

Lamar Township Supervisors' Regular Meeting of March 7, 2023:

Present: Wade Vonada – Chair, Larry Rhine – Vice-Chair, Dan Chappell – Supervisor, Tracy Roberts – Secretary/Treasurer, John Lhota, Brandon Coleman, Dan Vassallo, Lorena Waselinko, Chase Bottorf, Esther Galentine, Sam Duck, Tom Bossert, Donnie Tressler, Mark Miller, April and David Fravel, BJ Batterson, Dave Strouse, Jae Gettig, Elise Miller, Larry Habasevich, Larry Ferree, Norma Hayes, Cindy Culvey, Kae Hunter, Dan Muthler, Jeremy Williams, Aaron Allgyer, Nate Hollick, Steve Stoltzfus

Meeting called to order: W. Vonada called the meeting to order with a pledge to the flag at 7:00 p.m. and stated that there was an executive meeting with our township Solicitor earlier this evening at 6:30 p.m.

Motion to accept the February 7, 2023, Regular Meeting: D. Chappell made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. W. Vonada 2nd 3/0

Treasury Report and motion to pay all current and due bills: W. Vonada made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. D. Chappell 2nd 3/0

Secretary Report: T. Roberts read the Secretary Report as follows: Executive Meeting was held on February 16, 2023, at 10:00 A.M. to consult with solicitor. E-mailed Conservation District to request 50% advanced payment of available funds for Bolopue Road and Burrell Road. Received \$47,000 for Bolopue Road and \$32,500 for Burrell Road. Bid packets were sent to R.C. Bowman, HRI, Glenn O. Hawbaker, and Charles Construction for Bolopue Road Project. Bids packets are ready for the Out-Building/Batting Cage at Long Run.

Fire Report: L. Rhine stated there was no fire report for the month of February because there was no meeting held last night. The fire company is holding classes for forest fires. The last breakfast will be held on the 18th of this month.

Police Report: B. Coleman read the police report for the month of February 2023. B. Coleman and T. Bossert asked the township to consider a cost increase of \$5.00 per hour for police services to help offset the cost of inflation and the cost of a record management system. L. Rhine made a motion to increase the police services by \$5.00 per hour. D. Chappell 2nd. 3/0

Planning Commission Report:

- a. **Steve Stoltzfus** – W. Vonada made a motion to accept the plans as presented. L. Rhine 2nd 3/0
- b. **Jonas Esh** – D. Chappell made a motion to grant conditional approval on the plans as presented. W. Vonada 2nd 3/0
- c. **Dan Allgyer** – L. Rhine made a motion to accept the plans as presented. D. Chappell 2nd 3/0
- d. **Samuel Zook** – D. Chappell made a motion to accept the plans as presented. L. Rhine 2nd 3/0

Zoning Report: T. Roberts read the Zoning Report as follows: Permit activity report from Code Inspections, Inc. for January 2023. 10 Permits Issued: 1 Mechanical, 3 Building, 1 Energy, 1 Plumbing, 3 Electrical, 1 Zoning

Public Works: Ford pick-up will need new tires. W. Vonada asked permission to get new truck tires before the inspection. D. Chappell approved the purchase of new truck tires. L. Rhine 2nd 3/0

- a. **Culvert Bids** – Culvert work is out for bids. D. Chappell made a motion to accept the lowest bid. W. Vonada 2nd 3/0
- b. **Burrell Road and Drainage Project** – Redesigning the project, have to change where it's going into the stream. Soil conservation wants to do streambank stabilization which is on both ends of the culvert that goes under Burrell Road. Soil conservation is paying for the permit to do the streambank and is willing to allow us to work under the permit. W. Vonada asked if we would be interested in getting three more quotes to put a culvert in under Burrell. D. Chappell made a motion to approve the project subject to supervisor's inspection. W. Vonada 2nd 3/0
- c. **Culvert for Burrell Road** – We had a pre-bid meeting on Monday. We will have a bid opening on March 16th.

New Business:

- a. **Parks & Rec Committee update** – L. Waselinko gave an update on the Parks and Recreation committee. They would like to get estimates to get the tennis court resurfaced.
- b. **Sale of Police Car** – Police car posted on Municibid on Tuesday, February 21st and closed on Friday March 3rd.
- c. **Bid Acceptance for Sale of Police Car** – W. Vonada stated that there was a discrepancy with the bids. We had a high bid, however someone in the township that was bidding on it, also thought they had the highest bid. We have a letter from Donnie expressing that he wanted the car, but did not get the high bid on the computer. We also require a letter of proof that the person that bought this is qualified to buy the car. Do we want to accept the bid on Municibid or do we want to rebid the car? It was sold to someone in New Jersey from the Helmetta Fire Department. D. Tressler claims he did not get the email notification stating that he wasn't the highest bid like it should have. J. Lhota stated if we feel like there is a discrepancy, we can relist it on Municibid and set the minimum bid for what it just sold for. D. Chappell stated we either sell it to the guy who bought it, or we rebid it. L. Rhine made a motion to rebid the car on Municibid with a minimum bid of \$8,700.00. W. Vonada 2nd 2/1 D. Chappell opposed.
- d. **Whitetail Estates** – B. Batterson would like to move forward with the dedication of the road for Whitetail Estates, Panther Lane, Doe Lane, and Antler Lane. B. Batterson submitted the As-Built Plans and received comments from Randy Webster. B. Batterson has not gotten a chance to address them completely and would like to speak with Randy Webster directly about those. B. Batterson stated that the township recognizes that there is a drainage issues along Eisenhower Crossroad. B. Batterson feels like the attempt is being put on Whitetail Estates and would like to talk about what the resolution needs to be and that the road need to be up to township standards. B. Batterson stated in 17' in June and wanted private drives for Antler Lane, Doe Lane and Panther Lane, asked for them and that waiver request was denied. Forced them to

make bigger road, township required it. Township required them to 20 ft wide roads with large cul-de-sacs. Final subdivision plans were approved April 3, 2018. B. Batterson said it was discussed with then township engineer, Todd Pysner, about the drainage at the end of Panther Lane and with Bill Garbrick, the township supervisor. Final grading, chip sealing of the roads, culverts was completed by October of 2019, then moved towards getting final inspections and submitting the as-built plans. As-built plans were for public improvements only, distinguished that only because as the developer, the only properties we own are Panther Lane, Doe Lane, Antler Lane, the individual lots are responsible for their own stormwater. There are 10 individual lot owners. B. Batterson doesn't understand why he would have any jurisdiction over the lots being the developer. B. Batterson is of the belief that the site generally works as planned. The evaluation of stormwater on the site, shows that the berms are not the issues in regard to stormwater. B. Batterson states that all of the berms could be rebuilt and it wouldn't make a bit of difference, the issue is water ponding at the end of Panther lane and it is not coming from that. D. Chappell asked who did the as built plans for each lot, B. Batterson questioned, for occupancy, nobody prior. D. Stouse did, he was told by the township he wasn't allowed to move in. It was never raised as an issue to anyone else apparently. B. Batterson stated the 1st submission was Strouse's lot captures Panther Lane cul-de-sac, Miller's captures Doe lane, Karstetter's captures Antler Lane, and believes Batterson's is in there. B. Batterson is 100% confident that if the result of that is we need to have landowners revise the berms, that's not going to solve the problem. R. Webster stated that development was happening before the stormwater stuff was put in place, and a lot of sequences that got approved were probably put stormwater first, then do construction, it's supposed to mitigate as you build. D. Chappell questioned what is the solution. R. Webster stated the point of the review, is this a known issue, build it like it was approved and we won't ask anything more. There were supposed to be two foot high berms, they are only one foot high in some places. B. Batterson states the berm that we were responsible for as developers, was berm 2 which is on Miller's lot, which was built properly. B. Batterson stated we can force the issue to all of the homeowners to upgrade their berms after occupancy was given by the township when they shouldn't have per their own letter. B. Batterson doesn't want that to happen. B. Batterson questions so what is the issue, it can't be well the developer needs to fix it, it's not the developer's problem. R. Webster questions developer proposes this plan, and then there's individual stormwater to be built on all ten lots, that's the overall stormwater plan, financial security is posted for the necessary improvements. B. Batterson states it's incorrect, it was posted for public improvements, that's the roads and cul-de-sacs so any stormwater associated with those public improvements which will be dedicated, 2, 9 and 6. D. Chappell questioned if the small adjustments are made to the berms, the real question is when it still overflows the roads, what is the solution for Lamar Township? What is the solution at the end of the driveway, Panther Lane, to get rid of it? B. Batterson would like to know what the next step should be. B. Batterson states that from a DEP standpoint, they are co-permittees on their lots and have responsibilities, as a developer, our names are on the permit. W. Vonada asked who the built the original stormwater, B. Batterson the stormwater berms associated with, we did, and those are the ones that are adequate by review. D.

Chappell then asked if each lot had it's own, B. Baterson built his own, D. Strouse is responsible for the one on his property, his is one that captures drainage from Panther lane, we built one on Miller's property that captures drainage from Doe Lane. D. Chappell questioned technically; each person that built their house should have to adjust their berm? B. Batterson states if something needs repaired, it can't our responsibility. W. Vonada then questions each individual property built their own storm water, so they weren't built to specs, so it's not correct, so they weren't built to what was approved by the township. B. Batterson states that most have a variations, but that's building them so they function as designed. J. Lhota states who's ultimately responsible, he has a hard time believing that the developer is not ultimately responsible and render a decision. D. Strouse states the only ones they built are the ones that are acceptable, if there some that aren't acceptable, it needs to be addressed with the individual property owner, not us. B. Batterson questioned if we could meet prior to the next meeting there is some urgency placed on it to get it closed by next month. J. Lhota stated it expires in April. J. Lhota said we can do an extension. W. Vonada made a motion to extend the permitting time to 6 months. D. Chappell 2nd 3/0. D. Chappell told B. Batterson and R. Webster to figure out when they want to meet, email it to the supervisors and we will be there.

Old Business: None

Public comment:

Adjournment: W. Vonada made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m. D. Chappell 2nd.
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Recorded By:

**Tracy Roberts
Secretary**

Lamar Township Treasury Report of February 28, 2023:

General Account:

Balance as of 2/1/2023:	\$ 570,815.70
Deposits of Interest:	\$ 35,759.80
Expenses:	\$ 32,289.11
Balance as of 2/28/2023:	\$ 574,286.39

Street Light Account:

Balance as of 2/1/2023:	\$ 18,110.56
Deposits of Interest:	\$ 32.85
Expenses:	\$ 498.73
Balance as of 2/28/2023:	\$ 17,644.68

State Account:

Balance as of 2/1/2023:	\$ 326,361.72
Deposits of Interest:	\$ 600.86
Expenses:	\$
Balance as of 2/28/2023:	\$ 326,962.58

Marcellus Shale Account:

Balance as of 2/1/2023:	\$ 261,903.12
Deposits of Interest:	\$ 482.19
Expenses:	\$
Balance as of 2/28/2023:	\$ 262,385.31

Cemetery Account:

Balance as of 2/1/2023:	\$ 31,619.08
Deposits of Interest:	\$ 58.21
Expenses:	\$
Balance as of 2/28/2023:	\$ 31,677.29

A.R.P.A. Account:

Balance as of 2/1/2023:	\$ 125,082.58
Deposits of Interest:	\$ 62.37
Expenses:	\$
Balance as of 2/28/2023:	\$ 125,144.95

Recorded by:

Tracy Roberts
Treasurer