

**Lower Oxford Township**  
**Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes**  
**February 14, 2022**

The Regular Meeting of the Lower Oxford Township Board of Supervisors was held at the Township Building located at 220 Township Road, on Monday, February 14, 2022.

The following were in Attendance: Supervisors, Kevin R. Martin, Noël A. Roy, and Robert McMahon; Roadmaster, Steven Price, Secretary/Treasurer, Deborah J. Kinney; and five guests.

Mr. Martin, called the regular Board of Supervisors meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Mr. Martin asked if anyone wanted to appear on the regular meeting agenda. There were none.

Mr. Martin acknowledged that the newly elected Constable, Paul W. Johnson, was sworn in office here at the Township Building on January 28, 2022.

*Mr. McMahon moved to approve the minutes for the regular meeting on January 10, 2022. Mr. Roy seconded the motion. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.*

*Mr. Roy moved to approve the bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$85,685.62. Mr. McMahon seconded the motion. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.*

Mrs. Kinney stated that she received an e-mail from the Comptroller's Office on February 1, 2022, that the Township will receive \$7,403.88 for the 2021 Recycling Grant. The Township should receive payment within the next four to six weeks.

*Mr. Roy moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Mr. McMahon seconded the motion. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.*

Mrs. Kinney presented the correspondence and stated that it is on file for public review upon request.

*Mr. McMahon moved to approve the Building Inspector's report for January 2022. Mr. Roy seconded the motion. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.*

*Mr. Roy moved to approve the Zoning Officer's report. Mr. McMahon seconded the motion. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.*

*Mr. McMahon moved to approve the Engineer's report. Mr. Roy seconded the motion. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.*

Mr. Price stated that he is going to place the grader on the 'Municipal' auction site to get the best possible price. He stated that it will be listed for \$15,000 and a minimum reserve will be set at \$10,000.

*Mr. Roy moved to approve the Roadmaster's Report. Mr. McMahon seconded the motion. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.*

Mr. McMahon reported that the Sewer Authority met on Wednesday, January 26, 2022. He stated that discussion involved purchasing a commercial building (BB&T Bank) that was recently placed back on the market and listed for \$540,000. He further stated that he and Randy Gray (OASA Member) voted against proceeding with steps to purchase this building for the following reasons: 1) He feels that if any large amounts of money is to be spent, it should be to reimburse the municipalities and the Oxford Borough for the loan to the Sewer Authority for a bail-out when they defaulted on their loan; 2) The lagoons that need to be dredged this year which could be quite substantial; 3) This year there have been problems with some of the equipment freezing up over the winter and additional monies are necessary for repairs; and 4) It is a huge red flag that the original contract for the original contract on the sale of the building fell through and would like to know the reason(s) or circumstance(s) surrounding it. Mr. McMahon stated that these are just a few of the concerns he has raised to the Sewer Authority that he feels have been disregarded.

Mrs. Kinney reported that the Oxford Area Recreation Authority met on Thursday, February 17, 2022. The following items were discussed: 1) The entrance to the west parking lot was chained until Spring due to the vandalism. 2) A new food truck event for May 21<sup>st</sup> that will include a live band. 3) Dedication ceremonies are planned on Memorial Day weekend for the new Mount America Veterans Memorial. 4) Natural Playground at the Oaks Road parcel will hopefully have a Spring dedication and opening. 5) Working on ideas and planning for an adaptive adult physical fitness area.

Mr. Roy reported that Governor Wolf is in support of selling Chester Water Authority. He also discussed the current situation with multiple hospital closings. He said that Crozer Hospital has a non-binding agreement with Christiana Hospital. Springfield Hospital will shut down and Taylor Hospital will be closing on Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Brown reported that the Oxford Regional Planning Committee met virtually on February 26<sup>th</sup>. The Soil Conservation District is looking to cost share MS4 projects. East Nottingham and the Oxford Borough have the most significant projects and are looking into the cost share program. He also stated that they are looking for municipalities between Kennett and West Nottingham Township to participate in a grant funding project for a bike path. The location for the bike path is to be determined, but it is either Route #1 By-pass or Baltimore Pike. Their next virtual meeting is scheduled for February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Mrs. Kinney collected \$265.29 for the Fire Hydrant Taxes for January 2022.

*Mr. Roy moved to approve the Tax Collector's Report. Mr. McMahon seconded the motion. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.*

*Mr. Roy moved to authorize any full-time employees and/or Supervisors interested in going to the PSATS Conference permission to attend. Mr. McMahon seconded the motion. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.*

Mrs. Kinney stated that a Conditional Use Hearing will be forthcoming for Lincoln University's Cresson Hall for a height requirement. The Township Solicitor is in receipt of the application and will schedule with the Supervisors accordingly.

Mrs. Kinney stated that she is currently gathering information on the current interest rates with Fulton Bank. The interest rates are nominal and would like permission to get other quotes on interest rates with other banks.

*Mr. Roy moved to authorize the Chairman, Kevin Martin and Secretary/Treasurer, Deborah Kinney, to transfer the General Fund, Savings Fund, and Open Space Fund from Fulton Bank to another bank if better interest rates and benefits can be obtained. Mr. McMahon seconded the motion. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.*

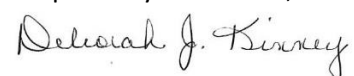
Mr. Martin stated that the Township Solicitor is currently working with Armstrong with regards to extending the service area for cable and broadband services.

*Mr. McMahon moved to appoint Randy Gray as an alternate member to the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Roy seconded the motion. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.*

*Mr. Roy moved to authorize Deborah Kinney to obtain names of grant writers and any pertinent information that may be necessary in the search for an experienced grant writer. Mr. McMahon seconded the motion. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.*

*Mr. Roy moved to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. Mr. McMahon seconded the motion. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.*

Respectfully Submitted,



Deborah J. Kinney  
Secretary/Treasurer

Note: Copies of all reports mentioned are available at the Lower Oxford Township Building, 220 Township Road, Oxford, PA.