

EAST BUFFALO TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
589 Fairground Road, Lewisburg, PA, 17837  
August 12, 2019

Chairman Gray called the Board of Supervisors Meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Those present: Chairman Char Gray; Vice Chairman Matt Schumacher; Supervisor Jim Murphy; Township Manager, Stacey Kifolo; and Secretary/Treasurer, Jolene Helwig. Solicitor Peter Matson was absent.

Visitors: See list

Chairman Gray announced that an Executive Session was held on July 24, 2019 at 4:00 PM to discuss legal matters.

Public Comments:

- Jim Buck asked the Township Board to keep the best interest of Township residents in mind and to work to find a way to end the police funding dispute.
- Marilyn Murphy inquired about the township budget, specifically township manager salary and the solicitor expense.
- Shirley Brough introduced herself as the new BVRA Executive Director.
- Tim Hutchings thanked the Township Manager for having construction equipment relocated during the recent Meadows Development stormwater project.
- Stacey Richards introduced herself as a candidate running for Union County Commissioner.

Chairman Gray offered condolences to Chief Yost and his family due to the unexpected loss of his wife. The July monthly Board report for the Buffalo Valley Regional Police Department was not available at meeting time.

Chairman Gray acknowledged Board receipt of the Central Keystone Council of Governments (CKCOG) July 2019 report.

Discussion on the Lewisburg Area School District Wetland Project was tabled.

Motion by Chairman Gray and seconded by Supervisor Murphy to approve the July 8, 2019 meeting minutes as distributed.

Gray-y, Schumacher-abstained, Murphy-y; Motion Carried.

Motion by Chairman Gray and seconded by Supervisor Murphy to approve the expenditures for July 2019 as presented.

Gray-y, Schumacher-y, Murphy-y; Motion Carried

Chairman Gray reported that the BVRA has a new organization structure with the hiring of Shirley Brough as Executive Director and Tony Stafford as Outdoor Recreation Director. Lewisburg Community Pool has had a good year so far, with revenue increased compared to last year. The triathlon was last weekend with, 141 participants this year. All BVRA meetings going forward will be held at 6:00 PM.

Vice Chairman Schumacher reported that the next Buffalo Valley Regional Police Commission (BVRPC) Board meeting will be on Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at 5:00 PM and the Central Susquehanna Fire and Emergency Services Department (CSFESD) Board meeting will be on Thursday, August 22, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

Township Manager Kifolo reported that auditors of Herring Roll and Solomon are nearing completion of the 2018 annual audit. All contracted paving projects have been completed for this year. Seal coating is complete with the exception of fog seal coat to be done in Golfview and Indianwoods. The Maplewood stormwater project is complete; 57% of the total project was covered by a Dirt and Gravel and Low Volume Roads grant administered through Union County Conservation. The Turtle Creek project excavating started today. Those living on Turtle Creek will have to access either from Stein Lane or from Pheasant Ridge Road but there will be no through traffic. The Public Works crew will be completing a stormwater pipe replacement project on Smoketown Road between the east intersection of Hilltop Road and the west intersection of Hilltop Road. This is a continuation of a project started last summer. Smoketown Road will be closed to through traffic, but local residents will have access. The Costars salt contract for 2019-2020 has been awarded; the price per ton is \$68.06 per ton. This is up 3.9% from last year.

Motion by Chairman Gray and seconded by Vice Chairman Schumacher to accept the bid from Fairchild Brothers, Inc. for Phase II of the Meadows Development Stormwater Improvements Project, in the amount of \$156,102, contingent upon receipt of required bonds and insurance.  
Gray-y, Schumacher-y, Murphy-y; Motion Carried

Motion by Chairman Gray and seconded by Vice Chairman Schumacher to appoint Lawson Fetterman to serve on the Lewisburg Area Joint Sewer Authority until January 3, 2021.  
Gray-y, Schumacher-y, Murphy-y; Motion Carried

Motion by Vice Chairman Schumacher and seconded by Chairman Gray to appoint Jim Murphy to represent East Buffalo Township as an Alternate Member of the Central Susquehanna Fire and Emergency Services Department until January 5, 2020.  
Gray-y, Schumacher-y, Murphy-y; Motion Carried

An appointment to fill an open seat on the Township Board of Auditors was tabled.

Chairman Gray noted that we have received one invoice from Mette, Evans & Woodside for services rendered in June 2019 in the amount of \$2,464.50 for legal services to the Township in its defense of the Lewisburg Borough lawsuit regarding the Buffalo Valley Regional Police Department IGA. She also reported that the EBT response to the Borough's Request for Admission, Interrogatories, and Request for Production of Documents was due Monday, August 12, 2019.

Motion by Vice Chairman Schumacher and seconded by Supervisors Murphy to proceed with the advertising and hiring of a Public Works Laborer.  
Gray-y, Schumacher-y, Murphy-y; Motion Carried

Motion by Chairman Gray and seconded by Vice Chairman Schumacher to authorize Solicitor Matson to proceed with the petition to the Court of Common Pleas to take such action that would provide the Township with full legal title of the property at the corner of Jean Blvd and Stein Lane.  
Gray-y, Schumacher-y, Murphy-y; Motion Carried

Motion by Chairman Gray and seconded by Vice Chairman Schumacher to proceed with the purchase from Medico Industries, Inc. of a 2019 621F XT Wheel Loader with a final purchase price not to exceed \$95,611.  
Gray-y, Schumacher-y, Murphy-y; Motion Carried

Motion by Chairman Gray and seconded by Vice Chairman to proceed with selling the 2014 621F XT Wheel Loader to another municipality for not less than \$100,000. Should a resale agreement

not be possible before delivery of the 2019 loader, EBT will proceed with the trade-in as offered by Medico Industries.

Gray-y, Schumacher-y, Murphy-y; Motion Carried

Township Manager Kifolo provided the Board with information regarding the Buffalo Valley Rail Trail for Consideration as the Township moves toward budgeting for 2020. The Union County Trail Authority (UCTA) will be realizing a reduction in available grant funding for the trail than what was reported by BVRA as a fund balance. UCTA has also performed an engineering review that has revealed needed repairs in excess of \$60,000. The funding agreement between the township and BVRA contains a clause that would allow the Township to consider reducing funding as a result of the transfer of the Buffalo Valley Rail Trail to the UCTA. The Board will need to make a determination for 2020 funding of BVRA; as they too are moving into budgeting for next year.

Chairman Gray requested that the Board consider a \$1,000 donation to Union County Veterans 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Committee. Vice Chairman Schumacher acknowledged that EBT provides access to office space and use of meeting space at no cost to the Committee, something that they would otherwise have as an operating expense. The consensus from the Board was that an official motion would not be made at this time.

Announcement was made concerning a report from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Vector Management regarding one mosquito sample testing positive for West Nile Virus in East Buffalo Township, Union County.

Motion by Chairman Gray and seconded by Vice Chairman Schumacher to enter an Executive Session at 6:53 PM.

Motion by Vice Chairman Schumacher and seconded by Chairman Gray to exit the Executive Session at 7:50 PM.

Motion by Vice Chairman Schumacher and seconded by Chairman Gray to adjourn at 7:51 PM.

Submitted by Jolene D. Helwig, Secretary