

South Buffalo Township

Board of Supervisors

Regular Township meeting

October 16, 2023 7pm

Present: Supervisors, Joe Charlton, Paul Bergad and Jay Powell, Attorney, Jim Favero, Sally Conklin, Michele Brestensky, Jeff Kuntz, Chris Kovacs, Phillip Tompkins, Mark Shaginaw, Zachary Wood, and Vince Venturino, Andrew and Christina Swartz, Ed Young, Rich Merchant, Jen Christy.

Meeting called to order at 7pm

Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

No one in attendance is recording this meeting.

Supervisors met with Engineers for an information session on October 11, 2023

Minutes from the Sept 18, 2023 meeting read; Powell makes a motion to approve minutes, Bergad 2nds, all in favor, yes, minutes approved.

Treasurer's report; Charlton makes a motion to approve report; Bergad 2nds, all in favor, yes, all in favor, yes, Treasurer Report approved.

Road Master report read and will be on file.

Engineers Report; Sally Conklin reads report

Fire Department report; Charlton read report and will be on file.

Police Report; Bergad reads report and will be on file.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

LSA Grant; We are applying for this grant for several items, the grant submission deadline is Nov 30, 2023. Engineers will be gathering information to complete grant application and will be working with Roadmaster on getting the numbers together for next project.

DCED Grant for the park has been received; project cost is \$170,000.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Hire; With the resignation of Aaron Fuesting from our police Department, the opening needed to be filled with another officer. Bergad makes a motion to hire Officer Justin Akins to our Police Department as of 9-25-23; Powell 2nds, all in favor, yes, motion carried.

Elimination of Police Officer contributions to the Pension Plan; Our Officers do not pay into this plan, it is state funded but every year by resolution, we need to report the "elimination of contributions" to the state.

Armstrong Conservation District; Lawn; Roadmaster applied for a Dirt and Gravel grant for Johnson Road; Project is around \$11,900.00. The Conservation district sent agreements for the grant and if approved will need signed and returned. After project was discussed, Bergad makes a motion to approve, Powell 2nds, all in favor, yes, motion carried and agreements approved and signed.

LAND DEVELOPMENT/ZONING

1. Home Based Cookie Business/Christina Swartz; Ms. Swartz will be making cookies in her home and then selling them outside her home at fairs, festivals, etc. Engineers and Planning recommends approval. Charlton makes a motion to approve Conditional Use application subject to the conditions set forth, Bergad 2nds, all in favor, yes, motion carried and Business is approved.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Moody and Assoc. sent letters for notifications on Gas wells being drilled in North Buffalo and inquiring about neighboring gas well activity.

REMARKS FROM THE FLOOR.

Mr. Swaggert from North Buffalo; inquires about having a section of Northpointe from Johnson to Bable legal for ATV activity, making North and South Buffalo connect. This will need to be done by an Ordinance and signage will be needed, Supervisors will think about it. He thanks the Board for their time.

Phil Tompkins; asks about Website progress, still being worked on, there is no time frame yet on when it will be completed. He also asked about a time frame for ATV activity.

Ed Young commented on Southern Armstrong Police running through Township in pursuit from Ford City and when our Fire Trucks have emergencies, they still need to go the speed limit, so why can't they.

No further comments; Charlton makes a motion to go into executive session with Jim Favero on Legal issue, Bergad 2nds, Executive session begins at 7:30pm.

7:50pm, Bergad motions to end Executive session and resume regular meeting, Powell 2nds, and with no further business to discuss, Bergad motion is to adjourn, Powell 2nds, all in favor, yes, meeting adjourned at 7:50pm

Minutes taken, typed by Michele Brestensky, Secretary