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BART TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING MARCH 5, 2025

The Bart Township Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on March 5, 2025 at the Bart Township Municipal Building, 46 Quarry Road, Quarryville, PA. The meeting was advertised in LNP, a newspaper of general circulation, and posted at the Municipal Building in compliance with the Sunshine Act.

Board of Supervisors present: Ray Marvin and Dale Herr.

Others in Attendance: Cathy Snyder, Forest Stump, Conner Daddario, Ric Gochenaur, Kathy Gochenaur, Scott Frantz, Bob Widdowson, Janice Widdowson, Levi K. Glick, Cameron Killian, John Graybill, Roxanne Graybill, Dave Farmer, Kevin Kreider, Adam Weidman, Ed Weidman, Travis Hoover, Levi Esh and Jonas Stoltzfus.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Marvin, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Statement:

Chairman Marvin read the following statement: After reviewing an article following our last meeting, I would like to make this statement and have it put in the Minutes. What I read stated that Ray Marvin was disappointed with the Township's response to recent weather events. I want to correct that to say that *I was disappointed with my response to the weather events and not the response of the Township employees or the rest of the Board.* I apologize for this miscommunication on my part.

Treasurer's Report:

Statement of Financial Condition: Treasurer Cathy Snyder reviewed the Statement of Financial Condition for the period January 26th through February 25th, 2025. Account balances as of February 25, 2025 total \$1,409,665.60.

Bills for Ratification: *A motion was made by Supervisor Herr to ratify payment of the bills for the period January 26, 2025 through February 25, 2025 in the amount of \$35,384.15. The motion was second by Chairman Marvin. Motion carried.

Road/Bridge/Trail Funds Report: Treasurer Snyder reviewed the current balances in the Liquid Fuels Fund, the Road/Bridge Maintenance Fund, the ELGT Development and Maintenance Fund, the Enola Certificate of Deposit and the Equipment Fund.

Roads:

Road Report: Chairman Marvin reviewed a summary of work completed by the road crew during the month of February.

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206 Lancaster Avenue: A phone message was received regarding possible damage caused from a plow at 206 Lancaster Avenue. Two small pieces of curbing along the driveway were broke off. Forest stated it would take a half bag of cold patch to fix it. Chairman Marvin asked him to get the homeowner's permission before doing that. Forest will stop and talk to them.

Salt Update: Forest stated we received four loads of salt from the county co-op.

*A motion was made by Supervisor Herr to contract with Costars for 350 tons of salt for the 2025/2026 season. In addition, we will contract with the county co-op when the county makes it available to do so. The motion was second by Chairman Marvin. Motion carried.

Quarry Road Bridge: Mackin Engineering recently completed an inspection of the bridge. As a result, PennDOT made a decision to make steel beam repairs a priority 0 and requested the bridge be closed on Thursday, February 20, 2025. The Township has an option to place an approved temporary barrier above beam 8 to keep the bridge partially open, however, an updated analysis needs to be completed and approved by PennDOT before doing so. There was discussion with the farmer on the opposite side of the bridge regarding crossing the bridge to get to his fields. Chairman Marvin noted the permit is in hand to rebuild and the plans are approved. He is currently working with Senator Martin's office to expedite our grant application.

*A motion was made by Supervisor Herr to put the Quarry Road bridge out to bid. The advertisement will be placed in the newspaper. Cathy is to work with James Wilson to get a bid packet ready and advertised as soon as possible. The motion was second by Chairman Marvin. Motion carried.

Fairview Road Vacation: We have received the township planning commission's comments recommending that the Supervisors proceed with the abandonment of the township's portion of Fairview Road. We did not receive the County's comments yet. Cathy will move this on to the April agenda.

Cherry Hill Road: *A motion was made by Chairman Marvin to place the Cherry Hill Road project out to bid. The advertisement will be placed in the newspaper. The motion was second by Supervisor Herr. Motion carried.

Supervisor Herr asked how long before we can tar and chip over the surface of the road. He or Cathy will ask Tyler Keefer from the conservation district.

Bridge Inspection Reports: A meeting was held with Mackin Engineering on March 4th to review their 2023 and 2024 bridge inspection reports for each bridge that needed inspected. Forest will review their list of recommendations and put together a plan to present at the April meeting.

2002 GMC Dump Truck with Spreader and Plow: Ed Weidman suggested advertising the truck locally. Cathy will check into whether or not we need to put a bid packet out to do so.

Generator Quotes: There were three generator quotes presented and reviewed. Chairman Marvin suggested we see where our bids come in on our other projects before moving forward. Forest suggested putting chains on the shop bay doors to hoist them manually if the power goes out. He will check on prices to have them installed.

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Road Repair Projects: Forest reviewed a proposed list of paving repair projects. Chairman Marvin recommended creating a list in priority order of all the road and bridge projects that need done. We can then plug the estimated costs of those projects into our road and bridge maintenance spreadsheet to see where we stand.

Updated Belt Loader Agreement: There was discussion on how the Agreement works and whether or not we would use the belt loader this year to clean gutters. *A motion was made by Chairman Marvin to accept the updated Belt Loader Agreement. The motion was second by Supervisor Herr. Motion carried.

Enola Low Grade Trail:

Wilson Consulting Invoices: There are a series of outstanding invoices (approximately \$9,000) from Wilson Consulting Group for the DCNR grants for both the Eden section and the Bart Eastern section. We were told all along that these invoices could be paid when we receive the remaining ten percent from those grants. However, in a recent meeting with DCNR, we discovered these invoices need to be paid to Wilson before we receive the remaining funds. *A motion was made by Supervisor Herr to pay the outstanding invoices to Wilson Consulting Group. Wilson would then be required to provide the certification to DCNR that they have been paid. We would then make the request to DCNR for the remaining ten percent. The motion was second by Chairman Marvin. Motion carried.

Grant Payment Request Letter to Lancaster County: Chairman Marvin read a draft letter to be sent to the Lancaster County Commissioners requesting our \$75,000 grant allocation. *A motion was made by Chairman Marvin to send this letter onto the county commissioners to have those funds made available to us. The motion was second by Supervisor Herr. Motion carried.

Enforcement of Trail Regulations: It was agreed to set this aside for now.

Noise Enforcement: No report.

Plans/Planning Commission: There were no plans for review.

Zoning / Engineering / Sewage Enforcement:

Zoning Officer Report: There were no questions or concerns.

Violation Report: There were no questions or concerns.

Zoning Hearing Board Applications for March: The application of Reuben Beiler for the property located at 24 Green Tree Road, Quarryville. The applicant is requesting Variances of Sections 802.3 and 507.4.D.1 Front Yard Setback; Section 507.4.D.2 Side Yard Setback; Section 507.4.D.2 Rear Yard Setback; and Section 507.4.D.4 Off-Street Parking Setback for a proposed commercial structure. The property is located within the General Business Zoning District. *A motion was made by Supervisor Herr in support of this application. The motion was second by Chairman Marvin. Motion carried.

The application of Jonathan and Rebecca Lapp for the property located at 972-A Georgetown Road, Paradise. The applicant is requesting a Variance of Section 602.18.B and 602.18.C to exceed the 4,000 total square footage and two (2) employees related to a cottage industry canning business. The property

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is located within the Agricultural Zoning District. *A motion was made by Supervisor Herr in support of this application. The motion was second by Chairman Marvin. Motion carried.

Update on 453 Hollow Road Violations: A letter was sent by Solanco Engineering to Mr. Henry King at 453 Hollow Road on February 11, 2025 with respect to the stormwater management and soil erosion violations. A proposed resolution was offered by our township engineer with respect to resolving the violations.

Solanco Intermunicipal Committee: No report.

Georgetown Area Sewer Authority: No report.

Old Business:

Follow Up List from February 5th: The welder has not been purchased yet. Chairman Marvin asked Forest and Conner to follow through with getting a welder of their choice within the approved \$2,000 spending limit.

New Business:

Christian Zook Financial Security Release Request: *A motion was made by Supervisor Herr to release the remaining financial security for Christian Zook, 5560 White Oak Road, as recommended by Solanco Engineering in their letter dated March 3, 2025. The motion was second by Chairman Marvin. Motion carried.

Sick Time Policy Clarification: A question arose from our assistant secretary/treasurer regarding sick time policy clarification. *A motion was made by Chairman Marvin to make the following change to our sick benefits in our employee policy manual: *All fulltime regularly employed employees shall be entitled to sick pay as follows: Because we have some fulltime employees regularly scheduled 8 hours per day and others 10 hours per day, we will pay sick time in hours, as follows. Each fulltime employee will receive the equivalent of one day's hours, which is either 8 or 10 hours depending on how they are regularly scheduled, for every two full months of consecutive completed work following any probationary time.* The motion was second by Supervisor Herr. Motion carried.

Supervisor Resignation: A resignation letter was received from Supervisor Bill Lamparter dated February 19, 2025, with his resignation being effective immediately. Chairman Marvin reviewed an email from our solicitor specifying how the Second-Class Township Code addresses resignations. *A motion was made by Chairman Marvin to accept the resignation of Bill Lamparter as Township Supervisor. The motion was second by Supervisor Herr. Motion carried.

*A motion was made by Supervisor Herr to appoint Cameron Killian to fill the vacant position of Township Supervisor through December 31, 2025. The motion was second by Chairman Marvin. Motion carried. Cameron will need to take an Oath of Office before officially becoming a supervisor.

Daily Leadership: Office: *A motion was made by Chairman Marvin that Cathy Snyder, as the Secretary/Treasurer, is in charge of the office and all of the secretary and treasurer duties. She is in charge

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of delegating those responsibilities as she sees fit, answering daily questions and deciding what comes to the Board of Supervisors. The motion was second by Supervisor Herr. Motion carried.

Roads: *A motion was made by Chairman Marvin to advertise for a roadmaster. The motion was second by Supervisor Herr. Kathy Gochenaur noted that this has been done before and it failed. She asked if anything was learned in that experience in terms of how to advertise so that you are more likely to get a qualified candidate. Jonas Stoltzfus suggested stepping either Forest and Conner up into that position. Forest Stump stated he would have interest rather than bringing a third person into fill the position. This motion was not voted on by the Supervisors.

*A motion was made by Supervisor Herr to appoint Forest Stump as roadmaster. The motion was second by Chairman Marvin. Motion carried.

Lancaster County Planning Department Spring Regional Meetings: The Lancaster County Planning Department is hosting three open houses around the area on March 5, 11 and 19.

Lancaster Co. Assoc. of Twp. Supervisors Spring Meeting: The Lancaster County Association of Township Supervisors is holding their Spring Meeting on March 27, 2025 at The Gathering Place in Mount Joy beginning at 5:30 pm. There is no cost to attend. Cathy will need to know if you are attending by March 17th.

Minutes: With no additions or corrections, the Minutes of the February 5, 2025 monthly meeting stand approved as written.

Public Comments:

Scott Frantz noted that the guys did a good job keeping Bartville open this winter.

Bob Widdowson noted that last month there was general discussion about the roads and temperature. The people not living here did not know what the temperature was in Bart. You can get an app from Accu weather to check the temperature and it is very accurate to the outside gauges. There is an app that you can load onto a PC that can then send out alerts to a telephone. The app is free with ads, otherwise it is \$25.00 per year without ads. Bob will share this information with Cathy.

John Graybill noted the fire company had a very successful first sale.

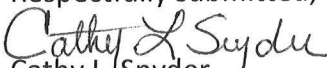
Roxanne Graybill wanted to thank the road crew for the job they did over the last month.

Forest Stump noted the security cameras at the township building are now set up on his and Conner's phone.

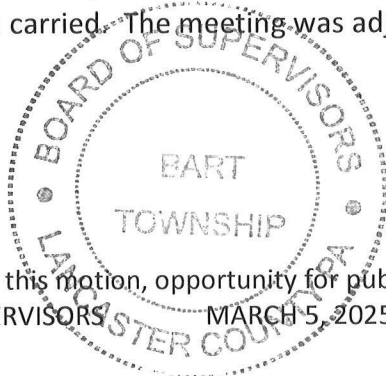
Jonas Stoltzfus thought it was a good move to put Forest in as roadmaster because you have a team of guys working together and then you have a new guy come in to oversee them and sometimes this causes conflict.

Adjourn: *A motion was made by Supervisor Herr to adjourn the meeting. The motion was second by Chairman Marvin. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Cathy L. Snyder

Secretary



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