

# BUCKINGHAM TOWNSHIP

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## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

## AGENDA (posted 6/21/2022)

June 22, 2022

19088 Call to Order 7:30 p.m.

1. Public Comment (Maximum 30 minutes)
2. Board's Announcements:
  - Buckingham Townships Free Family Fun Concert Series runs June 23 – July 28 at Hansell Park from 7pm-9pm.
3.
  - a. Consideration of approving Payment Request No. 5, to GS Developers for work completed on the **Furlong/Buckingham Village Water Interconnect, Contract BT-21-03**, in the amount of \$4,932.00.
  - b. Consideration of approving Payment Request No. 5, to GS Developers for work completed on the **Cold Spring Wastewater System Upgrades, General Contract BT-21-04**, in the amount of \$19,485.00.
  - c. Consideration of approving Payment Request No. 4, to GS Developers for work completed on the **Cold Spring Wastewater System Upgrades, Electrical Contract BT-21-05**, in the amount of \$11,430.00.
  - d. Consideration of approving Payment Request No.12 (Final), to BSI Electrical Contractors for work completed on the **Buckingham Township Water and Wastewater Department Facility - Electrical Contract**, in the amount of \$23,322.00.
  - e. Consideration of approving Payroll for the weeks ending June 5, 2022 and June 19, 2022 and the Bill List for the meeting of June 22, 2022.
4. Consideration of approving draft Supervisor's Minutes of the May 26, 2022 Work Session and May 26, 2022 Regular Business Meeting.
5. Consideration of accepting various Departmental Minutes and Advisory Body Minutes.
6. Consideration of accepting the offer of an Extension of the allowable review time under the provisions of the PA Municipalities Planning Code to December 31, 2022, for the "**McKee Development**", Township File SA 2020-01.
7. Consideration of agreeing to the Developer's Request for an Extension of the time within which to complete the Improvements as set forth in the Residential Development Agreement to June 24, 2023, for "**Sotter Hill, Lot 5**" (Willard), Township File SA 2006-05, TMP 06-014-029-004.
8. Consideration of agreeing to the Developer's Request for an Extension of the time within which to complete the Improvements as set forth in the Land Development Contract to July 25, 2023 for "**Leaver-Cable Funeral Home**", Township File LD 2017-04.

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9. Consideration of agreeing to the Developer's Request for an Extension of the time within which to complete the Improvements as set forth in the Land Development Contract to July 26, 2023, covering **“Covenant Presbyterian Church, Phase II-A”**, Township File LD 2001-02A.
10. Additional Business / Manager's Items:
  - Consideration of awarding the 2022-2023 Fuel Bid for Unleaded Regular Gas and On-Road Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel to Riggins, Inc. through the Bucks County Consortium.

Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors  
Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors was held on June 22, 2022 in the Township Building, 4613 Hughesian Drive, Buckingham, Pennsylvania.

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| Present:     | Paul Calderaio          | Chairman                             |
|              | Jon Forest              | Vice-Chairman                        |
|              | Maggie Rash             | Member                               |
|              | Dana S. Cozza           | Township Manager                     |
|              | Daniel Gray             | Township Engineer                    |
|              | Craig A. Smith, Esquire | Township Solicitor                   |
| Not Present: | Luke Rosanova           | Bucks County Planning Commission     |
|              | Gary Weaver             | Township Water/Wastewater Consultant |

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*Mr. Calderaio called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Lindsay and Jason Martin, Dark Hollow Road, were present along with other residents to request the township's assistance in urging PennDOT to make repairs to the shoulders and ditches along Swamp Road; particularly in the area of their home at the corner of Dark Hollow and Swamp Roads, where there have been several accidents. Mr. and Mrs. Martin proposed a speed reduction may also be helpful to reduce the number of accidents.

Mr. Smith explained that Swamp Road is a state maintained roadway, and to change the speed limit would require a traffic study. Mr. Smith said that the speed limit is determined by the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile of speed driven within the study time on the roadway, and could actually be raised instead of lowered.

Mrs. Cozza said that she has been in discussion with PennDOT's maintenance department regarding the Swamp Road issues, and is currently in the process of scheduling a meeting with the persons responsible for traffic control as they make the decisions for improvements district wide. Mrs. Rash added that she has been discussing this matter with our State Representative, Meghan Schroeder, who is also pressing for some type of improvements to be made along the roadway.

Mrs. Cozza also noted that the Buckingham Township Police Department has performed 16 speed details in the immediate area of Swamp Road and Dark Hollow Road since February, 2022, so while the township does have many miles of roads to patrol, they have focused on this particular area. Mrs. Cozza added that over 9,000 vehicles travel Swamp Road daily.

Mr. Patrick Ferris, Swamp Road, stated that in the past nine years, he has had \$40,000-\$50,000 in damages to electrical equipment from power surges due to vehicles hitting telephone poles along Swamp Road. Mr. Ferris said in addition to the ditches, the white lines indicating that you are near the edge of the road, were painted on dirt and grass a couple of years ago, where the pavement had crumbled away.

Mr. Joseph Bowen, Dark Hollow Road, read a letter written by Ms. Leanne Lukens, Swamp Road who was unable to be present at the meeting. Ms. Lukens' letter expressed concern regarding safety issues on Swamp Road between Lower Mountain Road and the border of Wrightstown Township, including multiple accidents, high rates of speed, distracted driving, deteriorating and crumbling white lines along the edge of the road, increasingly heavy road usage, and the high number of dump trucks travelling the road.

Mr. John Lang, Sugarbottom Road, stated he drives Swamp Road every day into Newtown, and witnesses dump trucks travelling at 60mph and wobbling due to their load shifting. Mr. Lang also reported two deep potholes which had been circled with a white line, and then an orange line, and asked what that means. Mr. Gray replied that white paint is for PA One Call, marking utilities, and the orange markings are for excavation scheduled by contractors. Mr. Smith recommended that residents call PennDOT to report potholes, as once they receive notice, they may be legally liable.

Mr. Calderaio urged the residents to contact their state representatives to put more pressure on PennDOT to make the needed repairs. Mr. Calderaio emphasized that while the Board sympathized with the residents' complaints, the Township is not able to repair PennDOT roads; PennDOT is. So the aid the Township can offer is to press the decision making officials. Mrs. Rash also said there is legislation pending to allow radar to be used by the police to monitor speed, and urges the residents to press the state representatives to vote for it.

Mr. Steve Scardetto, Pineville Road, was present to ask Mr. Smith for an update on the status of the insurance that was submitted by his agent for review. Mr. Smith replied that he had informed the insurance agent three weeks ago that the insurance met the development agreement requirements, and that the project was awaiting Mr. Scardetto's signature on the agreements and easements, and financing, in order to continue. Mr. Scardetto asked why Mr. Smith had not contacted him directly by calling or emailing him to discuss the project rather than waiting for a meeting. Mr. Smith said because at the last meeting when Mr. Smith suggested that if Mr. Scardetto wanted current information he should call or email him to discuss his project rather than waiting for a meeting, Mr. Scardetto instructed that he does not want to pay the legal fees charged by Mr. Smith to email or call him. Mr. Scardetto claimed that for Mr. Smith to reply to his agent and not include himself, was unethical; adding that he would be charged for the communication to the agent also. Mr. Scardetto said that he would report Mr. Smith to the ethics committee.

Mr. Jim Finan, Smith Road, wanted to report a zoning violation at 4780 Smith Road where he claims a lawn care company has moved in with three large trailers containing lawncare equipment, three trucks and a six-wheel dump truck. He said the property is only 1.2 acres, and that the zoning ordinance requires 3 acres minimum for a lawn care service. Mr. Finan said the equipment is all backed up to his property, only 30-50' away, along with three employees who park there. Mr. Finan said he had reported the matter to Mr. Myers, Zoning Officer, who said that he had sent a letter and the property owner denied having the lawn care company. Mr. Calderaio thanked Mr. Finan for bringing the matter to the Board's attention, and said they would pursue it further with Mr. Myers.

### BOARD'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Calderaio made the following announcement:

- Buckingham Townships Free Family Fun Concert Series runs June 23 – July 28 at Hansell Park from 7pm-9pm.

### REQUESTS FOR PAYMENT, PAYROLL and BILL LIST

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Consideration of approving Payment Request No. 4, to GS Developers for work completed on the Cold Spring Wastewater System Upgrades, Electrical Contract BT-21-05, in the amount of \$11,430.00.

Consideration of approving Payment Request No.12 (Final), to BSI Electrical Contractors for work completed on the Buckingham Township Water and Wastewater Department Facility - Electrical Contract, in the amount of \$23,322.00.

*Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash, to approve:*

- *Payment Request No. 5, to GS Developers for work completed on the Furlong/Buckingham Village Water Interconnect, Contract BT-21-03, in the amount of \$4,932.00,*
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- *Payment Request No. 4, to GS Developers for work completed on the Cold Spring Wastewater System Upgrades, Electrical Contract BT-21-05, in the amount of \$11,430.00, and*
- *Payment Request No.12 (Final), to BSI Electrical Contractors for work completed on the Buckingham Township Water and Wastewater Department Facility - Electrical Contract, in the amount of \$23,322.00.*

*The motion carried unanimously.*

Consideration of approving Payroll for the weeks ending June 5, 2022 and June 19, 2022 and the Bill List for the meeting of June 22, 2022.

*Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash, to approve Payroll for the weeks ending June 5, 2022 and June 19, 2022 and the Bill List for the meeting of June 22, 2022, in the total amount of \$1,256,700.85. The motion carried unanimously.*

## MINUTES

### **Consideration of approving draft Supervisor's Minutes of the May 26, 2022 Work Session and May 26, 2022 Regular Business Meeting.**

*Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash, to approve, as most recently presented, the draft Supervisor's Minutes of the May 26, 2022 Work Session and May 26, 2022 Regular Business Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.*

### **Consideration of accepting various Departmental Minutes and Advisory Body Minutes.**

*Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash, to accept for inclusion in the Township's records the various Departmental Minutes and Advisory Body Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.*

## BUSINESS

### **Consideration of accepting the offer of an Extension of the allowable review time under the provisions of the PA Municipalities Planning Code to December 31, 2022, for the "McKee Development", Township File SA 2020-01.**

*Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash, to accept the offer of an Extension of the allowable review time under the provisions of the PA Municipalities Planning Code to December 31, 2022, for the "McKee Development", Township File SA 2020-01. The motion carried unanimously.*

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**Consideration of agreeing to the Developer's Request for an Extension of the time within which to complete the Improvements as set forth in the Land Development Contract to July 26, 2023, covering "Covenant Presbyterian Church, Phase II-A", Township File LD 2001-02A.**

*Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash, to agree to the Developer's Request for an Extension of the time within which to complete the Improvements as set forth in the Land Development Contract to July 26, 2023, covering "Covenant Presbyterian Church, Phase II-A", Township File LD 2001-02A.*

Mr. Gray noted that Phase II-A of the Covenant Presbyterian Church project is complete, however cannot be closed out until Phase III improvements have been completed.  
*The motion carried unanimously.*

#### **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS / MANAGER'S ITEMS**

**Consideration of awarding the 2022-2023 Fuel Bid for Unleaded Regular Gas and On-Road Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel to Riggins, Inc. through the Bucks County Consortium.**

*Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash, to award the 2022-2023 Fuel Bid for Unleaded Regular Gas and On-Road Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel to Riggins, Inc. through the Bucks County Consortium.*

Mrs. Cozza explained this bid is for the delivery of unleaded gasoline and diesel fuel for the township vehicles, not the actual cost of the fuel itself. She also noted that the township normally purchases the delivery of heating oil through the Bucks County Consortium, however there was only one bidder and they required a larger quantity than the township uses, so the township would be sourcing that independently.

*The motion carried unanimously.*

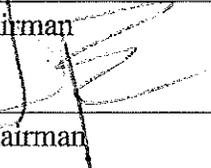
*Mr. Calderaio announced that following this meeting the Board would be going into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and the proposed police contract.*

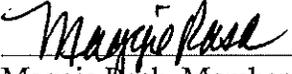
*Mr. Calderaio made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rash to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.*

Approved by the Board of Supervisors on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022.

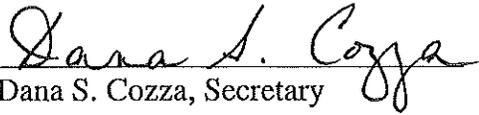
**Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors**

  
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Paul Calderaio, Chairman

  
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Jon Forest, Vice-Chairman

  
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Maggie Rash, Member

Attest:

  
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Dana S. Cozza, Secretary

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Lori Wicen.*