

**TOWNSHIP OF BERN
BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

June 4, 2024

SUPERVISORS MEETING

SUPERVISORS PRESENT: Irene Reed, Chairperson
Brian Eveland, Supervisor
Daniel Tobias, Supervisor
Jeffrey Thompson, Supervisor

STAFF PRESENT: Brian Potts, Township Manager
Diane DeJesus, Secretary/Treasurer
Brett Forry, Chief of Police
Timothy Dietrich, Esquire
Kent Morey, Engineer
Bradley Pflum, Codes Enforcement
Bobby Turner, Road Foreman

CALL TO ORDER-PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Reed called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Thompson moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented, which included the minutes of the May 7, 2024, Supervisors Meeting, and to accept the finance report, subject to audit and approval of payment of bills on the list, seconded by Mr. Tobias. YES: Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson, and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

FINANCE REPORT

Balances as of June 4, 2024: General Fund: \$3,657,723.83, State Account: \$617,642.97, PLGIT: \$73,150.03, Certificate of Deposits: \$569,506.17, Expenses: \$107,731.69. Treasurer's Report accepted subject to audit.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kurt Lowther from Ventnor Avenue asked questions about the proposed C&B Development Group site. Mr. Lowther also expressed concerns pertaining to a roadway depicted on page seven of the land development plan with regards to the line of sight when exiting the facility. Mr.

Lowther would like the drawings to be double checked. Atty. Dietrich recommended Mr. Lowther attend any planning commission meetings with C&B Development appearing on the agenda to discuss his concerns on engineering and design issues.

Beth Burkovich from West Leesport Road asked the Supervisors to review an email she sent on Penske Truck and Collision Centers. Ms. Burkovich expressed her concerns on the proposed Penske Truck and Collision project in Bern Township. She also spoke about a research study project on warehouses in rural communities and the ability of fire equipment to respond to emergencies at warehouse facilities.

Dennis Petinko from West End Avenue expressed his concerns about the C&B Development project. Mrs. Reed recommended attending planning commission meetings.

ORDINANCES/ RESOLUTIONS

Discussion/Approval of Discussion / Approval of Watershed Restoration and Protection Program Grant Resolution and Ratification of Grant Application- Mr. Potts informed the Board that the grant is for a Best Management Practice System in Greenfields to reduce the amount of sediment going into the Tulpehocken Creek. Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the Watershed Restoration and Protection Program Grant Resolution and Ratification of the Grant Application; Mr. Tobias seconded. YES: Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson, and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER

Mr. Potts provided an update on the building construction progress. He also spoke about email migration.

Discussion / Approval of C&B Conditional Use Application with Conditions- Mr. Potts stated Ms. Cleary has prepared the finding of the facts and the decision with conditions for the Board's consideration. Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the C&B Conditional Use Application with conditions; Mr. Eveland seconded. YES: Mr. Eveland, Mr. Thompson, and Mrs. Reed. NO: Mr. Tobias. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY & SERVICES

Fire Company

A report was received from Greenfields Fire Company. Mr. Brent Wisniewski from Greenfields Fire Company also provided a verbal report to the Board. A report was also received from the Mt. Pleasant and Union Fire Companies.

Emergency Medical Services

Western Berks provided their report.

Emergency Management

Mr. Hinkle provided his report to the Board.

Discussion / Approval of Run Card Changes- Mr. Hinkle stated that there is a run card change for the SCUBA 30 Mt. Pleasant dive team. He also mentioned the County found some other issues that will be discussed. Mr. Eveland made a motion to approve the run card change; Mr. Thompson seconded. YES: Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson, and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

Police Department

Chief Forry provided his report to the Board.

Discussion / Approval to Send Sergeant to the PA J-NET Conference- Chief Forry requested a motion to send Sergeant Edwin Noll to the PA J-Net Conference June 20, 2024, through June 21, 2024. There is no cost for this training. The hotel cost is \$140.00. Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the training; Mr. Tobias seconded. YES: Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson, and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

Discussion / Approval to Send Officer to PA State Police Crash Reconstruction Seminar- Chief Forry requested a motion to send Officer Vincent Mazza to Commercial Vehicle Crash training October 1, 2024, through October 3, 2024. There is no cost for this training. The hotel cost is \$408.75. Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the training; Mr. Tobias seconded. YES: Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson, and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

PLANNING/ZONING/CODE ENFORCEMENT

Engineer

Mr. Kent Morey provided his report to the Board and informed them that he was collaborating directly with the engineers for the SunCap Landscaping Plan, Stinson LLC 2 Lot Subdivision and the Penske District Services Facility(Hartman Farm) to resolve any issues.

Planning Commission

Discussion/Approval of Traffic Impact Study Waiver for the Reading Behavioral Health Land Development Plan- Mr. Potts stated that the Planning Commission recommended approval of the waiver. Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the Traffic Impact Study Waiver for the Reading Behavioral Health Land Development Plan; Mr. Eveland seconded. YES: Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson, and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

Discussion/Approval of the Reading Behavioral Health Final Land Development Plan- Mr. Potts stated the Planning Commission recommended approval of the plan subject to the provisions of the May 10, 2024, SSM review letter. Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the Reading Behavioral Health Final Land Development Plan; Mr. Eveland seconded. YES: Mr. Eveland, Mr. Thompson, and Mrs. Reed. NO: Mr. Tobias. Motion carried.

Discussion/Approval of Penske District Services Facility (Hartman Farm) Municipal Improvements Agreement- Mr. Potts stated it was not ready.

Discussion/Approval to Ratify Barley Snyder Conflict Waiver- Mr. Thompson made a motion to ratify the Barley Snyder Conflict Waiver; Mr. Tobias seconded. YES: Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson, and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

Discussion/Approval of Greater Reading Chamber Alliance Stormwater Agreement- Mr. Potts stated that Atty. Mooney prepared the agreement for the Leisz's Bridge Road and Route 222 location. Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the Greater Reading Chamber Alliance Stormwater Agreement; Mr. Eveland seconded. YES: Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson, and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

Time Extensions

None required.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Pflum provided his report to the Board and provided a brief update on an animal situation that occurred at 342 McCoy Lane.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

MS4 Stormwater Report

No report.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Mr. Turner provided his report to the Board.

Discussion/Approval to Accept Bid for 1981 Miller Trailer- Mr. Turner stated there were 34 bids received for the 1981 Miller Trailer. Mr. Turner requested a motion to accept the \$3,300.00 winning bid from Carl Shotwell. Mr. Thompson made a motion to accept the \$3,300.00 bid for the 1981 Miller Trailer; Mr. Tobias seconded.

SEWER/ WATER/ BERN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Discussion/Approval to Appoint Gloria Heffner to BTMA Board- Mr. Potts requested a motion to appoint Gloria Heffner to the BTMA Board. Mr. Thompson made a motion to appoint Gloria Heffner to the BTMA Board; Mr. Eveland seconded. YES: Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson, and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMISSION

No report.

Discussion/Approval to Appoint William Bundy to the Solid Waste Advisory Commission- Mr. Potts recommended appointing William Bundy to the Solid Waste Advisory Commission. Mr. Thompson made a motion to appoint William Bundy to the Solid Waste Advisory Commission; Mr. Tobias seconded. YES: Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson, and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATION

Discussion/Approval of CD Reinvestment- Mr. Potts stated that Tompkins Bank offered the best rate at 4.94%. Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the CD reinvestment with Tompkins Bank; Mr. Tobias seconded. YES: Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson, and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

Discussion / Acknowledgement of Receipt of 2023 Pension Financial Statements for Uniform and Non-Uniform Plans- Mr. Thompson made a motion to acknowledge the receipt of the 2023 Pension Financial Statements for the Uniform and Non-Uniform Pension Plans; Mr. Tobias seconded. YES: Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson, and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

Discussion/Approval of M&M Facility Services Change Order Request #4- Mr. Potts recommended approval based on time and materials not to exceed \$6,940.34 and his verifying if the items are included in the contract or not. Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the M&M Facility Services Change Order Request #4 with time and materials not to exceed \$6,940.34; Mr. Tobias seconded. YES: Mr. Eveland, Mr. Tobias, Mr. Thompson, and Mrs. Reed. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 2, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Tobias made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m.; Mr. Eveland seconded.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held after the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane DeJesus
Secretary/ Treasurer

