucks – Chairwoman
Jack Custer – Vice Chairman
William Bova – Member (Telephone)

The following staff members were present:

John Eberly – Township Manager
Bill Reigle – Chief of Police
Frank Chlebnikow – Engineer
Mitchell Baylarian– Solicitor

Public Attendees per sign in sheet:

Kendra Hoffman, Chris Bardsley, Dan & Kathy Darkes, Jane Popko, Pat Krebs, Greg Smith, Dan Deichmiller, Caleb Light, Kurt Kauffman, Jill Martin, Ken Pierce, Dawn Blauch, Cindy Dunlap, Curtis Martin, Brad Benasutti and Ed Houser, Jr.

Jess Benninger, Lebtown recorded the meeting for her personal use.

Special Orders:

The Lebanon County Kennel Club presented a \$2,000.00 donation to the Board for the K-9 Fund.

Public Comment:

Brad Benasutti commented about the Woodlawn Avenue traffic calming initiative. Chairwoman Bucks requested this topic be reviewed with the Manager or Assistant Manager after the meeting for updates.

Cindy Dunlap inquired about concerns about the turn lanes/traffic light at the intersection of Rt. 322 and Forge Road. Also, offered her insight into available grants available through DCNR.

Approval of the Minutes:

A motion was made by Custer, seconded by Bova to approve the November 12, 2024 Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

The November 27, 2024 Board of Supervisors Workshop Meeting was cancelled.

A motion was made by Custer, seconded by Bova to approve the Bill and Payroll Lists from 23 & 24, 2024. Motion carried.

Reports:

Manager's Report- Eberly thanked CCA for another successful Christmas Tree Lighting Event after Thanksgiving. After Christmas, resident Christmas trees can once again be dropped off at the designated locations at the Lawn Fire Company or behind the Township Building through January 12, 2025. The manufacturer of the leaf collection equipment has notified the Township the delivery date has once again been postponed until later this summer. It was announced the January 22, 2025 Workshop to be held at the Campbelltown FC for the informational presentation by the owners of the proposed Campbelltown Village Square plan.

Zoning Report- Chlebnikow reported that a Zoning Hearing Meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2024 for the requested zoning variance for the Timbers Restaurant located in Mt. Gretna.

Solicitor's Report – None

Reports- Monthly reports were provided for the Police Department, Sewer Authority, Palmyra Library, Historical Commission, Palmyra Parks and Recreational Program, First Aid & Safety Patrol, Campbelltown and the Lawn Fire Companies.

Old Business:

Chairwoman Bucks appreciated all the work both Fire Companies and Board members collaboratively worked on to develop the new Fire Apparatus Fund, but recommended the Board reconsider the proposed Fire Tax increase only be raised to 0.65, instead of the 1.0 rate. Custer commented that he supported the 1.0 Fire Tax increase, but he would be willing to reconsider the Fire Companies repaying their respective Fire Truck loans back to the Township in the future. Bova agreed with the 1.0 Fire Tax increase.

Pat Krebs and Jane Popko spoke about the budget process, recommended funding of various projects, and commented about the increased funding for the volunteer Fire Companies. A motion was made by Custer, seconded by Bova to approve the 2025 proposed budget. Bucks opposed the budget based on what she felt should be a lower Fire Tax increase of 0.65 rather than the 1.0 rate. Motion carried.

Chairwoman Bucks requested residents willing to be considered for upcoming expiring /vacant terms provide the Manager with letters of interest by December 22, 2024.

A motion was made by Custer, seconded by Bova to approve the hiring of Cindy Moyer as Part Time Police Department Administrative Assistant effective December 12, 2024 at a rate of \$17.00 per hour. Motion carried.

New Business:

A motion was made by Bucks, seconded by Custer to approve waivers and deferrals to the Deichmiller Subdivision Plans for the property located at Patrick and Forge Road as detailed in the Rettew's December 2, 2024 review letter and comments from the Planning Commission November 19, 2024 meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Bucks, seconded by Custer to approve the Deichmiller Subdivision Plans for the property located at Patrick and Forge Road conditional to the Rettew's December 2, 2024 review letter and comments from the Planning Commission November 19, 2024 meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Custer, seconded Bova to approve the waiver for the requirement to provide fencing around the proposed infiltration basin on the Weaver Ag Operation located at 1386 MTZ Lane. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Custer, seconded by Bova to recommend the approval of Resolution 14-2024 – Street Light Assessment for 2025. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Custer, seconded by Bova to recommend the approval of Resolution 15-2024 – Fee Schedule for 2025. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Custer, seconded by Bova to recommend the approval of Resolution 16-2024 – Tax Schedule for 2025. Bucks opposed this resolution. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Custer, seconded by Bova to recommend the approval of Resolution 17-2024 – Lebanon County Treasurer's Office Tax Bill Increase Amendment for 2025. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Custer, seconded by Bova to recommend the approval of Resolution 18-2024 – Marcellus Shale Grant Application – Playground Equipment/Supplies. Motion carried.

Good and Welfare: Chairwoman Bucks announced the Workshop meeting for December 26, 2024 would be cancelled.

Adjournment – There being no more business to discuss, a motion by Custer, second by Bova to adjourn the meeting at 7:55PM. Motion carried.

John Eberly, Manager/Secretary