

SOMERSET TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REORGANIZATION MEETING
January 4, 2021

The Reorganization meeting of the Somerset Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, January 4, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., at the Township Municipal Building. Mr. Bockstoce called the meeting to order with the following in attendance:

SUPERVISORS

Mr. James R. Bockstoce
Mr. Joseph J. Cole
Mr. Robert F. Bayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman of Board of Supervisors

Motion Cole, Second Bayer, to appoint James R. Bockstoce as Chairman to the Board of Supervisors. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Vice-Chairman

Motion Bockstoce, Second Bayer, to appoint Joseph J. Cole as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. On a voice note, the motion passed unanimously.

Secretary/Treasurer

Motion Bayer, Second Bockstoce, to appoint Julie Ann Dotson as Secretary/Treasurer. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Solicitor

Motion Cole, Second Bayer, to appoint Attorney James Liekar as Township Solicitor at the rate of \$100.00 per hour. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC REQUESTS

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 1 of 2021 – Schedule of Fees

Motion Cole, Second Bayer, to adopt the fee schedule as set forth in R1 of 2021. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2 of 2021 - Foreign Fire Relief

Motion Bayer, Second Cole, to set distribution for Foreign Fire Relief funds by R2 of 2021. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Appointment of CPA for 2020 Audit

Motion Cole, Second Bayer, to appoint Maher Duessel to perform the 2020 annual audit. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Diesel Fuel

Motion Bayer, Second Cole, to award C.R. Augenstein as provider of Diesel Fuel for 2021. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Anti-Skid Material

Motion Cole, Second Bayer, to award A&S Landscaping as provider of Anti-Skid Material for 2021. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

REORGANIZATION

Director of Public Works and Assistant Road Master

Motion Cole, Second Bayer, to appoint James R. Bockstoce as Director of Public Works and Assistant Road Master. On a voice vote, the motion passed. Bockstoce abstained due to position.

Roadmaster and Assistant Director of Public Works

Motion by Bockstoce, Second Bayer, to appoint Joseph J. Cole as Roadmaster and Assistant Director of Public Works. On a voice vote, the motion passed. Mr. Cole abstained due to position.

Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer

Motion Cole, second Bockstoce, to appoint Andrew Berchin as Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer at the rate of \$350.00 per month. On a voice vote, the motion passed with two yes votes. Mr. Bayer voted no.

Building Code Official

Motion Bayer, Second Cole, to appoint Municipal Consulting Service as Building Code Official and UCC Inspectors. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Emergency Management Coordinator

Motion Bayer, second Cole, to appoint Allison Yeckel as EMC at the rate of \$500.00 per year. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Animal Control.

Motion Cole, Second Bayer, to appoint Kym Secreet as Animal Control at the rate of \$225.00 per month. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Act 511 Tax Collector

Motion Cole, second Bayer, to appoint Joseph G. Malisky as Tax Collector, except Local Services Tax. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Amusement Tax/LST Collector

Motion Cole, second by Bayer, to appoint the Keystone Collection Group to collect Local Services Tax. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Vacancy Board

Motion Cole, second Bayer, to appoint Eric Stackowitz as Vacancy Board member. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Planning Commission (2-year term 2021 to 2022 to complete term of Mr. Edward Hodor)

Motion Bayer, second Cole, to appoint Darrin Javornicky to the Planning Commission for a term of two years through December 31, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

Planning Commission (4-year term 2021 to 2024)

Motion Bayer, Second Cole, to appoint William Pollock to the Planning Commission for a term of four years through December 31, 2024. The motion passed unanimously.

Zoning Hearing Board Vacancy (3-year term 2021 to 2023)

Mr. Bockstoce suggested residents write a letter of interest to the Township.

Engineer

Motion Cole, Second Bayer, to appoint Carl DeCais of KHL as Township Engineer. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Washington County Sewage Council

Motion Bayer, Second Cole, to appoint Julie Ann Dotson as representative to the Washington County Sewage Council. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Depository

Motion Cole, second Bayer, to appoint Charleroi Federal and Slovenian Savings as bank depositories. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Dates

Motion Bayer, Second Cole, to approve holding regular monthly meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM and on the 4th Monday of each month at 2:00 PM; and to authorize the Secretary to advertise said meetings. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Fire Protection

Motion Cole, second Bayer, to continue contracts with Valley Inn VFD, Fallowfield VFD, and Ellsworth VFD to provide fire protection for 2021-2024. (Contracts expire 12/31/24). On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Office Hours

Motion Cole, Second Bayer, to set the office hours to 7:30 am – 3:30 pm, with allowances for trips to bank, post office, etc. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

WAGES & COMPENSATION

Motion Cole, Second Bayer, to increase the Full Time Road Department Employees wages by .50 cents per hour effective 1/1/21. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Motion Bayer, Second Cole, to set the Secretary wages at \$23.00 per hour effective 1/1/21. On a voice note, the motion passed unanimously.

Motion Bayer, Second Cole, to set the Clerk wages at \$14.50 per hour effective 1/1/21. On a voice note, the motion passed unanimously.

Motion Cole, Second Bayer, to set the Zoning Hearing Board Members compensation at \$25.00 per meeting. On a voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

Motion Cole, Second Bayer, to set the Tax Collector’s commission at 4% Discount, 5% Face; and Keystone Collection Group at 1.5% as set forth in the contract between Washington County Tax Collection District and Keystone Collection Group. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Employee Benefits

Motion Bayer, Second Cole, to continue the State Aid Non-Uniform Pension at 9% of gross wages. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Business Mileage

Motion Bayer, Second Cole, to set mileage at 2021 IRS rate of 56 cents per mile for use of personal vehicle for Township business. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Motion Cole, Second Bockstoce, to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2020 meeting. On a voice vote, the motion passed with three yes votes.

Approval of Checks, Warrants & Transfers

Motion Cole, Second Bayer, to approve the payment of General Fund #1201-1228 SHA Fund #1380-1387 Procurement Card 1-10-21 and any other necessary transfers and to approve invoices due prior to next scheduled meeting. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Any Other Business

Mr. Cole thanked the residents for allowing us to serve the community.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Bayer, Second Bockstoce, to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Ann Dotson
Secretary

A regular meeting of the Somerset Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, January 25, 2021, at the Township Municipal Building. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. with the following in attendance:
Supervisors: James Bockstoce, Joseph Cole Absent: Robert Bayer

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bockstoce, to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2021 Reorganization Meeting. Motion passed.

2. NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. R3-2021 CDBG for Hess Road Paving Project

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bockstoce, to approve applying for Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$50,000 through Redevelopment Authority of Washington County to be used to pave Hess Road. Mr. Bockstoce advised this is the first time the Township will be applying for these funds, which are available yearly. Motion passed.

Employee Policy Manual

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bockstoce, to approve the Employee Policy Manual. Motion passed.

Allison Yeckel, EMC – PSAT's Conference April 18 - 21

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bockstoce, to approve Ms. Yeckel to attend the Conference in Hershey April 18-21. Motion passed.

Judith Lohr – Zoning Hearing Board member (3-year term 2021-2023)

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bockstoce, to appoint Judith Lohr to the Zoning Hearing Board for a 3-year term. Motion passed.

Run for Alex – June 5

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bockstoce, to approve Run for Alex to be held at the Township Building June 5. Motion passed.

Bentleyville Public Library 2021 Contribution

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bockstoce, to approve \$1,500.00 contribution to the Bentleyville Public Library. Motion passed.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

4. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bockstoce, to adjourn the meeting at 2:10 p.m. On a voice vote, the motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Ann Dotson
Secretary

A regular meeting of the Somerset Township Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, February 10, 2021, at the Township Municipal Building. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Supervisors: James Bockstoce, Joseph Cole, Robert Bayer (Mr. Bayer via Conference Call).

Meeting is closed to the public due to inclement weather and Covid-19 restrictions. Conference Call information is provided to residents.

Please be advised that the Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session with the Solicitor to discuss litigation matters on February 3, 2021 from 12:15pm to 1:00pm.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bockstoce, to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2021 Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

2. APPROVAL OF CHECKS, WARRANTS & TRANSFERS.

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to approve the payment of the following checks:

CFS General Fund 1229-1275 SHA Fund #1388-1404

Procurement Card 2-10-21 and any other necessary transfers. Motion passed unanimously.

3. NEW BUSINESS

2005 New Holland Tractor – Open Bids

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to open bids. Motion passed unanimously.

Award Bid

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to award Bid to AgPro in the amount of \$29,900.00. This is the only Bid received.

Motion passed unanimously.

4. ANY OTHER NECESSARY BUSINESS

Youth Trout Fishing April 10

Mr. Bockstoce advised the Township is holding a youth fishing event at 84 Lakes on April 10 from 8am-2pm. It is sponsored by Range Resources who has donated \$2500.00 to 84 Lakes.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Bockstoce, to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Ann Dotson
Secretary

Please be advised the Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session with the Solicitor February 23, 2021 from Noon to 1:30pm to discuss litigation matters.

A regular meeting of the Somerset Township Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, March 10, 2021, at the Township Municipal Building. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following in attendance:
Supervisors: James Bockstoce, Joseph Cole, Robert Bayer

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2021 Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

2. APPROVAL OF CHECKS, WARRANTS & TRANSFERS.

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to approve the payment of the following checks:

CFS General Fund 1276-1285 SHA Fund #1405-1413

Procurement Card 3-10-21 and any other necessary transfers. Motion passed unanimously.

3. OLD BUSINESS

Reapproval of Hardy World Site Development Plan

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bockstoce, for reapproval of Plan. Motion passed unanimously.

Plan was approved in 2020 and needs reapproval due to ninety (90) day requirement to file at the Recorder's office.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Emery-Quast Subdivision Plan

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to approve the Emery-Quast Subdivision Plan as recommended by Township Engineer and Planning Commission. Motion passed unanimously.

Guide Rails Quote

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to approve quote for guiderails for Lively Road and at Somerset Park contingent on acquiring the property from Murray Energy. Motion passed unanimously.

Brine Cover Quote

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to approve purchase of cover in the amount of \$1700.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Dex Lohr – (90) day probation pay increase

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to approve pay increase to \$22.50/hour, effective March 15. Motion passed unanimously.

5. ANY OTHER NECESSARY BUSINESS

Mr. Bockstoce stated he has a conference call scheduled on March 15 with Murray Energy regarding acquiring the park property. He also advised he is meeting with PA American Water on April 12 to discuss public water. Mr. Bockstoce stated the Township will be receiving a Covid-19 stimulus package to assist with any hardships experienced. He stated Charleroi Water has received approval to bore under 70 to begin the process of installing the water station. Mr. Bockstoce also advised the Secretary applied for and was approved for a Cares Act grant in the amount of \$35,000.00 to build a Covid-10 compliant reception area. He said the Township utilized 450 tons of salt and 1000 tons of anti-skid. He advised the fishing derby is scheduled for April 10 at 84 Lakes, the Easter Egg Hunt is March 27 and clean up day is April 17. Mr. Bockstoce said he was approached by a Township resident about obtaining a recycling bin and he is checking into the Township offering a drop site for residents. He said Hess Road and Sumney Road are being repaired and our impact fee will be used for paving. Mr. Cole said they crew is cleaning up roads with the sweeper and fixing drains and performing ditch work. He thanked the residents for allowing us to serve them and asked that they call the office with any road concerns that need addressed.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Vasko advised clean up days are April 17 and 24. A neighbor of Mr. Quast raised concerns of the approval of the subdivision due to permitted driveways on the road. Mr. Bockstoce advised the Engineer will review the matter.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to adjourn the meeting at 7:15pm. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Ann Dotson
Secretary

Please be advised the Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session with the Solicitor March 30, 2021 from 12:50pm to 1:20pm to discuss litigation matters.

A regular meeting of the Somerset Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, April 12, 2021, at the Township Municipal Building. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following in attendance:
Supervisors: James Bockstoce, Joseph Cole, Robert Bayer

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2021 Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

2. APPROVAL OF CHECKS, WARRANTS & TRANSFERS.

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to approve the payment of the following checks:

CFS General Fund 1286-1316 SHA Fund #1414-1422

Procurement Card 4-10-21 and any other necessary transfers. Motion passed unanimously.

3-5. PUBLIC HEARING – Chester Spur Abandonment, Hewitt and Babirad

At 7:05pm the Chairman opened the public hearing on the proposed ordinance to abandon a portion of Chester Spur Road. There being no public comment the Chairman closed the public hearing at 7:06pm. After the public hearing, Mr. Cole made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2-2021 to abandon a portion of Chester Spur Road. The first 500 feet of Chester Spur Road will remain a Township Road with the remainder abandoned. Second by Mr. Bayer. Motion Unanimously passed.

At 7:07pm the Chairman opened the public hearing on the conditional use application filed by Louise Hewitt for a Proposed use as storage units at 1 Avalon Circle, Eighty Four, PA 15330. The applicant attached and described the Proposed use and answered several questions from the Board. There was no public comment. The Chairman closed The public hearing at 7:10pm.

After the public hearing, Mr. Cole made a motion to approve the conditional use, motion seconded by Mr. Bayer. Motion Unanimously passed. The Solicitor will prepare Findings and Decision.

At 7:11pm the Chairman opened the public hearing on the conditional use application filed by Benjamin Babirad for a Barn and event rental at 100 Airport Road, Scenery Hill, PA 15360. The applicant attended and described the proposed Use and answered some questions from the Board. There was no public comment. After the public hearing, Mr. Bayer Made a motion to table the decision on the conditional use application until the Board of Supervisors meeting on May 12, 2021 at 7:00pm, motion seconded by Mr. Cole. Motion passed unanimously.

6. MATTHEWS SUBDIVISION PLAN

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to approve the Matthews Subdivision Plan as recommended by Township Engineer. Motion passed unanimously.

7. ORDINANCE 1-2021 RECREATION BOARD

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to adopt ordinance. Mr. Bockstoce stated seven (7) members will be appointed to the Board. Motion passed unanimously.

8. ANY OTHER NECESSARY BUSINESS

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION – CANCELLED

Added Items – Mr. Bockstoce advised he met with PA American Water regarding providing public water to Township residents. He said we are making headway on the project which will be a minimal cost to the Township. Mr. Bockstoce advised the Township received a request for mileage pay from the Zoning Officer, Andrew Berchin. Mr. Bayer made a motion to not approve the mileage reimbursement, second by Mr. Cole. Mr. Berchin advised he was paid mileage in the 1990's. Motion passed unanimously to vote no and not pay mileage. Mr. Liekar suggested the Board sign bond agreement, which will reimburse Township for funds used before bond funds are received. Motion by Mr. Bayer, 2nd by Mr. Cole, motion passed unanimously.

A regular meeting of the Somerset Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, April 26, 2021, at the Township Municipal Building. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. with the following in attendance:
Supervisors: James Bockstoce Joseph Cole Robert Bayer

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2021 Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

2. OLD BUSINESS

Advertise Bids – 2021 Paving Project

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to approve advertisement of 2021 Paving Project. Motion passed unanimously.

3. NEW BUSINESS

Recreation Board Members

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to appoint the following residents to a one (1) year term to the Recreation Board:
Annette Bockstoce, James Bockstoce, Deb French, Shelley Loughman, Virginia Vasko, Courtney Wiltrout and Nancy Wiltrout. Motion passed unanimously.

Hiring Road Department Employee

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to approve hiring of Roy Lindley, Jr. Motion passed unanimously.

Hourly Rate of Pay

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to approve \$23.34 as hourly pay rate of Roy Lindley, Jr. Motion passed unanimously.

Added Item

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bockstoce, to approve a \$1.00 per hour pay increase for Michael Bayer, effective today.
Bayer abstained. Motion passed unanimously.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to adjourn the meeting at 2:10 p.m. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Ann Dotson
Secretary

Please be advised the Board of Supervisors met with Coen Oil representatives and the Zoning Officer Tuesday, May 11 from 9:00am to 10:00am for informational purposes only.

A regular meeting of the Somerset Township Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, May 12, 2021, at the Township Municipal Building. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following in attendance:
Supervisors: James Bockstoce, Joseph Cole, Robert Bayer

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2021 Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

2. APPROVAL OF CHECKS, WARRANTS & TRANSFERS.

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to approve the payment of the following checks:

CFS General Fund 1317-1356 SHA Fund #1423-1439

Procurement Card 5-10-21 and any other necessary transfers. Motion passed unanimously.

3. CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONDITIONAL USE - BABIRAD

At 7:05pm the Chairman opened the continuation of public hearing on the conditional use application filed by Benjamin Babirad for a barn and event rental at 100 Airport Road, Scenery Hill, PA 15360. There was no public comment. After the public hearing, Mr. Cole made a motion to table the decision on the conditional use application until the Board of Supervisors meeting on May 24, 2021 at 2:00pm, motion seconded by Mr. Bayer. Motion passed unanimously.

4. PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONDITIONAL USE – 84 RECYCLING

At 7:08pm the Chairman opened the public hearing on the conditional use application filed by 84 Recycling for a recycling center on Donley Road, Eighty Four, PA 15330. There was no public comment. After the public hearing, Mr. Bayer made a motion to table the decision on the conditional use application until the Board of Supervisors meeting on May 24, 2021 at 2:00pm, motion seconded by Mr. Cole. Motion passed unanimously.

5. NICHOLL SUBDIVISION PLAN

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to approve the Nicholl Subdivision Plan as recommended by Township Engineer.
Motion passed unanimously.

6. PURCHASE OF MURRAY ENERGY PROPERTY

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to authorize Murray Energy property to be appraised by Connolly Appraisers at a cost of \$275.00. Motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Bayer, second by Mr. Cole, that the Township make an offer to purchase real estate Parcel# 580-011-00-00-0013-00 in the amount of \$6,000.00 subject to obtaining an appraisal of the real estate in an amount of at least \$6,000.00. Motion passed unanimously.

7. AWARD BID – 2021 ROAD PAVING PROJECT

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to award bid to Morgan Paving. Motion passed unanimously.

8. ANY OTHER NECESSARY BUSINESS

Mr. Bockstoce stated pipe crossings have been completed on Rainey Road, Scott Road and Edgar Road and our crew is mowing along all our roads. Mr. Bockstoce advised he spoke with PA American Water regarding public water installation soon on St. Cloud, Emery, Azzo and Rainey as well as a water station on Lovett Road. He also advised we will move forward on our park project once the Township officially purchased the property from Murray Energy.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Lohr requests an increased contribution from the Township to the Bentleyville Public Library. Mr. Bockstoce advised the Board will review the matter.

Mr. Mulshen complimented the road crew on the drainpipe installed on Rainey Road.

A resident advised the stone on Emery Road is being washed into the drain. Mr. Cole said he will check it out.

SOMERSET TOWNSHIP

May 24, 2021

A regular meeting of the Somerset Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, May 24, 2021, at the Township Municipal Building. The Vice Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. with the following in attendance: Supervisors: Joseph Cole Robert Bayer Absent: James Bockstoce

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2021 Meeting. Motion passed.

2. CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONDITIONAL USE – 84 RECYCLING

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to close the public hearing and table the decision to June 9, 2021 Meeting at 7:00 pm. Motion passed.

3. OLD BUSINESS

Increase Bentleyville Public Library 2021 Contribution

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to increase the contribution and decide the amount of the increase at the June 9, 2021 Meeting at 7:00 pm. Motion passed.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Zoning Officer Appointment

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to relieve Andrew Berchin of Zoning Officer and Code Enforcement duties and appoint Municipal Consulting Services as replacement, effective immediately. Motion passed.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to adjourn the meeting at 2:09 p.m. On a voice vote, the motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Ann Dotson
Secretary

A regular meeting of the Somerset Township Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, June 9, 2021, at the Township Municipal Building. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following in attendance:
Supervisors: James Bockstoce, Joseph Cole, Robert Bayer

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2021 Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

2. APPROVAL OF CHECKS, WARRANTS & TRANSFERS.

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to approve the payment of the following checks:

CFS General Fund 1357-1378 SHA Fund #1440-1457

Procurement Card 6-10-21 and any other necessary transfers. Motion passed unanimously.

3. CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONDITIONAL USE – 84 RECYCLING

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to table Public Hearing and Board decision on Conditional Use Application until the Board of Supervisors Meeting on June 28, 2021 at 2:00 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

4. OLD BUSINESS

Purchase of Murray Energy Property

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to offer bid in the amount of \$6,000.00. Mr. Bockstoce stated the appraised value \$31,000.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Increase Bentleyville Public Library 2021 Contribution

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to increase 2021 contribution an additional \$1,500.00. Motion passed unanimously.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Cherokee Farms Subdivision Plan

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to approve the Cherokee Farms Subdivision Plan as recommended by Township Engineer. Motion passed unanimously.

6. ANY OTHER NECESSARY BUSINESS

Mr. Bockstoce stated PA American Water will provide him a list of proposed roads for public water by the end of June, the Water Station installation on Lovett Road is in progress and paving will begin soon. He also advised the crew has installed six (6) pipes on Old Monongahela and Valley in preparation of paving. Mr. Cole said Hoge Summit has also been repaired.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Emery Road resident advised the Board a new resident, Ty Bell, is requesting drain be repaired near his home.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to adjourn the meeting at 7:10pm. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Ann Dotson
Secretary

A regular meeting of the Somerset Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, June 28, 2021, at the Township Municipal Building. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. with the following in attendance:
Supervisors: Joseph Cole James Bockstoce Absent: Robert Bayer

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bockstoce, to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2021 Meeting. Motion passed.

2. CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONDITIONAL USE – 84 RECYCLING

At 2:02pm, the Chairman opened the public hearing on the continuation of conditional use application filed by 84 Recycling for a proposed junkyard facility at 72 Donley Road. Mr. CJ Blackwell, the attorney representing 84 Recycling, stated the proposed use will be for junkyard and recycling. Solicitor advised the conditional use requires a site plan be submitted to the Township and DEP permit approval. The Chairman closed the public hearing at 2:07.

After the public hearing, Mr. Cole made a motion to approve the conditional use application to operate as a junkyard, on the condition of site plan approval and DEP requirements, motion seconded by Mr. Bockstoce. Motion passed.

3. PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONDITIONAL USE APPLICATION - VERIZON

At 2:10pm, the Chairman opened the public hearing on the conditional use application filed by Verizon Wireless to construct Telecommunications Facility (tower) at 519 Vanceville Road. Mr. Perotti, representative of Verizon, stated the facility will be a 195' tall self-support tri-pod style facility, surrounded by an 8' fence with barbed wire. It will only be visited for routine maintenance. Mr. Perotti also stated that there is space available on the facility to accommodate other wireless providers. The Chairman closed the public hearing at 2:15pm.

After the public hearing, Mr. Cole made a motion to approve the conditional use application, motion seconded by Mr. Bockstoce. Motion passed.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Quast asked Mr. Bockstoce how the length of Emery Road was determined, and Mr. Bockstoce responded he conferred with Solicitor and Township Engineer as well as including the location of the last house on the road. Mr. Quast said the Board should have spoken to residents who lived there over 58 years as well as checking google maps to determine the actual length. Mr. Bockstoce said it was a private road and maintained by property owners all those years and was appropriately advertised and adopted by the Township in 2020. Mr. Quast said he disagrees on the length of the road and said he provided stone for the road for years. He said his granddaughter may build on his property and he would like the road extended. Mr. Cole asked if anything is in writing regarding the maintenance and length of the road and Mr. Quast said no. Mr. Bockstoce stated the road will be advertised for the next meeting.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bockstoce, to adjourn the meeting at 2:20 p.m. On a voice vote, the motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Ann Dotson
Secretary

A regular meeting of the Somerset Township Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, July 14, 2021, at the Township Municipal Building. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following in attendance:
Supervisors: James Bockstoce, Joseph Cole, Robert Bayer

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2021 Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

2. APPROVAL OF CHECKS, WARRANTS & TRANSFERS.

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to approve the payment of the following checks:

CFS General Fund# 1379-1396 SHA Fund # 1458-1472

Procurement Card 7-10-21 and any other necessary transfers. Motion passed unanimously.

3. OLD BUSINESS

EMERY ROAD ORDINANCE

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to not adopt ordinance for 200 additional feet. The ordinance will remain as 1785 feet from 519 as originally adopted in 2020. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to authorize Solicitor to advertise ordinance for 33-foot square turn around at the end of Emery Road. Motion passed unanimously.

4. ANY OTHER NECESSARY BUSINESS

State Trooper Barnhardt provided a report on incidents in the Township. Mr. Bockstoce provided a list of roads requested to be patrolled.

Motion: Joe, 2nd: Bayer, approving \$1.00 per hour pay increase for Roy Lindley effective 7-27-21 when his ninety (90) day probation is complete.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Randy Metz thanked the road crew for removing the downed tree on Sprowles. He also recommended Sprowles to be paved and the drainage corrected. Mr. Cole advised the road will be repaired in 2022.

Emery Road resident Donna requested speed limit sign.

Bockstoce listed all roads that have been paved this year.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Bockstoce, to adjourn the meeting at 7:15pm. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Ann Dotson
Secretary

A regular meeting of the Somerset Township Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, August 11, 2021, at the Township Municipal Building. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following in attendance:
Supervisors: James Bockstoce, Robert Bayer Absent: Joseph Cole

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Bockstoce, to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2021 Meeting. Motion passed.

2. APPROVAL OF CHECKS, WARRANTS & TRANSFERS.

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Bockstoce, to approve the payment of the following checks:
CFS General Fund# 1397-1434 SHA Fund # 1473-1493
Procurement Card 8-10-21 and any other necessary transfers. Motion passed.

3. NEW BUSINESS

KAPLAN PLAN SUBDIVISION

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Bockstoce, to approve subdivision as recommended by Township Engineer. Motion passed.

4. ANY OTHER NECESSARY BUSINESS

Bockstoce stated the Township received first payment of two for Covid Relief in the amount of \$138,000, which will be used to acquire public water. The Township also received \$337,000 for impact fee which will be used for paving.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Roger Rainey asked if public water will be coming to the Township and Mr. Bockstoce advised PA American Water is reviewing the roads which will receive water and costs.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Bockstoce, to adjourn the meeting at 7:10pm. On a voice vote, the motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Ann Dotson
Secretary

SOMERSET TOWNSHIP

August 23, 2021

A regular meeting of the Somerset Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, August 23, 2021, at the Township Municipal Building. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. with the following in attendance:
Supervisors: James Bockstoce Joseph Cole Absent: Robert Bayer

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bockstoce, to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2021 Meeting. Motion passed.

2. KURTZ COURT TO AMES ROAD EXTENSION – ROAD NAME CHANGE

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bockstoce, to begin process to change Kurtz Court to Ames Road Extension. Kurtz Court is a private drive. Resident Ben Orrison, who lives on Kurtz Court, is requesting the name change to make is easier for delivery drivers. Motion passed.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

4. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bockstoce, to adjourn the meeting at 2:10 p.m. On a voice vote, the motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Ann Dotson
Secretary

A regular meeting of the Somerset Township Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, September 8, 2021, at the Township Municipal Building. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Supervisors James Bockstoce, Joseph Cole, Robert Bayer

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2021 Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

2. APPROVAL OF CHECKS, WARRANTS & TRANSFERS.

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to approve the payment of the following checks:

CFS General Fund# 1435-1448 SHA Fund # 1494-1502

Procurement Card 9-10-21 and any other necessary transfers. Motion passed unanimously.

3. OLD BUSINESS

SITE PLAN APPLICATION – 84 RECYCLING

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to table item to September 27, 2021 Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

4. NEW BUSINESS

2020 PENSION DISTRIBUTION

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to approve 2020 pension distribution totaling 9% of payroll. Motion passed unanimously.

5. REPORTS

Road Department – Bockstoce advised Hess and Leoni are paved, pipe crossings are completed on Hess and Leoni and our crew is mowing and trimming trees as needed. He also stated the Township receives regular calls complimenting our grass cutting.

6. ANY OTHER NECESSARY BUSINESS

Bockstoce stated he is meeting with Tri-County Water regarding federal funds available for installation of public water.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident advised sink hole on Emery Road. Cole advised he will check into the matter.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to adjourn the meeting at 7:10pm. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Ann Dotson
Secretary

SOMERSET TOWNSHIP

September 27, 2021

A regular meeting of the Somerset Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, September 27, 2021 at the Township Municipal Building. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. with the following in attendance:
Supervisors: James Bockstoce Joseph Cole Absent: Robert Bayer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bockstoce, to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2021 Meeting. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

SITE PLAN APPLICATION – 84 RECYCLING

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bockstoce, to table item to October 25, 2021 Meeting. Motion passed. Attorney CJ Blackwell advised that he is in the process of applying for stormwater runoff permit, liquid waste permit, waste management permit and tire permit for his client.

NEW BUSINESS

AUTHORIZE FUNDS FOR RECREATION BOARD – TRUNK OF TREATS

Added item: Recreation Officers

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bockstoce, to approve the following: President Courtney Wilttrout, Vice President Debbie French, Secretary Virginia Vasko, Treasurer Annette Bockstoce.

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bockstoce, to approve \$600.00 to be allocated for Trunk of Treats event.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bockstoce, to adjourn the meeting at 2:15 p.m. On a voice vote, the motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Ann Dotson
Secretary

A regular meeting of the Somerset Township Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, October 13, 2021, at the Township Municipal Building. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Supervisors James Bockstoce, Joseph Cole, Robert Bayer via telephone

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2021 Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

2. APPROVAL OF CHECKS, WARRANTS & TRANSFERS.

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to approve the payment of the following checks:

CFS General Fund# 1449-1484 SHA Fund # 1503-1516

Procurement Card 10-10-21 and any other necessary transfers. Motion passed unanimously.

3. NEW BUSINESS

MCVICKER SUBDIVISION PLAN NO. 1

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to approve McVicker Subdivision Plan No. 1. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the application and Township Engineer recommendation letter.

DISTRIBUTION OF FOREIGN FIRE

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to approve distribution of foreign fire. Motion passed unanimously.

4. REPORTS

Road Department – Bockstoce advised shoulder work completed on Sprowles, tree cutting on Weiko, crack sealing on Somerset and patchwork completed on Lively and Ames.

5. ANY OTHER NECESSARY BUSINESS

Bockstoce stated PA American Water is still determining what roads they will service with public water. He advised he is meeting with Tri-County Water and Charleroi Water regarding federal funds available for installation of public water.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Kathy Kennedy asked the Board if the Township building can be used as a food pantry. She advised it is an organized operation with the drop off being one day a month with distribution on the following day. Bockstoce and Cole agreed to offer the use of the building. Ms. Kennedy said she will be in contact with the Township moving forward and will provide all documents in writing.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25pm. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Ann Dotson
Secretary

SOMERSET TOWNSHIP

October 25, 2021

A regular meeting of the Somerset Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, October 25, 2021 at the Township Municipal Building. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. with the following in attendance:
Supervisors: James Bockstoce Joseph Cole Robert Bayer via telephone

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2021 Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

SITE PLAN APPLICATION – 84 RECYCLING

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to deny site plan application if a request to extend Board action until November 30 is not received by Friday, October 29. The Township has not received information concerning required DEP permits or applications for the permits. Township Engineer provided information regarding stormwater permits. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to adjourn the meeting at 2:05 p.m. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Ann Dotson
Secretary

A regular meeting of the Somerset Township Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, November 10, 2021, at the Township Municipal Building. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Supervisors James Bockstoce, Joseph Cole, Robert Bayer via telephone

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2021 Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

2. APPROVAL OF CHECKS, WARRANTS & TRANSFERS.

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to approve the payment of the following checks:

CFS General Fund# 1485-1505 SHA Fund # 1517-1537

Procurement Card 11-10-21 and any other necessary transfers. Motion passed unanimously.

3. OLD BUSINESS

Resolution 4-2021 – Kaplan Subdivision Planning Module

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to approve Kaplan Subdivision Planning Module for holding tank. Motion passed unanimously.

4. NEW BUSINESS

2022 Proposed Pension Budget

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to approve the estimated funds of \$29,813.28 required for the 2022 Budget for the employee pension fund. This amount is 9% of payroll of full-time employees. Motion passed unanimously.

2022 Proposed Budget – Authorize to Advertise

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to authorize advertisement of 2022 Proposed Budget. Motion passed unanimously.

5. REPORTS

Road Department

Bockstoce advised the Township road crew is currently installing 3000 feet of snow fence, performing patchwork on Lively, trimming trees and sealing roads. He also stated that the road crew has completed some minor road work for residents after paving was completed.

6. ANY OTHER NECESSARY BUSINESS

Bockstoce advised Trunk of Treats was a success and Country Christmas will be held on December 4 from 4-7pm.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Ann Dotson
Secretary

SOMERSET TOWNSHIP

November 22, 2021

A regular meeting of the Somerset Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, November 22, 2021 at the Township Municipal Building. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. with the following in attendance:
Supervisors: James Bockstoce, Robert Bayer via telephone Absent: Joseph Cole

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Bockstoce, to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2021 Meeting. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

AUTHORIZE FUNDS FOR RECREATION BOARD – COUNTRY CHRISTMAS LIGHT UP NIGHT

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Bockstoce, to authorize funds in the amount of \$3500.00 for the event. All invoices are to be submitted to Township for payment within 30 days. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

OTHER BUSINESS

Liekar advised 84 Recycling applied for DEP Permits and requested time for Board action be extended to December 27.
Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Bockstoce, to table decision on site plan approval until 2nd meeting in January 2022. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Bockstoce, to adjourn the meeting at 2:05 p.m. On a voice vote, the motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Ann Dotson
Secretary

A regular meeting of the Somerset Township Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, December 8, 2021, at the Township Municipal Building. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Supervisors Joseph Cole, Robert Bayer via telephone Absent: James Bockstoce

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to approve the minutes of the November 22, 2021 Meeting. Motion passed.

2. APPROVAL OF CHECKS, WARRANTS & TRANSFERS.

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to approve the payment of the following checks:
CFS General Fund# 1506-1525 SHA Fund # 1538-1550
Procurement Card 12-10-21 and any other necessary transfers. Motion passed.

3. OLD BUSINESS

Adopt Proposed 2022 Budget

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to adopt proposed 2022 budget. Motion passed.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Augenstein Subdivision Plan

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to approve subdivision. Board reviewed application and Township Engineer recommendation letter. Motion passed.

Rolling Green Subdivision Plan

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to approve subdivision. Board reviewed application and Township Engineer recommendation letter. Motion passed.

Thomas Kalchthaler Subdivision Plan

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to approve subdivision. Board reviewed application and Township Engineer recommendation letter. Motion passed.

Authorize Legal Ad for 2022 Reorganization Meetings January 3 & 4, 2022

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to authorize ad. Motion passed.

5. REPORTS

Road Department

Cole advised the crew is installing 3000 feet of snow fence throughout the Township, cutting ditches to help with water runoff, and installed a cross pipe/inlet on Johnson Road.

6. ANY OTHER NECESSARY BUSINESS

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident thanked the Township for Christmas event and the road department for doing a great job all year. Resident Eric Stackowitz of Rainey Road advised water runoff on his driveway. Cole to address the matter.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. On a voice vote, the motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Ann Dotson
Secretary