

SOMERSET TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
**REORGANIZATION MEETING**  
January 6, 2020

The Reorganization meeting of the Somerset Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, January 6, 2020, at 7:07 p.m., in the Township Municipal Building. Mr. Bayer called the meeting to order with the following in attendance:

**SUPERVISORS**

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

Mr. Bayer dedicated a moment of silence in honor of the passing of Nellie Chester. Mr. Bayer also said he would like to thank David Blackburn and Mary Ann Lobodinsky, whom retired at the end of 2019, for their many years of service.

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

**Solicitor.**

Motion Bockstoce, Second Bayer, to appoint Attorney James Liekar as Township Solicitor. On a voice vote, the motion passed. Cole voted no.

**PUBLIC REQUESTS**

Paul Bellicini, Hixon Road, requests contracted garbage service for township residents. Motion Bockstoce, Second Cole, to authorize the Secretary to make inquiries with garbage service companies. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution 2 of 2020 – Schedule of Fees.**

Motion Bayer, Second Cole, to adopt the fee schedule as set forth in R 2 of 2020. No changes to the existing rate fees. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution 3 of 2020- Foreign Fire Relief.**

Motion Bayer, Second Cole, to set distribution for Foreign Fire Relief funds by Resolution 3 of 2020. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution 4 of 2020 – Tax Collector Bond**

Motion Bayer, Second Cole, to approve the rate of 30% of taxes collected for the Tax Collector Bond by Resolution 4 of 2020. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**Appointment of Auditor –**

Motion Bayer, Second Cole, to appoint Palermo, Kissinger & Associates to do the annual audit for 2019. 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 2020. On a voice note, the motion Passed unanimously.

**Anti-Skid Material-**

Motion Bayer, Second Cole, to award A&S Landscaping as provider of Anti-Skid Material for 2020. On a voice note, the Motion passed unanimously.

**Snow Chains-**

Motion Cole, Second Bayer, to purchase Snow Chains in the amount of \$1250.00 for Township trucks. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**Township Decals-**

Motion Bayer, Second Cole, to authorize Secretary to obtain quotes to have Somerset Township decals applied to all Township equipment. On a voice note, the motion passed unanimously.

**Advertise for Employment-**

Motion Cole, Second Bockstoce, to authorize Secretary to place an advertisement to accept applications and provide Interviews for road department position. On a voice note, the motion passed unanimously.

**REORGANIZATION**

**Director of Public Works.**

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

**Roadmaster**

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

**Part Time Roadmaster**

Motion Bockstoce, Second Cole, to appoint Robert F. Bayer as Part Time Roadmaster, as needed. On a voice vote, the motion passed. Mr. Bayer abstained due to position.

**Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer.**

Motion Cole, second Bockstoce, to appoint Andrew Berchin as Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer. On a voice vote, the motion passed with two yes votes. Mr. Bayer voted no.

**Building Code Official**

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

**Emergency Management Coordinator.**

Motion Bayer, second Cole, to appoint Allison Yeckel as EMC. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**Animal Control.**

Motion Bayer, Second Cole, to appoint Kym Secreet as Animal Control. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**Act 511 Tax Collector.**

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

**Amusement Tax/LST Collector.**

Motion Bayer, second by Cole, to appoint the Keystone Collection Group to collect Local Services Taxes and the Township to collect Amusement Tax/Hydrant Fees. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**Vacancy Board.**

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

**Planning Commission. (4-year term 2020-2023).**

Motion Bayer, second Cole, to appoint James R. Bockstoce to the Planning Commission for a term of four years through December 31, 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

**Zoning Hearing Board. (3-year term 2020 to 2022).**

Motion Bayer, Second Cole, to appoint Rodger Rainey to the Zoning Hearing Board for a term of three years through December 31, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

**Convention Delegates.**

Motion Bayer, Second Cole, that authorization be given to any Board member or Secretary interested in attending the 2020 PSATS Convention in Hershey (May 3-6, 2020). Mr. Bockstoce was appointed as voting delegate. The motion passed unanimously.

**Engineer.**

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

**Washington County Sewage Council.**

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

It was further moved by Cole, Second by Mr. Bayer, to appoint James R. Bockstoce as alternate representative to the Washington County Sewage Council. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**Pension Consultant.**

Motion Bayer, Second Bockstoce, to appoint Seth Segal as Pension Consultant. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**Depository.**

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

**Treasurer's Bond.**

Motion Cole, second Bayer, to set the Treasurer's bond at \$750,000. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**Meeting Dates.**

Motion Cole, Second by Bayer, to approve to hold 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 Bayer, second Bockstoce, to continue contracts from Valley Inn, Fallowfield Township, and Ellsworth Volunteer Fire Departments to provide fire protection for 2020-2024. (Contracts expire 12/31/24). On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**Office Hours.**

Motion Cole, Second Bockstoce, 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.

**Solicitor**

Motion Bayer, second Bockstoce, to retain Solicitor Liekar at the rate of \$100 per hour with no monthly retainer. On a voice vote, the motion passed. Cole voted no.

**COMPENSATION & WAGES**

Motion Cole, Second Bayer, to set Secretary rate at \$22.00 per hour effective 1/1/20. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Motion Cole, Second Bockstoce, to adjust the Full Time Employees wages by 3% effective 1/1/20. On a voice note, the motion passed. Bayer voted no.

Motion Bayer, Second Bockstoce, to set the Clerk wages at \$14.00 per hour effective 1/1/20. On a voice note, the motion unanimously passed.

Motion Cole, Second Bockstoce to set Part Time Operators wages at \$10.50-\$25.00 per hour. On a voice note the motion passed unanimously.

**Animal Control**

Motion Cole, second Bayer, to keep the rate for Animal Control at \$225.00 per month. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer.**

Motion Cole, Second Bockstoce, to set the Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer wages at \$500 per month. On a voice vote, the motion passed two yes, one no (Bayer).

**Zoning Hearing Board**

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

**Tax Collector.**

Motion Bayer, Second Bockstoce, 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 Cole, Second Bockstoce, to approve the employees' benefits as set forth by the Procedural Policy (See Addendum Policy 700 Summary of Benefits). The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Bockstoce, Second by Mr. Cole, that the rate of State Aid Non-Uniform Pension remain at 9% of gross wages. The motion passed unanimously.

**Business Mileage.**

Motion Bayer, Second Bockstoce, to set mileage rate at current IRS rate of 57.5 cents per mile for use of personal vehicle for township business. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. Cole abstained due to position.

**Old Business**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

Motion Bayer, Second Bockstoce, to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2019 meeting. On a voice vote, the motion passed with three yes votes.

**APPROVAL OF CHECKS, WARRANTS & TRANSFERS.**

Motion Bayer, Second Bockstoce, to approve the payment of General Fund #8520-8526 Procurement Card 1-04-20 and any other necessary transfers.

It was further moved by Mr. Bayer, second by Mr. Bockstoce, to approve invoices due prior to the next scheduled meeting. On a voice vote, the motions passed unanimously.

**REPORTS**

Mr. Berchin asked Chairman Bockstoce if he is appointing Municipal Consulting Services as Building Code Official, even after he advised Chairman Bockstoce of his opinion of them and recommended Harshman Group and Chairman Bockstoce responded yes. Mr. Berchin advised there are three (3) demolition permits for Cokeburg Junction.

**ADJOURNMENT.**

Motion Bockstoce, Second Cole, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 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 12, 2020, 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. GUEST:**

Judith Loar – Bentleyville Public Library

Ms. Loar requested a donation from Township, allowing the library to continue to serve and support the community. Motion: Bockstoce, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Cole, to approve \$1500.00 as 2020 contribution from Somerset Township. The motion passed unanimously.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

Motion: Bayer, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Cole, to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2020 Reorganization Meeting. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**3. APPROVAL OF CHECKS, WARRANTS & TRANSFERS.**

Motion Bayer, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Cole, to approve the payment of the following checks:

General Fund #8527-8574

Water Fund #15404-15406

SHA Fund #1269-1272

PLGIT Card 2/4/2020

and any other necessary transfers.

On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

Road Department Position

Motion: Cole, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bayer, to authorize hiring of Mark Lohr as full-time road department employee. Will advise start date. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Cole, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bayer, approving the hourly rate of \$23.34. The motion passed unanimously.

Replace CPA for 2019 Audit

Motion: Cole, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bockstoce, to authorize replacing current CPA Palermo Kissinger with an alternate CPA to perform 2019 audit. On a voice vote, the motion passed. Bayer voted no.

Decals for Township Equipment

Bockstoce stated that Somerset Township decals are currently being placed on all equipment and vehicles, which will allow for ease of identification and inventory.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

2020 Vacation and Holiday Pay – David Blackburn & Mary Ann Lobodinsky

Motion: Cole, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bockstoce, authorizing the Township to request repayment of unapproved 2020 vacation and holiday pay compensation paid to Mr. Blackburn and Ms. Lobodinsky. This motion is based on the recommendation of Township Solicitor. On a voice vote, the motion passed. Bayer voted no.

Install Light at Somerset Park and Authorize Chairman to Sign Easement to West Penn Power

Motion: Bayer, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Cole, authorizing installation of light at the park and authorizing Chairman to sign easement to West Penn Power, who will be performing the installation. The motion passed unanimously.

Recommendation of Lohr Subdivision

Motion: Bayer, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Cole, approving Lohr Subdivision Plan. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. The Township Engineer and Planning Commission recommended approval.

Purchase 1 Ft. Bucket for Excavator

Motion: Bayer, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Cole, to approve purchase of 1 Ft. Bucket for Excavator in the amount of \$1,000.00. The motion passed unanimously.

## **6. REPORTS**

### Road Department

Bockstoce advised mowing will be complete within two (2) weeks and erosion control will also begin. He also stated six (6) trees have been cut down throughout the Township and brine treatment of Township roads has been a success. Bockstoce said shoulder work is being completed on Buckingham, Donley and Lively and noted Lively and Carlton are incurring slides. Bockstoce confirmed that Penn dot will repair the slides.

## **7. ANY OTHER NECESSARY BUSINESS**

### Public Water

Bockstoce spoke with the Township Engineer, who provided information on how to approach getting public water installed in the Township, including his recommendation of contacting PA American Water. LSA funds may be available for the project. Mr. Myers asked the Township to assist him and his neighbors in getting public water and internet. Mr. Myers suggested getting a committee together to work on the issue.

### Garbage Service

Mr. Bockstoce stated the Secretary has contacted numerous companies about contracted service. Our Township is not a good fit for the concept due to the rural area we encompass. One company may consider the service, although it will require their company to be the only garbage service allowed in the Township.

## **8. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Lohr advised water is draining on Johnson Road.

Mr. Berchin advised the drain on Hickory Road need repaired.

Mr. Nuccetelli advised of a tree trunk that needs removed on Carlton Drive.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Bayer, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Cole, to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 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, February 24, 2020, 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. OLD BUSINESS

### Replace CPA for 2019 Audit

Motion: Cole, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bayer, to authorize replacing CPA to perform 2019 audit. Motion passed unanimously.

### Decals for Township Equipment

Bockstoce advised Somerset Township decals are being applied to all equipment and vehicles.

## 2. NEW BUSINESS

### I.T. Services – PM Computing

Motion: Bockstoce, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bayer, authorizing the Township to utilize PM Computing for I.T. services. This will allow the Township to use safe, protected and efficient office computer equipment as well as storage of all Township computer files off site. The motion passed unanimously.

### Lease 59 Somerset Drive

Motion: Bockstoce, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bayer, authorizing the lease of 59 Somerset Drive to Capstone Industries in the amount of \$5,000.00 per month plus utilities. This will be a three (3) year lease with a deposit of \$5,000.00. The motion passed unanimously.

### CAT Grader

Motion: Bockstoce, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Cole, approving the purchase of CAT Grader in the amount of \$75,800.00 which will include additional equipment for a total of \$124,500.00. CAT agreed to accept grader back that we purchased previously and are giving us the complete purchase price in return in the amount of \$198,400.00. The Township will then have a credit in the amount of \$73,900.00 after the transaction is complete. The motion passed. Bayer voted no.

### John Deere Lawn Tractor

Motion: Bockstoce, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Cole, to approve purchase of John Deere Lawn Tractor in the amount of \$11,400.00. The motion passed. Bayer voted no.

### Tar and Chip

Motion: Bockstoce, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Cole, to authorize to start tar and chip procedure. Bockstoce will meet with Brandon at Penn Dot to begin process. Motion passed unanimously.

### Water Testing

Motion: Bayer, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Cole, to approve testing of township well water supply and tank in extra garage. Motion passed Unanimously.

### Easter Egg Hunt

Motion: Bockstoce, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Cole, to approve Easter Egg Hunt to be held at Township Building. Motion passed unanimously.

### Trout Fishing

Motion: Bayer, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bockstoce, to approve holding trout fishing event for Township residents at the Pollock Golf Center. Motion passed unanimously.



A regular meeting of the Somerset Township Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, March 11, 2020, 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

Please be advised that the Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session on March 10, 2020 from 2:30 to 3:15 with the Township Solicitor to discuss personnel matters.

**1. GUEST:**

Allison Yeckel – Emergency Management Coordinator

Ms. Yeckel explained her role within the Township and offered recommendations on how to address emergency situations.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2020 Meeting. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES,**

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2020 Meeting. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**4. APPROVAL OF CHECKS, WARRANTS & TRANSFERS.**

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

General Fund #8575-8612

Water Fund #15407-15410

SHA Fund #1273-1282

PLGIT Card 3/4/2020

and any other necessary transfers.

On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

Replace CPA for 2019 Audit

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to authorize replacing current CPA Palermo Kissinger with CPA Maher Duessel to perform 2019 audit. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

2020 Vacation and Holiday Pay – David Blackburn & Mary Ann Lobodinsky

Bockstoce advised Mr. Blackburn and Ms. Lobodinsky did not payback the Township. Solicitor advised the information will now be forwarded to the new CPA to begin the surcharge issuance.

Install Light at Somerset Park

West Penn Power has been paid the installation fee and will begin installing the light soon.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

Award Painting of 59 Somerset Drive – Joe West Painting

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to award painting to Joe West Painting. Motion passed unanimously.

Purchase Dodge Truck from Centerville Borough - \$25,800.00

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to purchase 2011 Dodge from Centerville Borough. Motion passed unanimously.

Payroll Services

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to authorize payroll services to be performed by outside payroll service, as recommended by Solicitor. Motion passed unanimously.

Hire Part-Time Grass Cutter

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to hire Richard Dady as part-time grass cutter. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to set hourly rate at \$15.00. Motion unanimously carried.

Closed Roads for Run for Alex June 6<sup>th</sup>

Motion: Bayer, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Cole, to approve closing of roads. Motion passed unanimously.

Advertise Bid – Seal Coat Township Roads – Open April 8, 2020 at 7pm

Motion: Cole, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bayer, to advertise bids. Motion unanimously carried.

Advertise Bid – Paving Church Road – Open April 8, 2020 at 7pm

Motion: Bayer, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Cole, to advertise bids. Motion unanimously carried.

Advertise Bid – Supper Materials – Open April 8, 2020 at 7pm

Motion: Bayer, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Cole, to advertise bids. Motion unanimously carried.

## **7. REPORTS**

### Road Department

Bockstoce advised we are planning to have an open house for residents. Mr. Bockstoce thanked Mr. Cole to cleaning up the garage and building. He advised work has been done on Leoni, Hess and Buckingham and all our equipment is labeled with our name and an assigned number. Mr. Bockstoce advised tree trimming and removal has been completed, flagger training is scheduled for all crew members and street signs will be installed. He also stated an Easter Egg Hunt is in the works for Township residents.

## **8. ANY OTHER NECESSARY BUSINESS**

### Teeter Subdivision

Motion: Cole, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bayer to approve the Teeter Subdivision. Motion unanimously passed.

### Public Water

Mr. Bockstoce advised we are still working on obtaining water for the Township.

### Garbage Service

Mr. Bockstoce advised the Township has checked into getting contract garbage service and it is not feasible at this time.

## **8. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Gentleman asked why Mr. Bayer does not agree with getting the money paid back from Lobodinsky and Blackburn. Mr. Bayer said the Township put Mary Ann out of the building and he saw her working in 2020 and she deserves to be paid what she is due. Mr. Bayer said it was stated in November 2020 minutes that Mary Ann Lobodinsky was to be paid \$20 per hour for part time work in 2020. Mr. Bockstoce said it was not in the minutes, she was not needed in 2020 and she was not appointed to work in 2020 as all passwords were changed per procedure.

Woman asked why Mary Ann Lobodinsky is entitled to weeks of vacation pay for 2020 if she only worked a couple hours in 2020.

Solicitor advised Mary Ann Lobodinsky was not appointed for 2020 and, therefore, was not entitled to 2020 pay. Mr. asked how that was permitted and Mr. Cole advised she came in on a Saturday to print checks. Mr. Bayer said it was normal for her to be here on Saturdays, along with her husband.

Woman asked why Blackburn was approved for 2020 pay and Mr. Cole said he was still Director of Public Works until the 6<sup>th</sup> of January. Solicitor stated Blackburn was not appointed for 2020 and not due any pay and Blackburn signed up for unemployment December 29, which prohibits him from being eligible for 2020 pay.

Mr. Bayer said Auditor from Palermo reviewed payroll records and recommended Lobodinsky and Blackburn be paid for 2020.

Mr. asked for a mirror to be installed on 917. Mr. Cole said we will take care of it.

Joe on Rainey Road said thank you for installing drainpipes. He also said 136 need police presence.

Mr. said trailers sticking out near hotel and it is a safety issue.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Bayer, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Cole, to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Julie Ann Dotson  
Secretary

\*Meeting closed to the public due to Covid-19 restrictions

A regular meeting of the Somerset Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, April 27, 2020, at the Township Municipal Building. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:05 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 11, 2020 Meeting. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

### 2. APPROVAL OF CHECKS, WARRANTS & TRANSFERS.

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

General Fund #8613-8643	Water Fund #15411	
SHA Fund #1283-1295	PLGIT Card 4/4/2020	and any other necessary transfers.

Mr. Bayer voted no, and he advised he is not signing the check for the tractor as he does not agree with the purchase. The motion passed.

### 3. OLD BUSINESS

#### Open Bids – Seal Coat Township Roads

Motion: Bockstoce, 2nd: Bayer, to award 2020 Seal Coat Project to Youngblood Paving, Inc. There was discussion by the Board regarding previous work performed by the lowest bidder as unsatisfactory. The General Fund will be used for payment. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

#### Open Bids – Paving Church Road

Motion: Bockstoce; 2nd: Bayer, to award 2020 Church Road Paving Project to Morgan Excavating, LP. There was discussion by the Board regarding the lowest bid being unbalanced. The General Fund will be used for payment. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

#### Open Bids – Summer Materials

No bids received. Mr. Bockstoce advised the Township will purchase materials from Hanson and Golden Eagle.

### 4. NEW BUSINESS

#### Quote – Landscaping Front of Township Building and Around Flagpole

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to award landscaping quote to Green Thumb Nursery in the amount of \$1150.00. Motion passed unanimously.

### 5. REPORTS

#### Road Department

Bockstoce advised ADT installed new cameras and a new monitor for the Township property. He also stated that the electrical system has been upgraded for the office, a new light is installed at the fuel tank, the salt shed will also be lighted as well as the flagpole and Township sign. Mr. Bockstoce stated the air compressor was also serviced and the extra garage heating issue has been corrected. He advised the crew is installing stop signs and will install mirror soon on Hickory. He also advised that the well pump was replaced. Mr. Bockstoce stated that a resident has organized a Township Clean Up that has collected three tons of garbage, which the crew took to Waste Management for disposal. He advised mulch has been delivered for the Township beds and the grass has been cut three times. Mr. Bockstoce advised the Governor still has us on stay home recommendation and asked when crew should return. Mr. Cole suggested the crew return to work Monday, May 11, as we have a lot of work to get caught up on. Mr. Cole advised the crew will use social distancing while working. Mr. Bayer and Mr. Bockstoce agreed.

### 6. ANY OTHER NECESSARY BUSINESS

#### Public Water

Mr. Bockstoce advised we are still working on obtaining water for the Township, which is on hold due to Covid-19.

### 7. PUBLIC COMMENT

### 8. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Ann Dotson

A regular meeting of the Somerset Township Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, June 10, 2020, 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 the minutes of the May 26, 2020 Meeting. Motion passed.

### 2. APPROVAL OF CHECKS, WARRANTS & TRANSFERS.

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

General Fund #8659-8686      SHA Fund #1300-1305

Procurement Card 6-4-20 and any other necessary transfers.

Motion passed.

### 3. OLD BUSINESS

#### Install Light at Somerset Park - Update

Mr. Bockstoce advised the installation will be completed within three (3) weeks. He also advised Bentworth Soccer is using the field and their representative commented on how nice the park looks. Mr. Cole stated the road crew is cutting the grass weekly at the park, the dirt piles and 22 loads of millings have been removed that were there for several years, greatly improving the park.

#### Bandel Road

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bockstoce, to not abandon the road. Mr. Bockstoce advised the road is used regularly by businesses and will remain open.

### 4. NEW BUSINESS

#### MCS Interim Zoning Officer

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bockstoce, to appoint MCS as Interim Zoning Officer until Mr. Berchin returns. Motion passed.

#### Resolution No. 5-2020 – Selvoski Subdivision

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bockstoce, to approve Resolution 5-2020 for sewage module. Motion passed.

#### Tax Collector Utilizing Township Office

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bockstoce, to authorize Tax Collector, Greg Malisky, to utilize Township office for tax collection. Dates and times to be determined. Motion carried.

### 5. REPORTS

#### Road Department

Mr. Bockstoce advised that by next Friday, all roads will be cut. He also stated within the last four (4) weeks, five (5) pipe crossings have been completed: Meyers, Edgar, Ridge, Leoni and 3<sup>rd</sup>, some of which have been neglected over fifteen (15) years. Mr. Bockstoce also said Johnson Road needs a pipe replaced, which will be done soon and the garage at 59 Somerset Drive has been painted. Mr. Cole advised slide repairs were performed on Hixon and shoulder repair was performed on Lanik. He also said four (4) more pipe crossings are needed on Lively and most pipes we are replacing are completely broken down need replaced prior to new asphalt being put down.

### 6. ANY OTHER NECESSARY BUSINESS

#### Garbage Service/Cellular Phone Usage

Mr. Bockstoce advised the Township is looking to save money in several areas including garbage service and cellular phone usage. Mr. Bockstoce said he would like all calls monitored through the office to alleviate any missed concerns from residents. The Secretary advised a form will now be utilized for residents to complete, allowing the Township to make sure all issues are addressed and followed up.

Public Water

The Township is still in the process of scheduling meetings with Pennsylvania American Water.

Township Clean Up

Mr. Bockstoce thanked Virginia Vasko and the township residents for cleaning up three (3) tons of garbage.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Bockstoce, 2nd: Cole, 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, July 8, 2020, 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 10, 2020 Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

**2. APPROVAL OF CHECKS, WARRANTS & TRANSFERS.**

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

General Fund #8687-8700                      SHA Fund #1306-1317

Procurement Card 7-4-20 and any other necessary transfers.

Motion passed unanimously.

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

Reinstate Andrew Berchin as Zoning Officer

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bockstoce, to reinstate Andrew Berchin as Zoning Officer. Mr. Bockstoce advised he was cleared to work by his doctor. Bayer abstained. Motion passed.

Selvoski Subdivision Plan No. 1

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to approve Selvoski Subdivision Plan No. 1. Mr. Bockstoce stated the Township Engineer's suggested items were completed and Planning Commission recommended approval. Motion passed unanimously.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

Open Bids – 577 SR 917 Property

Motion: Bockstoce, 2nd: Bayer, to accept bid from John and Pamela DeCesaris in the amount of \$8000.00. One (1) bid was received. There was a discussion and it was confirmed the Township has spent approximately \$4000.00 at the most in purchasing and cleaning up the property. Motion passed unanimously.

Advertise Bids – Lively Road Paving

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to approve advertising bids for Lively Road Paving. Motion passed unanimously.

Guide Rail Quote – Carlton Drive

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to approve quote for guide rail installation from Chemung Supply Corporation in the amount of \$9950.00. Motion passed unanimously.

**5. REPORTS**

Road Department

Mr. Bockstoce advised Church Road Paving Project is complete and the backing will be completed tomorrow. He also stated the old building garage door will be installed soon, tar and chip will be done soon, additional signs have been installed and pipe crossing are still being replaced. Mr. Cole advised the pipes we are replacing on Johnson and Lively are rotted out.

**6. ANY OTHER NECESSARY BUSINESS**

Public Water

The Township is still in the process of scheduling meetings with Pennsylvania American Water.

Light at Somerset Park

Mr. Bockstoce advised the light will be installed soon.

Garbage Service

Mr. Bockstoce advised we received a price reduction with Waste Management for a three (3) year contract. The old rate was \$285.00 per month and the new rate is \$180.00 per month.

Cellular Phone Usage

Mr. Bockstoce advised we are checking into reducing our monthly cellular phone charges.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, 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 Monday, July 27, 2020, 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 July 8, 2020 Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

**2. OLD BUSINESS**

Open Bids – Lively Road Paving

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to table item for review by Township Engineer. Motion passed unanimously. Seven (7) bids were received.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**4. REPORTS**

Road Department

Mr. Bockstoce advised the new garage door at 59 Somerset Drive will be installed tomorrow. He also advised the tires installed on the boom mower in February only lasted eleven (11) weeks and the backhoe tires we just had installed by West Tire are twelve ply and \$15.00 cheaper per tire. Mr. Bockstoce also advised two (2) pipes will be installed on Bigler in the next few days, tar and chip will be complete by 3<sup>rd</sup> week in August and the park light will be installed soon. Mr. Bayer recommended visitors be required to wear masks.

**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



A regular meeting of the Somerset Township Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, August 12, 2020, 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 July 27, 2020 Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

### 2. APPROVAL OF CHECKS, WARRANTS & TRANSFERS.

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to approve the payment of the following checks:  
General Fund #8701-8721 SHA Fund #1318-1321 Water Fund 15414  
Procurement Card 8-4-20 and any other necessary transfers.

Motion passed unanimously.

### 3. OLD BUSINESS

#### Lively Road – Award Paving Bid

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to award bid to Tresco Paving. The bids were reviewed by Township Engineer.

#### 2020 Vacation and Holiday Pay Surcharge – David Blackburn & Mary Ann Lobodinsky

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Bockstoce, to authorize Maher Duessel to begin Surcharge proceedings effective August 14. Mr. Bockstoce advised the Board has been handling this issue since January and it is time to move forward in getting the Township paid back. Motion passed unanimously.

### 4. NEW BUSINESS

#### P2 Developers, LLC Site Plan

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bockstoce, to approve plan as presented, pending DEP approval. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Stackowicz Subdivision Plan No. 2

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

#### Lohr Trust Consolidation Plan No. 1

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to approve plan as presented, pending DEP approval. Motion passed unanimously.

#### RJ Sokol – Playground Equipment/Public Water

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, authorizing hiring RJ Sokol for assistance in installing playground equipment and obtaining public water. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Cellular Phone and Timesheet Policy

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to approve policy requiring Township provided cellular phones be used for Township business only and time sheets to be filled out by the individual employee. The time sheets will be approved by a Supervisor. Motion carried unanimously.

### 5. REPORTS

#### Road Department

Mr. Bockstoce advised Bigler, Buckingham and Seal will be tar and chipped in the next two (2) weeks, perhaps on a Saturday, before school begins August 24. He also advised, Lively will be paved soon and seven (7) cross pipes have been replaced as they were completely rotted out. Mr. Bockstoce advised dead trees were cut on Thomas and guide rails near Triple M Farms was replaced. He advised and late August or early September we will pave some areas and we are installing signs on Church Rd. Mowing is continuing and two cross pipes on Bigler were replaced, as well as pipe replacement of Johnson Road. He also advised 3<sup>rd</sup> St pipe was replaced as well as Keeling Ln as they needed replacement for several years. Mr. Cole thanked his crew and told the audience we are here to serve you all.

### 6. ANY OTHER NECESSARY BUSINESS

### Public Water

Mr. Bockstoce advised he has been speaking to and meeting with all three (3) water companies. He said he is aware of several residents, including himself, who travel for miles daily to get public water. Mr. Bockstoce said he spoke to Southwest Water in Greene County to obtain information on their water station. He said residents use thousand of water monthly at their water station and we are in dire need of a water station here in Somerset. Mr. Bockstoce advised the water station may be installed at the old Township building on Somerset Drive. He said all the water companies are interested in helping to bring public water to each area of Somerset. He advised the Township received \$504,000 for impact fees this year. He stated that after returning equipment and purchasing equipment, paving Church and Lively, and additional tar and chip, we still have \$180,000 left over. He said the water issue should have been addressed years ago and the Board intends on using the money for this necessity

### **7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jason from PA American Water spoke about areas near 519 and 136 they would like to service. He said included in their engineering plans is installing water in the Township in 2022. He also said grant money may be available. Several residents spoke out about the need for public water in the Township, including Mr. Marchezak, Ms. Marchezak, Ms. Kennedy and Mr. Ivicic.

### **8. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55p 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, August 24, 2020, 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

Please be advised that the Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session on August 21, 2020 from 11:30 to 12:00 to discuss building code matters.

Please be advised that the Board of Supervisors held an Informational Session on August 21, 2020 from 12:00 to 12:40 to acquire information on obtaining public water for Township residents. No decisions were made.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2020 Meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Bayer stated that he would like to change his vote to No on Old Business item 3B from the August 12 Meeting. This matter is regarding 2020 Vacation and Holiday Pay Surcharge for David Blackburn and Mary Ann Lobodinsky. Mr. Bayer said they are entitled to the money. He said he has spoken to a few people since that meeting and has thought a lot about it and does not agree that they owe the money back to the Township, therefore he is rescinding his motion for this item.

**2. OLD BUSINESS**

Public Water – Engineer Study

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to authorize Township Engineer to perform cost study for establishing public water in Township. Motion passed unanimously.

Halloween – Trunk-Or-Treat

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to offer Trunk-Or-Treat to Township residents. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Bockstoce stated this will be safer than having door to door trick-or-treat.

Window Blinds Quote

Motion: Bockstoce, 2nd: Bayer, to approve purchase of window blinds for Township office in the amount of \$1930.00. Motion passed unanimously.

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

Charleroi Water Authority Meeting August 25 at 4:00 pm – Supervisor Bockstoce to Attend

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, authorizing Mr. Bockstoce to attend meeting to discuss their interest in installing public water in the Township. Motion passed unanimously.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Road Department Report

Mr. Bockstoce advised tar and chip will be performed this week on Bigler, Buckingham and Seal. Lively paving is tentatively scheduled for September 8 and 9.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to adjourn the meeting at 2:20 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, September 9, 2020, 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 24, 2020 Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

### **2. APPROVAL OF CHECKS, WARRANTS & TRANSFERS.**

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

PLGIT General Fund #8722 CFS General Fund 1101-1129 SHA Fund #1322-1339

Procurement Card 9-4-20 and any other necessary transfers.

Motion passed unanimously.

### **3. OLD BUSINESS**

#### Halloween – Trunk-Or-Treat

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to approve Trunk-Or-Treat for October 31, 2020 from 5-7 p.m. Flyers will be mailed to residents. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Cellular Phones

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to approve the cancellation of cellular phones paid and provided by the Township. Motion passed unanimously.

### **4. NEW BUSINESS**

#### 2019 Pension Distribution

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to approve 2019 pension distribution totaling 9% of payroll. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Transfer Bank Accounts to CFS

Motion: Cole, Bayer, to approve transferring PLGIT and Washington Financial bank accounts to CFS. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Salt Spreader Quote

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to approve purchasing salt spreader from Chemung Supply in the amount of \$3695.00. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Selvoski – Advertise Public Hearing / Ordinance for Rezoning Request for October 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, authorizing the advertisement for public hearing and ordinance for rezoning request of Matthew Selvoski for October 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Hardy World Site Development Plan

Motion: Cole, 2nd: to approve plan contingent on receiving Stormwater Calculations and DEP Sewage Approval. Motion passed unanimously.

#### George Subdivision Plan

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to approve subdivision contingent on any necessary DEP Sewage Approval. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Advertise Winter Materials

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to approve advertising salt and anti-skid materials. Motion passed unanimously.

## **5. REPORTS**

### Road Department

Mr. Bockstoce advised tar and chip of Seal, Bigler and Buckingham have been completed and Tresco is to provide a date of when Lively Road will be paved by the end of the week. Mr. Bockstoce said seven (9) pipes have been replaced on Lively Road by our crew they will pave a portion of Rainey Road soon.

## **6. ANY OTHER NECESSARY BUSINESS**

### Public Water

Mr. Bockstoce advised the Township is in discussions with Tri-County Water Authority, Charleroi Water Authority and Pennsylvania American Water regarding obtaining water for our residents. He also stated our county commissioners, state representatives and senator are aware of our plan.

## **7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

RJ Sokol stated the Township is heading in the right direction in establishing public water for our residents.

Mr. Pollock advised he is in the process of obtaining high speed internet service for his business and stated it is a necessity for our residents. Another resident advised she is also trying to have high speed internet installed in her home and was told it is not available in our area. Mr. Bockstoce stated with more students learning remotely, it is something that is needed in our area. Mr. Myers advised his son was quoted in the thousands for having it installed in his home.

Mr. Bayer advised he received a complaint about regarding a driveway pipe installed on Lively Road near the trailer court. He said the Township does not install them and the resident was terribly upset. Mr. Bockstoce advised the Township Engineer said water was running onto the road and recommended the pipe be installed. Mr. Cole asked who complained and Mr. Bayer did not provide the name. Mr. Myers stated that installing the pipe corrected the problem.

Mr. Bockstoce referenced the previous meeting when Mr. Bayer changed his vote to a no when approving the surcharge to Blackburn and Lobodinsky. He said he asked the Township Solicitor if it is appropriate to change a vote and he said it is not allowed. Mr. Liekar said once a vote is cast it cannot be changed. Mr. Bockstoce said he would like the minute noted. A gentleman stated there are drivers turning onto 136 from Church Road illegally. Mr. Bockstoce said the state police advised that the area has been posted and drivers continue to disobey the signs.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Ann Dotson  
Secretary

SOMERSET TOWNSHIP

September 28, 2020

A regular meeting of the Somerset Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, September 28, 2020, 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

Please be advised that the Board of Supervisors met with the Solicitor in Executive Session on September 28, 2020 from 1:30 to 2:00 to discuss public water matters. No decisions were made.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2020 Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

**2. NEW BUSINESS**

The Borough of Charleroi Water Authority Intermunicipal Cooperation Agreement

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, authorizing Solicitor to advertise ordinance. Motion passed unanimously.

Frank H. Lukich Resignation

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

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Road Department Report

Mr. Bockstoce advised a change order is required for the Lively Road backing.

**4. 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, October 14, 2020, 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

The Board held an Executive Session with the Solicitor from 6:30pm to 6:50pm on October 14, 2020, to discuss litigation matters.

#### **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2020 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 1130-1152 SHA Fund #1340-1351

Procurement Card 10-4-20 and any other necessary transfers.

Motion passed unanimously.

#### **3. PUBLIC HEARING – MATTHEW SELVOSKI REZONING REQUEST**

At approximately 7:05pm, the meeting was recessed for the Selvoski hearing. After taking public comment, the hearing was closed at 7:10pm and the regular meeting reopened.

Ms. Yeckel asked what the property will be used for and Mr. Selvoski responded that he plans to build a self-storage unit and he is requesting that it be rezoned to what it previously was zoned as.

#### **4. OLD BUSINESS**

Ordinance 1-2020 - Matthew Selvoski Rezoning

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to approve rezoning of property from A-1 to M-1. Motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2-2020 – The Borough of Charleroi Water Authority Intermunicipal Cooperation Agreement

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

Halloween – Trunk-Or-Treat

Mr. Bockstoce said we have a good turnout so far and asked residents to share information on the event.

#### **5. NEW BUSINESS**

Pleasantview Holdings, LLC Subdivision

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to approve Subdivision pending DEP approval, as stated in Township Engineer Review Letter. Motion unanimously passed.

Distribution of Foreign Fire

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, authorizing Distribution of Foreign Fire Funds to our Volunteer Fire Companies. Motion passed unanimously.

Added Item

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, authorizing Secretary to refer the following to the PA Ethics Commission: B missing and incomplete time sheets; C Township personnel and equipment used on private property for Supervisor; D former Secretary doing personal bookkeeping business for Supervisor on Township time; E use of Township truck and employees to get coal for Supervisor several times and F political work done for former Supervisor by former Secretary on Township time. Item A is being handled by the Auditors and Item G is not against Township policy. Solicitor advised he received an anonymous letter in the mail concerning violations and recommended to the Board that a complaint be filed. Motion passed unanimously.

## **6. REPORTS**

### Road Department

Mr. Bockstoce advised Rainey Road was paved, ditch cutting was performed on Ridge, Valley, St. Cloud, Sprowels and Lusk. He said three (3) pipes on Valley need replaced, trees were cut back, and the park entrance was paved. He also stated we have dirt available for any residents.

## **7. ANY OTHER NECESSARY BUSINESS**

### Public Water

Mr. Bockstoce stated an agreement was just approved with Charleroi Water and we are waiting for a quote from Pennsylvania American Water.

## **8. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Pollock asked what water companies are interested in the project and Mr. Bockstoce replied that Tri-County, Charleroi, and PA America Water are all interested in our public water plan.

Emery Road residents asked the Board to consider taking over the road. They said they are no longer able to maintain the road. Mr. Bockstoce said the Board will look into the matter.

Mr. Pollock recommended a new high-speed internet company, No Limit Data 866-327-8583.

Mr. Lawrence (Joe and Bonnie, live across the road from 84 Lakes) complimented the new owner of 84 Lakes and suggested the Board introduce themselves and welcome them into the Township. He said they are cleaning up the place and are pleasant people, the Mr. goes by the name Rock.

## **9. 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



SOMERSET TOWNSHIP

October 26, 2020

A regular meeting of the Somerset Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, October 26, 2020, 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

Please be advised that the Board of Supervisors met with the Solicitor in Executive Session on October 26, 2020 from 1:00 to 1:45 to discuss litigation matters.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bockstoce, to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2020 Meeting. Motion passed.

**2. OLD BUSINESS**

Frank H. Lukich Resignation

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bockstoce, to accept resignation effective November 13. Motion passed.

**3. ANY OTHER NECESSARY BUSINESS – Added Item**

Civil Complaint

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bockstoce, to authorize Solicitor to file Civil Complaint with District Justice against David Blackburn and Mary Ann Lobodinsky to recover vacation and holiday pay collected inappropriately. Motion passed.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Cole, 2<sup>nd</sup>: 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 Tuesday, November 10, 2020, 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 the minutes of the October 26, 2020 Meeting. Motion passed.

**2. APPROVAL OF CHECKS, WARRANTS & TRANSFERS.**

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

CFS General Fund 1153-1181    SHA Fund #1352-1371

Procurement Card 11-10-20    and any other necessary transfers. Motion passed.

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

Matthews Subdivision – Item tabled due to lack of quorum for planning commission meeting.

2021 Proposed Pension Budget

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bockstoce, to approve the estimated funds of \$33,564.67 required for the 2021 Budget for the employee pension fund. This amount is 9% of payroll of full-time employees. Motion passed.

2021 Proposed Budget – Authorize to Advertise

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bockstoce, to authorize advertisement of 2021 Proposed Budget. Motion passed.

Christmas Light Up Night – December 5

Mr. Bockstoce advised light up night is scheduled for December 5 from 4pm to 7pm and will include vendors along with the school choir. More information to follow.

**4. REPORTS**

Code Violations

Andrew Berchin advised that the magistrate's judgement against Avalon Motel is favorable to the Township. He also stated he does not recommend pursuing the \$2000.00 fine as it will become the responsibility of the previous owner who plans to purchase and clean up the property. Mr. Berchin also said the DEP visited Hartman and Hartman regarding burning violations.

Road Department

Mr. Bockstoce stated the park light has been installed and we currently have 360 tons of anti-skid and salt. He also said Lively Road backing will be completed by Friday, ditch on Almond is cut and shoulder work on Valley is complete. He thanked everyone for their participation in our Halloween event as it was a huge success. Mr. Bockstoce stated the Spud Drive and Emery Road items have been advertised and will be on the November 23 agenda for possible adoption.

**5. ANY OTHER NECESSARY BUSINESS**

Public Water

Mr. Bockstoce advised the Township Solicitor is confirming there are no agreements with Pennsylvania American Water to allow us to move forward with the project. He also stated we have met with DCNR and we are getting funding information for Pennvest and LSA Grants.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 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 Monday, November 23, 2020, 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 phone

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bockstoce, to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2020 Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

**2. OLD BUSINESS**

Spud Drive and Emery Road

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to accept Spud Drive and Emery Road as Township roads as recommended by Solicitor.  
Motion passed unanimously.

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

Wacker Light Plant Purchase

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bayer, to approve purchase of light from Caterpillar in the amount of \$8900.00. The light will be used for Township emergencies such as downed trees and traffic lights out. Motion passed unanimously.

Interviews for Road Department Position

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Cole, to authorize Board to begin interviews next week. Motion passed unanimously.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Bayer, 2nd: Bockstoce, 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 Tuesday, December 9, 2020, 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

A moment of silence was held for Edward Hodor, our Planning Commission Member who passed away.

### 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bockstoce, to approve the minutes of the November 23, 2020 Meeting. Motion passed.

### 2. APPROVAL OF CHECKS, WARRANTS & TRANSFERS.

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

CFS General Fund 1182-1200 SHA Fund #1372-1379

Procurement Card 12-10-20 and any other necessary transfers. Motion passed.

### 3. OLD BUSINESS

#### Adopt 2021 Proposed Budget

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bockstoce, to adopt 2021 proposed budget. Motion passed.

#### Road Department Position

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bockstoce, to approve hiring of Dex Lohr for road department position at the hourly wage of \$20.00. A drug test and physical are to be completed before start date. Motion passed.

### 4. NEW BUSINESS

#### Vasquez-Sowers Subdivision Plan

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bockstoce, to approve plan as recommended by Township Engineer and Planning Commission. Motion passed.

#### Authorize Legal Ad for 2021 Reorganization Meetings – Jan 4

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bockstoce, to approve ad for 2021 reorganization meetings. Solicitor confirmed the Township is permitted to hold all reorganization meetings on one (1) day. Motion passed.

#### Washington County COVID Recovery Municipal Grant

Motion: Cole, 2nd: Bockstoce, to approve the Township to apply for Coronavirus Relief Fund money from the County. The Township will receive the distribution on a reimbursement basis not to exceed \$76,898.24. Motion passed.

### 5. REPORTS

#### Road Department

Mr. Bockstoce thanked Mr. Cole and the road crew for cleaning up the property at the old building, for which we incurred five (5) dumpsters of metal. Mr. Bockstoce also stated Lively Road is complete, Almond Road ditch is finished, and we are currently working on McIlvaine Road. He also advised the Township is applying for a \$50,000 grant from the Washington County Redevelopment Authority to be used for paving, which the Township has not previously applied and is available every four (4) years.

### 6. ANY OTHER NECESSARY BUSINESS

#### Public Water

Mr. Bockstoce advised the Township is waiting for the state to bore under 70. He also stated our Engineer is working with Charleroi Water Authority to begin Phase I of our water project. Mr. Bockstoce said he is meeting with Murray Energy next Tuesday at 9am at Somerset Park to discuss donating their portion of land to the Township for the park.

### 7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Lohr commended the Board for the Christmas Light Up Night event. She said it was an incredibly positive and enjoyable evening. Mr. Bockstoce thanked all involved.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Ann Dotson, Secretary