

SOMERSET TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REORGANIZATION MEETING
January 3, 2022

The Reorganization meeting of the Somerset Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, January 3, 2022, 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 via telephone

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 vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Secretary/Treasurer

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

Solicitor

Motion Bayer, Second Bockstoce, to appoint Attorney James Liekar as Township Solicitor at the rate of \$125.00 per hour. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 1 of 2022 – Schedule of Fees

Motion Bayer, Second Cole, to adopt the fee schedule as set forth in R1 of 2022. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2 of 2022 - Foreign Fire Relief

Motion Bayer, Second Cole, to set distribution for Foreign Fire Relief funds by R2 of 2022. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Appointment of CPA for 2021 Audit

Motion Cole, Second Bockstoce, to appoint Maher Duessel to perform the 2021 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 2022. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Anti-Skid Material

Motion Bayer, Second Cole, to award A&S Landscaping as provider of Anti-Skid Material for 2022. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

REORGANIZATION

Director of Public Works and Assistant Road Master

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

Roadmaster and Assistant Director of Public Works

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

Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer

Motion Bayer, second Bockstoce, to appoint Municipal Consulting Services as Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Building Code Official

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

Emergency Management Coordinator

Motion Bayer, second Bockstoce, 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 Bayer, Second Cole, 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 Bayer, second Cole, to appoint Joseph G. Malisky as Tax Collector. 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.

Zoning Hearing Board Vacancy (3-year term 2022 to 2024)

Motion Bayer, second Cole, to appoint Greg Spridik to a 3-year term to the Zoning Hearing Board. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Engineer

Motion Bayer, Second Bockstoce, to appoint Carl DeCais of KHL as Township Engineer. Cole abstained and stated he disagrees with some of the actions performed by Mr. DeCais. Motion passed.

Washington County Sewage Council

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

Depository

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

Meeting Dates

Motion Cole, Second Bayer, 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 Bayer, Second Cole, 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 Bayer, Second Bockstoce, to increase the Full Time Road Department Employees, Secretary and Part Time Clerk wages by 2.5 % effective 1/1/22. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

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

Motion Bayer, Second Bockstoce, to set the Tax Collector's commission at 4% Discount, 5% Face. 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 Cole, Second Bockstoce, to set mileage at 2022 IRS rate of 58.5 cents per mile for use of personal vehicle for Township business. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Motion Bayer, Second Bockstoce, to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2021 meeting. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Checks, Warrants & Transfers

Motion Cole, Second Bayer, to approve the payment of General Fund #1526-1545 SHA Fund #1551-1558 Procurement Card 1-10-22 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**Public Comment**

Greg Spridik stated the employees raise is not keeping up with inflation as it is less than one third of the rate.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Bayer, Second Bockstoce, to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Ann Dotson
Secretary

SOMERSET TOWNSHIP

January 24, 2022

A regular meeting of the Somerset Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, January 24, 2022 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 January 3, 2022 Reorganization Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

84 RECYCLING – SITE PLAN APPROVAL

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to table item to February 9 Meeting. Bockstoce advised letter received from Township Engineer states developer has not yet submitted Stormwater Management Plan. Motion passed unanimously.

AUTHORIZE BY LAWS OF RECREATION BOARD

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to approve By Laws of Recreation Board. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

CANCEL CLEANING SERVICE

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to cancel A&E Cleaning Service. Motion passed unanimously.

KATHY KENNEDY – ISSUE KEY TO BUILDING

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to issue key to Kathy Kennedy for use of food pantry facilities. Motion passed unanimously.

LEEBOY FORCE FEED LOADER – LIST ON MUNCIBID

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bockstoce, to sell item on Muncibid. Motion passed unanimously.

NORTH STRABANE FIRE DEPT & BENTLEYVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE CO. – BEGIN CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

Motion: Bockstoce, 2nd: Bayer, to negotiate contract with North Strabane & Bentleyville. Motion passed unanimously.

PENNSYLVANIA AMERICAN WATER – AUTHORIZE TO INSTALL HYDRANTS ON SR 136

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to install hydrants, as needed, on SR 136. Motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to authorize Clean Sweep to clean offices weekly. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

A regular meeting of the Somerset Township Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, 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 January 24, 2022 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# 1548-1591 SHA Fund # 1559-1583

Procurement Card 2-10-22 and any other necessary transfers. Motion passed unanimously.

3. OLD BUSINESS

84 Recycling – Site Plan Approval – Tabled to February 28 Meeting at 84 Recycling's Request

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to table item to February 28 meeting at request of 84 Recycling. Motion passed unanimously.

4. NEW BUSINESS

136 and Brownlee Road Intersection – Replace Solar Power with Electrical Services

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to upgrade from solar to electric. Quote is approximately \$14,637.00 including installation and West Penn Power hook up. Motion passed unanimously.

Hire Chris's Cleaning LLC to Clean Township Offices

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to hire Chris's Cleaning LLC. Motion passed unanimously.

5. REPORTS

Road Department

Bockstoce advised crew is plowing, cutting trees and performing ditch work.

6. ANY OTHER NECESSARY BUSINESS

Added Item – Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to implement and sign 2022 Plan. Motion passed unanimously.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Kathy Kennedy of Kreiling Lane provided an update of the 84 Community Food Bank participants. Ms. Kennedy advised February will bring sixty-seven (67) cars serving one hundred thirty-nine (139) people in need. She also advised the main office in Pittsburgh is pleased with the facility and thanked the Board.

Don Spadaro of Seal Road voiced his concerns about noise and bright lights from Hartman and Hartman. Mr. Spadaro has a code enforcement complaint form and advised he will complete and return it to the Township.

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

Please be advised the Board of Supervisors met with the Solicitor in executive session today from 1:30 to 2:00 to discuss legal matters.

A regular meeting of the Somerset Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, February 28, 2022 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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2022 Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

84 RECYCLING – SITE PLAN APPROVAL

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to deny 84 Recycling Site Plan Application because the submitted plan did not meet the requirements contained in the Somerset Township Code of Ordinances Sections 180-24 (B) (1) through (11); 180-24(C) (1) through (7); 180-24(G) (1) and (7) and failure to submit a stormwater management plan Section 138-23.

84 Recycling also did not comply with the Conditional Use Decision issued by the Supervisors on June 28, 2021, requiring the submission of a site plan; contact with the PA Conservation District and obtaining and submitting to the Township required DEP permits. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to direct the code enforcement officer to inspect the 84 Recycling location for code violation and consider issuing a cease and desist order because no site plan approval and no DEP permit. Motion passed unanimously.

Solicitor Liekar noted that he sent an email to 84 Recycling's lawyer on February 25, 2022 advising that the Board would take action on the site plan application and discuss a cease and desist order at the February 28, 2022 meeting at 2:00.

NEW BUSINESS

STEWART-IMMEL SUBDIVISION AND CONSOLIDATION PLAN

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bockstoce, to approve subdivision and consolidation plan. Motion passed unanimously.

WINKLEBLECH SUBDIVISION PLAN

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to approve subdivision. Motion passed unanimously.

FERRI SUBDIVISION PLAN

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Bockstoce, to approve subdivision. Motion passed unanimously.

GUIDE RAIL QUOTE

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to approve purchase of guide rail in the amount of \$11,790.00. Motion passed unanimously.

2022 ROAD PROJECT AND TAR AND CHIP

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to advertise bid for 2022 road project and tar and chip. Bid results to be awarded during March 8 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

59 SOMERSET DRIVE LEASE

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to authorize sixty (60) day lease to allow for winning bidder of equipment to remove items. Cost will be \$10,000 plus \$10,000 security deposit. Motion passed unanimously.

REQUEST TO REPLACE MOTORIST TIRES DUE TO POTHOLES

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Bockstoce, to deny claim. Motion passed unanimously.

RUN FOR ALEX – JUNE 4

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to authorize closure of road. Motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to adjourn the meeting at 2:15 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, March 9, 2022, at the Township Municipal Building. The Vice Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Supervisors Joseph Cole, Robert Bayer Absent James Bockstoce

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2022 Meeting. Motion passed.

2. APPROVAL OF CHECKS, WARRANTS & TRANSFERS.

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

CFS General Fund# 1589-1608 SHA Fund # 1585-1601

Procurement Card 3-10-22 and any other necessary transfers. Motion passed.

3. OLD BUSINESS

LeeBoy Force Feed Loader on Municibid

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to decline bids. Reserve not met for auction ended March 8 at 12:00pm. Motion passed.

Tractor Weights on Municibid

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to accept Paul Myers bid of \$556.00 for auction ended March 8 at 12:00pm. Motion passed.

Short Term Lease of 59 Somerset Drive – Item Tabled to March 28 Meeting

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to table item to March 28 meeting. Motion passed.

Washington County Land Resources Subdivision Plan No. 2 – Park Property

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to approve subdivision. Motion passed.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Quote – Ordinance Update and Codification

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to approve proposal from Strategic Solutions, LLC to update and codify ordinances.

Cole stated our ordinances and zoning map are outdated. Motion passed.

5. REPORTS

Road Department

Cole advised crew is trimming trees and replacing cross pipes.

6. ANY OTHER NECESSARY BUSINESS

Pennsylvania State Police Trooper Eric Erhardt was present, provided 2020 and 2021 reports to Board, and listened to residents' concerns regarding speeding vehicles and reckless driving. He advised additional patrols will be assigned and recommends residents call the State Police non-emergency phone number anytime to report such incidents.

Mike Messner from Greene Township and John Marrow from Hanover Township stated they bid on the LeeBoy Loader, did not meet the reserve and would like to purchase from Township.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

8. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Ann Dotson
Secretary

SOMERSET TOWNSHIP

March 28, 2022

A regular meeting of the Somerset Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, March 28, 2022 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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2022 Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

84 RECYCLING – AUTHORIZATION TO FILE CIVIL COMPLAINT AND FOR INJUNCTION

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to authorize Solicitor to file civil complaint and for an injunction. Motion passed unanimously.

VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES AGREEMENTS 2022 - 2024

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to approve agreements for Bentleyville, Ellsworth, Fallowfield, North Strabane and Valley Inn. Motion passed unanimously.

OEC LEASE – 59 SOMERSET DRIVE

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to table item. Motion passed unanimously.

SELL LEEBOY FORCE FEED LOADER

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to approve Township to sell LeeBoy to Greene Township and Hanover Township in the amount of \$187,000.00. Item did not meet reserve on Municibid. Motion passed unanimously.

AWARD 2022 PAVING PROJECT

Motion: Bayer, to award bid to lowest bidder Youngblood Paving in the amount of \$379,745.00. Motion died for lack of a second. Paul Myers questioned the material described in the lowest bidder's documentation.

Motion: Bockstoce, 2nd: Cole, to table item to April 13 7:00pm meeting. Bayer voted No. Motion passed.

AWARD 2022 TAR AND CHIP

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to table item to April 25 2:00pm meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

ATLAS METAL RACP

Motion: Bockstoce, 2nd: Bayer, to table item to April 13 meeting. Richard Reed, Dave Mohnkern, and another representative presented to the Board their project of expanding the metal processing business which manufactures US made specialty steel and titanium. K2 Engineering is overseeing the project which will be completed in eighteen (18) months and increase number of employees from seventeen (17) to thirty (30). Redevelopment Authority of Washington County oversees the application which requires Supervisors agreement. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 4-2022 COUNTY OF WASHINGTON HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bockstoce, to approve and sign resolution. Motion passed unanimously.

84 COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY FLEA MARKET

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, approving flea market at park with fees donated to the pantry. Motion passed unanimously.

BENTWORTH YOUTH BASEBALL DONATION REQUEST

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to approve Township donate used chain link fence to BYB. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Bockstoce, to adjourn the meeting at 2:35 p.m. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.
Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Ann Dotson, Secretary

A special meeting of the Somerset Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at the Township Municipal Building. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Supervisors: James Bockstoce, Joseph Cole, Robert Bayer

Please be advised the Board of Supervisors met with Solicitor in executive session March 31 from 10:00 to 11:15 to discuss litigation and real estate matters. The Board of Supervisors held an executive session April 6 from 10:30 to 11:15 to discuss litigation and real estate matters.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2022 Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

OEC LEASE – 59 SOMERSET DRIVE

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Bockstoce, to approve lease with the following stipulations: extend lease to May 8, hauling of additional equipment to site is permitted, insurance certificate and road bond required and OEC to pay Township Solicitor fees. Cole voted No. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR BOCKSTOCE TO ATTEND PSAT'S 2022 CONFERENCE APRIL 24-27

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to authorize Bockstoce attendance at 2022 conference. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADDED ITEMS

Solicitor Liekar advised Charteroi Authority has signed the agreement, the water station title search will be completed this week, and ACNR is to respond to request to sign subdivision of park property.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to adjourn the meeting at 1:05 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, April 13, 2022, at the Township Municipal Building. The Vice 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: Bockstoce, to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2022 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# 1609-1638 SHA Fund # 1602-1619

Procurement Card 4-10-22 and any other necessary transfers. Motion passed unanimously.

3. OLD BUSINESS

Atlas Metal RACP

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to table item. Motion passed unanimously.

Award 2022 Paving Project

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

Motion: Bockstoce, 2nd: Bayer, to add leveling course and readvertise bid. Motion passed unanimously.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Resident Bob Bosnyak request of reimbursement for gas line repair cost

Resident requesting \$233.20 for repairing line. Supervisors Bayer and Bockstoce stated no reimbursement from the Township for any gas line repairs; Supervisor Cole did not comment because it occurred before he became a member of the Board of Supervisors.

5. REPORTS

Road Department

Cole advised crew is trimming trees and performed work on Oak and McIlvaine.

6. ANY OTHER NECESSARY BUSINESS

Bockstoce advised five (5) fire companies are currently contracted to service the Township as Bentleyville and North Strabane have been added.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Mulshing thanked the road department.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, 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, April 25, 2022 at the Township Municipal Building. The Vice Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Supervisors James Bockstoce via phone, Joseph Cole, Robert Bayer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to approve minutes of the April 13, 2022 Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING – Little Tommy's, LLC

At 2:02pm the Vice Chairman opened the public hearing on the conditional use application filed by Little Tommy's, LLC, for a proposed use as apartment building at 1 Avalon Circle, Eighty Four, PA 15330. The applicant attached and described the proposed use. The Planning Commission previously made recommendation for approval and Township Engineer recommends approval. There was no public comment. The Vice Chairman closed the public hearing at 2:05. After the public hearing, Mr. Bayer made a motion to approve the conditional use, motion seconded by Mr. Bockstoce. Motion passed unanimously. The Solicitor will prepare Findings and Decision.

OLD BUSINESS

ATLAS METAL RACP

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to table item to May 11 7:00pm meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

AWARD 2022 TAR AND CHIP

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to rebid to award at May 11 7:00pm meeting. No bids received. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Bockstoce, 2nd: Bayer, to adjourn the meeting at 2:08 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, May 11, 2022, at the Township Municipal Building. The Vice 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: Bockstoce, to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2022 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# 1639-1666 SHA Fund # 1620-1624

Procurement Card 5-10-22 and any other necessary transfers. Motion passed unanimously.

3. OLD BUSINESS

Atlas Metal RACP

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to approve Atlas Metal RACP agreement. Motion passed unanimously.

Award 2022 Paving Project

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to award 2022 paving project to the lowest bidder, Tresco Paving Corporation, in the amount of \$748,660.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Award 2022 Tar and Chip

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Bockstoce, to award 2022 tar and chip to the only bidder, Youngblood Paving, in the amount of \$102,430.00. Motion passed unanimously.

4. REPORTS

Road Department

Cole advised cross pipes installed on McIlvaine and Ridge, tree trimming, and mowing continue.

5. ANY OTHER NECESSARY BUSINESS

Bockstoce advised five (5) fire companies are currently contracted to service the Township effective June 1, as Bentleyville and North Strabane have been added and all will be called out in an emergency.

Bockstoce advised the Solicitor confirmed Judge Lucas placed injunction on 84 Recycling effective May 6.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

July Lohr thanked the Township for donation to the Bentleyville Library.

The Robinson's of 117 Pigeon Creek advised a trailer has been parked beside their property since Fall 2021. The occupants of the trailer have aggressive dogs which have killed the Robinson's chickens and they are concerned the dogs will attack them and their children. There is no running water or sewage the trailer is connected to. The Robinson's have been in contact with State Police, Animal Control and Pigeon Creek Authority and no one in authority has been able to get in touch with or get a response from the owner of the property, who live in Cokeburg. The property the trailer is on does not have an address and the occupants advised the Robinson's they are taking their sewage to the property owner's house to dump. The Robinson's are concerned that this is a permanent issue, there are no utilities, therefore causing a health hazard. They are also concerned with the aggressive dogs and that they are squatters. Bockstoce advised that Municipal Consulting Services is aware of the issue, our current ordinance does not prohibit this activity and the Township will contact our engineer and solicitor to advise how to address the matter.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30p.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, June 8, 2022, at the Township Municipal Building. The Vice 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 11, 2022 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# 1667-1689 SHA Fund # 1625-1641

Procurement Card 6-10-22 and any other necessary transfers. Motion passed unanimously.

3. NEW BUSINESS

Employee Medical Insurance

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to approve Township to cover 100% medical insurance for full time employees effective June

1. Motion passed unanimously.

4. REPORTS

Road Department

Bockstoce advised crew repairing Buckingham Road due to storm damage. In addition, Oak and Ellview wash outs are being prepared and mowing continues. Bockstoce also advised Morgan is removing dirt from behind Township garage allowing for seeding preparation.

5. ANY OTHER NECESSARY BUSINESS

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Eric Stackowicz advised the property on Old Monongahela continues to collect junk. Bockstoce advised MCS is addressing the matter.

Thurman Mitchner of 43 Sprowles advised water runoff issue on his property and requesting wedge curb be installed in front of his house when paving. Bockstoce advised he will stop out tomorrow morning to assess the matter.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to adjourn the meeting at 7:10p.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, July 13, 2022, 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 Absent: Robert Bayer

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bockstoce, to approve minutes of the June 8, 2022 Meeting. Motion passed.

2. APPROVAL OF CHECKS, WARRANTS & TRANSFERS.

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

CFS General Fund# 1690-1713 SHA Fund # 1642-1652

Procurement Card 7-10-22 and any other necessary transfers. Motion passed.

3. OLD BUSINESS

59 Somerset Drive – Refund Security Deposit to OEC

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bockstoce, to approve refund, following deduction of fees. Motion passed.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Hire part-time road department employee

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bockstoce, to approve hiring Kevin Ruse as part-time road department employee, on call as needed.

Motion passed.

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bockstoce, to approve hourly rate of \$20.00, with the condition of CDL endorsed. Motion passed.

Authorize Ray Cardello to install pipes on McIlvaine & Sprowles

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bockstoce, to authorize Cardello to install pipes, with proof of insurance provided. Motion passed.

Authorize to advertise lease for 59 Somerset Drive

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bockstoce, to authorize Secretary to place ad. Motion passed.

5. REPORTS

Road Department

Bockstoce advised cross pipes installed on McIlvaine, mowing to continue and crew is prepping for tar and chip.

In addition, Caldwell and Vanceville are plowed by Township only, not maintained.

6. ANY OTHER NECESSARY BUSINESS

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bockstoce, to adjourn the meeting at 7:05p.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 Monday, July 25, 2022 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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to approve minutes of the July 13, 2022 Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

NEW TELEPHONE SYSTEM INSTALLATION

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to approve telephone system installation, programming, and training July 26. Motion passed unanimously.

IRS MILEAGE RATE INCREASE TO 62.5 CENTS PER MILE

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to approve IRS mileage rate increase to 62.5 cents per mile for July – December 2022. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Josh Pikutis addressed the Board regarding leasing 59 Somerset Drive. Mr. Pikutis stated he is very interested in leasing the building and has been trying to do so since May 20. He also asked the status of the Township obtaining a grant to pay for the insulation cost, as suggested by County Commissioner Diana Irey Vaughn, whom he has contacted. Mr. Pikutis advised he is concerned that in the meantime, the Township will receive a second application to lease the building and choose another tenant. Mr. Bockstoce advised that he did receive a call from Commissioner Diane Irey Vaughn and is waiting for a call from Jeff Kotula regarding applying for a grant. Mr. Pikutis asked about the first agreement which states that he would purchase the furnace and Township would pay for insulation to be installed. Mr. Cole suggested Mr. Pikutis lease the building as is at \$5000 security deposit and \$5000 per month. Mr. Pikutis asked Board if he would be permitted to install insulation himself later if he does lease the building. Mr. Cole responded that may be an option. Mr. Pikutis advised there are several leaks currently in the ceiling that need addressed now. Mr. Bockstoce agreed.

Motion: Bockstoce, 2nd: Cole, to authorize lease of 59 Somerset Drive to Mr. Pikutis, as is, at \$5000 security deposit and \$5000 per month. Motion passed unanimously. Solicitor to prepare lease agreement.

Bockstoce advised Tresco will pave August 8 through August 22.

Bockstoce advised code enforcement matter on Old Monongahela Road is being addressed and is improving.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Bockstoce, 2nd: Bayer, to adjourn the meeting at 2:10 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 Wednesday, August 10, 2022, 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 minutes of the July 25, 2022 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# 1714-1739 SHA Fund # 1653-1661

Procurement Card 8-10-22 and any other necessary transfers. Motion passed unanimously.

3. OLD BUSINESS

Marcus and Samantha Robinson – Recreation Vehicle on Pigeon Creek Road

Bockstoce asked the Robinsons to forward any documents they have to Secretary to forward to Solicitor for review.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Atlasburg Machine Company Consolidation Plan

Motion: Bockstoce, 2nd: Bayer, to approve consolidation plan as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Township Municipal Building Landscaping

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to approve Sourwood Farms to perform landscaping in the amount of \$14,000.00, the lowest bid received. Motion passed unanimously.

5. REPORTS

Road Department

Cole advised contractor to install cross pipes on McIlvaine and Sprowles. Mowing to continue.

Municipal Consulting Service

Joseph Urcho asked about draining of pond on Ridge Road. Peter Grieb advised DEP and Fish Commission have jurisdiction of this matter.

6. ANY OTHER NECESSARY BUSINESS

Bockstoce advised the lights at 136 and Brownlee are now operating on electricity.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Joseph Urcho asked for an update on David Blackburn and Mary Ann Lobodinsky vacation pay issue. Solicitor Liekar replied that the court administrator has not yet scheduled arbitration.

Joseph Mulshen asked for an update on PA Water public water installation. Bockstoce advised he met with PA Water representatives, who informed him they are getting bids for two (2) roads.

Paul Myers asked for status of Charleroi Water project. Mr. Myers advised he spoke to a representative of Charleroi Water who advised him that they are ready to move forward and are waiting on the Township. Mr. Myers also advised the Board that the representative advised him that Charleroi Water is paying for the project. All three supervisors responded that is incorrect and that the Township is paying for the project. Bockstoce advised he will review survey status with Township Engineer.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 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, September 14, 2022, 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 minutes of the August 10, 2022 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# 1742-1763 SHA Fund # 1662-1671

Procurement Card 9-10-22 and any other necessary transfers. Motion passed unanimously.

3. NEW BUSINESS

2015 LeeBoy Asphalt Paver – List for sale on Municibid

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to approve listing item for sale with reserve of \$85,000.00. Motion passed unanimously.

2021 Pension Distribution

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to approve 2021 pension distribution. Motion passed unanimously.

Guiderail Quote

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole to approve lowest quote for McIlvaine Road guiderail. Bockstoce advised he is waiting for one more quote. Motion passed unanimously.

4. REPORTS

Road Department

Cole advised pipes installed on Lusk and Leoni, crew is patch paving and mowing, and backup to be installed on McIlvaine and Sprowles. Bockstoce stated that the tar and chip project is complete.

Municipal Consulting Service

Pete Grieb advised the RV has been removed from Pigeon Creek Road and hearing is scheduled in October for condemned building on 917.

5. ANY OTHER NECESSARY BUSINESS

State Trooper provided report to Board and advised residents to call non-emergency number with speeding concerns. Bockstoce advised he met with KLH Engineer regarding Water Station installation. He also stated the Navrats applied for a variance regarding a pole building they are installing, which will be addressed by the Zoning Hearing Board. Bockstoce also advised the Recreation Board held a meeting and confirmed Trunk or Treat is October 29 from 5-7pm.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Donna Yates of Emery Road inquired of public water status. Bockstoce advised it is still in the process and Emery Road is included. Ms. Yates also stated there is a dilapidated property on Emery Road. Pete Grieb advised he will discuss the matter with her at the conclusion of the meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 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, October 12, 2022, 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 minutes of the September 14, 2022 Meeting. Motion passed.

2. APPROVAL OF CHECKS, WARRANTS & TRANSFERS.

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

CFS General Fund# 1764-1799 SHA Fund # 1672-1686

Procurement Card 10-10-22 and any other necessary transfers. Motion passed.

3. GUEST – JOHN TRANT, PRESIDENT OF STRATEGIC SOLUTIONS, LLC. – ORDINANCE UPDATE

Mr. Trant presented the ordinance update and timeline. He also explained the SALDO (Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance) requirements and guidelines and answered questions from the Board and residents. The completed ordinance is scheduled to be prepared for approval July 2023.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Update Employee Policy Manual

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Bockstoce, to approve amended employee policy manual, effective immediately. Motion passed.

Distribution of Volunteer Fire Relief

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Bockstoce, to approve distribution of Volunteer Fire Relief. Motion passed.

5. REPORTS

Road Department

Bockstoce advised paving of Sprowles and McIlvaine is complete and backing will be installed shortly. He also stated crew is continuing to patch roads and mow.

6. ANY OTHER NECESSARY BUSINESS

Bockstoce advised he met with Charleroi Water regarding Lovett Road Water Station install and public water expansion.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Bockstoce, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 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 Monday, October 24, 2022 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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to approve minutes of the October 12, 2022 Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

2015 LEEBOY ASPHALT PAVER

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to reject all bids. Bids did not meet reserve amount of \$85,000.00. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Myers asked status of public water. Bockstoce advised plans are at Washington County Planning Commission office for approval. Mr. Myers asked if gas company performing work on Sprowels has permit and Bockstoce replied yes. Bayer asked Mr. Myers who he spoke to at Charleroi Water regarding township not being prepared for plan to move forward and Township not paying for installation and Mr. Myers replied that is his source of information and he is not revealing who it is as that would cause them to stop feeding him information.

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 9, 2022, 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 minutes of the October 24, 2022 Meeting. Motion passed.

2. APPROVAL OF CHECKS, WARRANTS & TRANSFERS.

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

CFS General Fund# 1800-1844 SHA Fund # 1687-1693

Procurement Card 11-10-22 and any other necessary transfers. Motion passed.

3. NEW BUSINESS

Pompei & Sons Subdivision

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Bockstoce to approve subdivision. Planning Commission recommends approval. Motion passed.

Resolution 5-2022 – Act 57 of 2022

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Bockstoce to approve resolution 5-2022, whereas Act 57 of 2022, amends the Local Tax Collection Law. Motion passed.

2023 Proposed Pension Budget

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Bockstoce to approve proposed pension budget. Motion passed.

2023 Proposed Budget

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Bockstoce to authorize advertising proposed budget. Motion passed.

Advertise Bids for Diesel Fuel and Anti-Skid

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Bockstoce, to authorize advertising bids. Motion passed.

Added Item

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Bockstoce, to approve Matthews Subdivision pending receipt of Township Engineer review letter also recommending approval.

4. REPORTS

Road Department

Bockstoce advised installation of backing on McIlvaine and Sprowles is complete, the damaged tractor to be repaired and snow fence to be installed next week.

5. ANY OTHER NECESSARY BUSINESS

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Bockstoce to authorize \$3500.00 for Recreation Board use for Country Christmas Light Up Night scheduled for December 3. Motion passed.

Bockstoce advised the new renter moved into 59 Somerset Drive on November 1. He also stated Pennsylvania Water has bid out roads for water installation, and the filling station process is ongoing. It will be constructed by Charleroi Water by Spring 2023 and is to include two (2) taps for Pompei. He advised that although the Township can own the property, it is not permitted to sell water. He stated that the installation of the water filling station will be the first phase of providing public water to residents.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

7. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted, Julie Ann Dotson, Secretary

SOMERSET TOWNSHIP

December 14, 2022

A regular meeting of the Somerset Township Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, December 14, 2022, at the Township Municipal Building. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Supervisors Robert Bayer James Bockstoce Joseph Cole

A moment of silence was held in memory of Auditor Board member Virginia Vasko, who passed away.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Myers suggested advertising for the Auditor Board vacancy and Mr. Bayer advised no one is ever interested in serving on the Auditor Board.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to approve minutes of the November 9, 2022 Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF CHECKS, WARRANTS & TRANSFERS.

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

CFS General Fund# 1845-1881 SHA Fund # 1694-1700

Procurement Card 12-10-22 and any other necessary transfers. Motion passed unanimously.

4. GUEST – JOHN TRANT, PRESIDENT OF STRATEGIC SOLUTIONS, LLC. – ORDINANCE UPDATE

Mr. Trant presented the ordinance update and timeline. He reviewed current ordinances and possible new ordinances and answered questions from the Board and residents.

5. OLD BUSINESS

Adopt Proposed 2023 Budget

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

Open Bids for Diesel Fuel and Anti-Skid

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to award Anti-Skid bid to lowest bidder Morgan Excavating, L.P. in the amount of \$36,000.00. A total of two (2) Anti-Skid bids were received, and no diesel bids were received. Motion passed unanimously.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Appoint Auditor to the Board of Auditors

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to appoint Travis Lohr to the Board of Auditors for a one (1) year term (2023). Lohr replaces Virginia Vasko. Cole advises that although he recommends advertising for the vacancy, he will second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Authorize Legal Ad for 2023 Reorganization Meetings January 3 and 4

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to authorize advertisement. Motion passed unanimously.

7. REPORTS

Road Department

Cole advised crew is installing snow fence, trimming branches, and preparing equipment for winter.

8. ANY OTHER NECESSARY BUSINESS

Bockstoce thanked the Recreation Board and Road Crew for helping with Country Christmas Light Up Night. \$1690.00 collected was donated to the food bank.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Julie Ann Dotson
Secretary