

EAST BUFFALO TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
589 Fairground Road, Lewisburg, PA, 17837
January 2, 2017

Chairman Matt Schumacher called the Board of Supervisors Meeting to order at 5:57 PM.

Those present: Supervisor Michael Daniloff; Supervisor Matt Schumacher; Supervisor Charmaine Gray; Township Manager/Secretary Stacey Kifolo.

Visitors: See lists.

Chairman Schumacher offered the public his comments regarding the Township's continued support of the Buffalo Valley Recreation Authority (BVRA), despite the Township's termination, effective December 31, 2018, of the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Lewisburg Borough ("Borough").

Many members of the public were in attendance due to the Board's decision in November 2017 to withdraw from the recreation IGA with the Borough. Members of the public who participated in the meetings and a summary of their comments:

- Andrew Stuhl - EBT Resident - Supportive of the BVRA facilities and programs because of the direct and indirect community benefits.
- Jeremy Cook - EBT Resident - Questioned taxation of the Township and the Borough for recreation and in total.
- John DeVecchio - EBT Resident - Supports the Board renewing/revising the IGA with the Borough. In his opinion, DCNR grants are more secure if there is an IGA. Suggested that instead of working with Borough Manager, the Board should get on the agenda for a Borough meeting.
- Stan Zellers - EBT Resident - Noted that the questions raised by Chairman Schumacher made sense and should be asked.
- Tammy Hiller - Lewisburg Borough Resident - Values BVRA and a healthy community. She would like EBT to work with the Borough. She would be okay with paying more to support BVRA.
- Nancy Steckel - EBT Resident - Noted that she has been regularly attending Township meetings and has seen the Board's willingness to work with the Borough on the IGA. She encouraged people to attend public meetings. The Township's decision in November was not a surprise because of on-going discussions during meetings she attended. Encouraged Borough residents to go to the Borough to urge them to meet with the Township.
- Alex Wilce - EBT Resident - Asked if the Township could rescind its decision to withdraw from the IGA now that notice has been given to the Borough.
- Matt Bailey - EBT Resident – Stated that he felt that a re-evaluation made sense. Questioned the end goal and noted that the metrics used for renewal needed to be evaluated.
- Megan Molner - EBT Resident – Shared that she moved to her current home because of the rail trail and proximity to the park. She values the recreation amenities. In her opinion, although the Board had noted that the Township would not be reducing funding, the Township's letter makes it uncertain.
- Jim Buck - EBT Resident - Noted that the recreation IGA was renegotiated twice during his term as a Township Supervisor. Shared that he disagreed with the positions of Schumacher and

Gray over the affordable housing project in 2015 and he is worried about where they are going with recreation. Also noted that 234 people had signed a public petition.

- Meg Martin - Lewisburg Borough Resident - Noted that she would pay more for BVRA because it's important to keep them. She shared that BVRA was not notified of the Township's decision to withdraw from the IGA until after the decision was made.
- Sandra Cook - EBT Resident - Believes that an IGA guarantees funding. BVRA staff have been thrown into chaos because a decision by the Township was not made before November. Called for transparency. Noted that BVRA, through its attorney, is willing to work with both municipalities. Feels that the Township making the decision and asking questions, it insinuates that BVRA is not a good steward of tax dollars.
- Maisha Kelly - EBT Resident - Asked for clarification as to why all three entities, BVRA, Miller Center and YMCA, were being included in the conversation when the private entities are not receiving tax dollars. She felt it diminishes the relevance of BVRA.
- Brenda Harrison - EBT Resident - Believes that BVRA is run well. Feels BVRA needs dedicated funding and that the Board should renegotiate if needed, but they need to understand that this is an asset for our community.
- Barb Kalin - Borough resident – Asked if BVRA had other ways of being funded and if they could charge more for programs. Supported the Board getting on agenda for Borough meeting.
- Steva Stowell-Hardcastle - EBT Resident - Expressed that she would like to have IGA renegotiated because without it funding is not guaranteed. Asked the Board to put more data and details to its support position because it would make people feel better.
- Teri MacBride - EBT Resident - Questioned the Township's ability to commit to funding for years into the future and acknowledged that there could be financial constraints that make long-range funding an issue.
- Taylor Lightman - EBT Resident - Assumed that the Township would no longer have representation on the BVRA Board since withdrawing from the IGA. He believes a progressive tax makes more sense and is more fair. He thinks the Borough pays more money on other parks. Suggested professional mediation for the Township and Borough.
- Bryan Delsite - Union Township Resident - Believes EBT has a public relations problem and that answers aren't really being given. Feels that BVRA could have been given more notice.
- Dave Rowe - EBT Resident – Noted that the Township minutes are on the website. After attending meetings and reading the minutes, he felt everything of meaning was in the minutes. Noted that Facebook and blogs are the best source of news and that as citizens we have to get the news and facts because what we feel doesn't matter.
- Sarah Bell – EBT Resident – Stated that she is happy to give tax dollars to BVRA because she thinks it is well spent and for the whole area. She doesn't understand the separation of municipalities and hopes the Board would listen to those who spoke during the meeting.

Motion by Chairman Schumacher and seconded by Vice-Chairman Daniloff naming Supervisor Gray as the Board delegate to work with the Lewisburg Borough to begin work with the recreation IGA, with Supervisor Gray's first order of business to contact the Borough to get a place on the Lewisburg Borough January 16, 2018 meeting.

Schumacher-y; Daniloff-y; Gray-y; Motion Carried

At the conclusion of the public comment period, all attendees, with the exception of seven individuals, left the meeting.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Daniloff and seconded by Chairman Schumacher to approve the Bucknell University Academic East Final Land Development Plan.

Schumacher-y; Daniloff-y; Gray-y; Motion Carried

Motion by Chairman Schumacher and seconded by Supervisor Gray to grant two waivers for the Alexander Ford Land Development plan, as follows:

- Waiver from Section 407.B, regarding 1.0' freeboard above 100-year flood level.
- Waiver from Section 303.G.8, requiring concrete spillway and instead require permanent erosion control matrix.

Schumacher-y; Daniloff-y; Gray-y; Motion Carried

Motion by Vice Chairman Daniloff and seconded by Chairman Schumacher to approve the December 11, 2017 meeting minutes as distributed.

Schumacher-y; Daniloff-y; Gray-Abstain; Motion Carried

Motion by Vice-Chairman Daniloff and seconded by Chairman Schumacher to approve the expenditures for December 1 through December 22, 2017 as presented, noting that additional December expenses will be reviewed by the Board in February.

Schumacher-y; Daniloff-y; Gray-y; Motion Carried

Chairman Schumacher provided an update on the status of the fire company IGA draft. Vice-Chairman Daniloff reported that the regional police actuary report has indicated that the cost for the plan will increase approximately \$85,000 in the next year. Township Manager Kifolo reported that the next round of Act 101, Section 902 recycling grant funding application process is open until April 7th and she will return to the Board for approvals should the staff determine that an application should be submitted.

As previously discussed, the Township has limitations on acceptable/eligible renters of Suite #2 and Suite #3 in the Township building. Township Manager Kifolo provided drafted language to blast to all State agencies listed on the pa.gov website. The Board instructed Township Manager Kifolo to proceed.

Motion by Chairman Schumacher and seconded by Supervisor Gray to increase bond coverage to \$3M each for the Township Manager and the Administrative Assistant.

Schumacher-y; Daniloff-y; Gray-y; Motion Carried

Motion by Chairman Schumacher and seconded by Supervisor Gray to extend a five year agreement to the Youth Football League for continued use of the EBT field. The current agreement expires in September 2018.

Schumacher-y; Daniloff-y; Gray-y; Motion Carried

Motion by Vice-Chairman Daniloff and seconded by Chairman Schumacher to adopt Resolution 01-2018, opposing HB 1620 (PN 2146), the Wireless Infrastructure Deployment Bill.

Schumacher-y; Daniloff-y; Gray-y; Motion Carried

Motion by Chairman Schumacher and seconded by Vice-Chairman Daniloff to adjourn the Regular Business Meeting at 8:25 PM.

Submitted by Stacey Kifolo, Secretary