

A Regular Meeting of the Bedford Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 located at the Bedford Township Municipal Building 1007 Shed Road with the following members present: Supervisors: Chairman Gregory L. Crist, Vice Chairman Dean Shuller, Supervisor Ricky P Fetter Secretary/Treasurer: Janie L. McMillen, Assistant Secretary: Dorine Smith Foreman: Rodney Bartholow, Township Engineer: Ryan Calhoun Solicitor: Attorney Bradley Allison Township Resident's: Tom Heit, Tom Hickey, Guests: Royce Coughenour, Eugene Wertz.

**The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Crist**

**Flag Salute:** Chairman Crist requested all to rise and led those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance.

**Consent Record of Business:** On a motion by V/Chairman Shuller second by Supervisor Fetter and carried unanimously, the Consent Record of Business covering: Meeting Minutes of September 5 and September 19, 2023. Also Invoices and Statements through September 30, 2023, Payrolls B18, B19, of 2023, the Treasurer's report as of September 30, 2023, were accepted and approved as presented.

**Foreman Report:** Foreman Bartholow reported they have been grading on Dibert & Koontz Rd. They are currently doing maintenance on the leaf vac for leaf pickup soon. They have checked all the intersections for stop signs, turning arrows, and turning lanes. Rodney stated he wasn't sure if they would have enough nice weather and manpower to do the lines at the intersection this year. They have also started the winter maintenance on all the Trucks. Rodney stated *246 Highland Dr. seeded the swale* and requested the Board to have GHD look at it to make sure the water would run where it was designed to run. *A resident on Shadyside Dr would like a hidden driveway side placed because of shrubs the neighbor doesn't wish to trim back any further.* Supervisors Fetter stated if she wants to purchase the sign the Roadcrew would place it, second by V/Chairman Shuller and carried unanimously.

**Citizen Comments:** Tom Heit had a question on how we determine who has to pay for signs. Supervisor Fetter explained if it's a request for one person then they have to pay for it.

**GHD Engineering Report:** Representative Kevin Hartman P.E, and Ryan Calhoun review and report to the Board: on the following submitted projects with regards to compliance with the Subdivision Land Development Ordinance.

**John Monsour:** 1<sup>st</sup> submission Lot Line Change: This was approved contingent on the Form B Non Bldg waiver being received from DEP. BCDA Ltr 10/2/23 GHD provided an email stating it is fine. On a motion by V/Chairman Shuller, second by Supervisor Fetter and carried unanimously.

**JLG Industries:** Royce Coughenour: 1<sup>st</sup> submission Front Yard Storage Area Preliminary Plan: A waiver request for the Redi Rock wall and expansion of the chain link fence see Coughenour Ltr 9/17/2023. Chairman Crist made a motion to approve the Waiver request, second by Supervisor Fetter and carried unanimously. JLG will need to sign a Hold Harmless prepared by Solicitor Allison and Stormwater Revised as well. BCPC Ltr 9/26/23. GHD had not provided a review ltr yet and the Preliminary Plan has not been approved yet.

**JLG Industries:** Royce Coughenour: 1<sup>st</sup> submission Final Plan "The Bowl". A revised Developers Agreement will be provided by Solicitor Allison, this remained tabled.

**Friendship Vlg: Campground & Duplex Expansion:** 26 Duplex units 72 Mobile Home units: 1<sup>st</sup> submittal: GHD provided a review letter dated 9/29/23 No other review letters have been received. The planning Exemption was forwarded to DEP 9/19. BCPC ltr was received 9/21/23. Waiver requests were discussed with the Board, but nothing was acted on. The Board requested a traffic study. GHD requested the waivers in writing.

**Rex Heat:** 1<sup>st</sup> submittal Installation of Solar Photovoltaic System: GHD provided a review letter dated 9/19/2023. They are requesting a waiver for the Bond for Decommissioning. The Board requested Solicitor Allison look into this, also Chairman Crist wanted the code office to verify in writing that the roof will hold the snow load and the panels.

**MDL: Lingsch Properties LLC:** 2<sup>nd</sup> submission Commercial Bldg & Addition: GHD provided a review letter dated 9/5/23 and reviewed with the Board. Items will need to be addressed. The Planning Exemption was forwarded to DEP 9/15/23 for approval. The 2<sup>nd</sup> submission was provided 9/26/23, GHD will need to review the 2<sup>nd</sup> submission.

**Astor Rd LLC: Solar Project:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Submission Preliminary Plan 9/2/23: GHD provided a review letter dated 10/2/2023. The setbacks will need to be updated and a 3<sup>rd</sup> plan submitted with all items updated. They discussed the view from I99 which the lay of the property would be impossible in this area to place a buffer. The panels will only be seen at one area for a short passing by time frame. After discussion the Board approved the Preliminary Plan on a motion by V/Chairman Shuller, second by Supervisor Crist. Fetter abstained. A new signed plan with all items addressed per GHD Letter will be needed.

**Police Barracks:** Keller Eng: 1<sup>st</sup> Submittal Stormwater plan was submitted 7/27/23 from the new Engineer Keller Engineering. Waiting for the improvements to be completed.

**Wakeman Storage Bin:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Final Plan was received 9/5/23: Remaining yet is BCPC letter.

**The remaining plans remained tabled with no new updates:**

**Gardill Major Subdivision:** 2<sup>nd</sup> submittal Preliminary Plan provided 4/4/23: Clark Surveying Caleb Robinette: GHD provided a review ltr 4/17/23. BCPC Ltr 3/23/23. Caleb stated on the 2<sup>nd</sup> submittal Gardill lowered the number of lots to 3 instead of 6 lots. A new planning exemption will need to be provided before forwarding to DEP. Also, all items on GHD review letter to be addressed. An extension was granted for 11/19/2023.

**East Coast RV Specialist:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Submittal Preliminary plan: Coughenour Engineering: GHD provided a review letter dated 3/20/2023 and BCPC Letter 4/6/23. Waiting for the new plan with easement shown.

**Escheverria: 2<sup>nd</sup> submittal Subdivision Plan:** GHD provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> review ltr dated 10/10/2022 they are securing required HOP information through Penndot. Provided a 90-day extension: 1/16/2024

**Rutter's Store # 108 Cessna: 2<sup>nd</sup> submittal Preliminary Plan:** Remove from agenda per Rutters.

**American Trailer:** Engineer Coughenour: Gardner granted a third 90-day extension 10/17/23: Royce reported they finalized the HOP with PennDot and will be submitting a new plan showing the HOP & retaining wall.

**GHD: Continued: open items report:**

**Dollar General:** Ryan stopped today and said it looks ok to him but requested Rodney to look at it for plowing issues.

**Belden Rd Bridge:** Waiting for the company to repair the guiderails before closing the project.

**Rutter's # 85:** Crossover: Inspection: Rutter's to contact us when inspection is to be scheduled, Township is still holding Financial Security. They need to seed the pond yet.

**Backsprings Road:** Ryan provided a revised sketch plan of Hibbs and discussed it with the Board.

**Weber Lane Drainage from Turnpike,** No reply has been received.

**Patio Ranch Rd:** Ryan stated he met with Penelec and received a quote to move one pole that belongs to Penelec. 3 Poles belong to Brightspeed and no charge to move it. V/Chairman Shuller would like Ryan to look to see how much of the intersection Penn Dot owns and how we could widen the entrance before we decide to have the poles moved back, and before GHD plan the stormwater areas, second by Supervisor Fetter and carried unanimously. No new updates.

**Solicitor's Items:** *Solicitor Allison reported on the following items:*

- ❖ **265 Highland Dr.:** Ryan stated he will stop up and look at it.
- ❖ **Hostettler:** Hold Harmless prepared for the gravel to remain. Has not been returned signed.
- ❖ **Developers Agreements:** Developers Agreements to be prepared when needed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** as follows: was reviewed acknowledged or discussed by the Board.

**Estimated State Allocation:** 2024 Liquid Fuels \$269,928.48 for all roads in the Township.

**Complant: 129 Condo Drive:** 2<sup>nd</sup> complaint, Twp has sent a letter. V/Chairman Shuller requested Solicitor Allison to send another letter, second by Chairman Shuller and carried unanimously.

**Correspondence:** as follows:

**Friendship Vlg:** requesting a Chinese lantern release, the Board would not approve this release based there is a ban in 18 states and are a fire hazard and cannot be flown within 5 miles of an airport, which makes them unable to be released.

**Mountain Research:** Notice of Remediation for 153 Lingenfelter Rd Bedford.

**Volunteer Fire Relief Assoc:** The Twp received and cut the check for the VFRA which goes into a separate account for injured Fire Fighters.

**PennDot:** Safety Audit for Weber Lane was received and forwarded to the Board for review.

Solicitor Allison called an executive session for legal issues at 5:42 pm and ended at 6:19 with no motions made from the executive session with the Solicitor.

**There being no further business,** Chairman Crist made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting 6:19 pm second by Supervisor Fetter and carried unanimously.

**Acronyms:**

BTMA: Bedford Township Municipal Authority  
BCAM: Bedford County Assoc of Municipalities  
BJMA: Bedford Joint Municipal Authority  
BSC: Bedford Sanitary Corporation  
BCPC: Bedford County Planning Commission  
CDBG: Community Development Block Grant  
CRS: Community Rating System Number

Respectfully Submitted,

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Janie L. McMillen, Secretary/Treasurer