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BOARD OF SUPERVISOR MEETING MINUTES – JULY 3, 2012

*These are the official meeting minutes of the Oakland Township Board of Supervisors for the above referenced date.
 The Supervisors met at the municipal building, 565 Chicora Road, Butler, PA 16001. The meeting was scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m.*

BOARD ATTENDEES:

Brian G. Hans, Chairman

Brent A. Patten, Supervisor

Regis V. Thoma, Vice-Chairman

Nadine A. Neff, Secretary/Treasurer

CALL MEETING TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Supervisor Brian Hans called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVE AGENDA

Supervisor Regis Thoma motioned to approve the Meeting Agenda; Supervisor Brent Patten seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: The motion was approved by all.

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

Supervisor Regis Thoma motioned to approve the meeting minutes for the Board of Supervisor’s meeting for the month of June; Supervisor Brent Patten seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: The motion was approved by all.

APPROVE TREASURER’S REPORT

Supervisor Regis Thoma motioned to approve the treasurer’s report for the month of June; Supervisor Brent Patten seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: The motion was approved by all.

There was a discussion regarding the inconsistency in the earned income tax collection from Berkheimer and Nadine Neff read to the board a letter that she drafted to send to Berkheimer expressing the Township’s concerns. Supervisor Brian Hans motioned to send the Berkheimer letter; Supervisor Brent Patten seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: The motion was approved by all.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Brenda and Greg Bush – Variance Request

Brenda and Greg Bush were present to request that the Board of Supervisors grant a variance to the Township set-back ordinance so that they can construct a garage that would be 45 feet from the center of Hoon Road. Brenda Bush asked the Board to change the set-back ordinance. After a lengthy discussion, Supervisor Brent Patten stated that a meeting would be held to specifically discuss the set-back ordinance.

Donald Hays/Subdivision

Supervisor Brian Hans motioned to approve the subdivision for Donald Hays, Drawing PB244-Pg11; Supervisor Regis Thoma seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: The motion was approved by all.



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Susan Wingfield/Variance Request

Susan Wingfield was present to request that the Board of Supervisors grant a variance for a garage that they would like to construct on Thorn Run Road. After a lengthy discussion of the matter, the Board agreed that a meeting would be held immediately following their September 5th regular monthly meeting to discuss the possibility of changing the set-back regulations in the Oakland Township Subdivision Ordinance. Nadine Neff was advised to advertise the meeting. Supervisor Regis Thoma stated his opinion that we need to have the solicitor's opinion on whether or not we even want to change the ordinance.

Rocco Lanzalotto-Township Invoices

Rocco stated that he will be obtaining itemized bills for township expenditures and that he will make those bills public. He stated his opinion that the township practice of purchasing coffee for the road crew is wasteful spending.

Christina Oniboni-Water Well Contamination

Christina Oniboni was present regarding her concern about water well contamination from the 400 chickens housed on Kayak Farms.

CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Brian Hans motioned to send a certificate and letter to Aron Wulff for his accomplishment in obtaining Eagle Scout; Supervisor Regis Thoma seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: The motion was approved by all.

STAFF REPORTS

Nadine Neff – Brian Hans motioned to approve the letter to Alan and Karen Katz regarding a sign illegally placed on the Township post; Supervisor Brent Patten seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: The motion was approved by all.

Supervisor Brian Hans motioned to approve sending a letter to David Ice for malfunctioning sewage systems for Sherman and Thoma; Supervisor Regis Thoma seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: The motion was approved by all.

Lonny Jewart – Nothing to report.

Supervisor Brian Hans told Lonny to go ahead and have the plate fixed on the boom mower.



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OLD BUSINESS

Cranmer v. Oakland Township – Supervisor Brent Patten motioned to have Phil Lope file a motion to compel; Supervisor Brian Hans seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: The motion was approved by all.

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION OF MERCANTILE TAX – Supervisor Brian Hans stated that there was a discussion a few months ago about looking into a mercantile tax and that after reviewing the information received, the Board has no interest in taking any action at this time.

PENNSYLVANIA AMERICAN WATER COMPANY – The Board directed Nadine Neff to send a follow-up letter to Pennsylvania American Water regarding the request for a feasibility study.

SPEEDING ON THORN RUN ROAD - Supervisor Brent Patten asked Nadine Neff to call the State Police to request that they ticket speeders on Thorn Run Road.

SIGNING OF THE TIME SHEETS / AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS ON HAND

The Board signed the time sheets submitted for payroll for the month. Supervisor Brian Hans motioned to pay the bills on hand, all previously authorized bills, and payroll for the upcoming month; Supervisor Regis Thoma seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: The motion was approved by all.

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Brian Hans motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m.; Supervisor Regis Thoma seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: The motion was approved by all.