

**REILLY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
FEBRUARY 26, 2025**

The Reilly Township Board of Supervisors held its regular monthly meeting February 26, 2025 the Newtown Fire Company. The meeting was then called to order by Chairman Butensky with Supervisors Quinn (via phone) and Ruch present. Also in attendance were Solicitor Pellish, Police Officer Kattner, Engineer Dave Horst, Code Officer Nick Hazlett, and Citizens of the Township.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on January 22, 2025 were read and accepted on a motion by Ruch, 2nd by Quinn with Butensky in favor.

The Treasurers Report for January was read and accepted on a motion by Ruch, 2nd by Quinn with Butensky in favor.

The bills for February 2025 were read and ordered to be paid on a motion by Ruch 2nd by Quinn with Butensky in favor.

Police Report was read and accepted on a motion by Ruch, 2nd by Quinn with Butensky in favor.

The Solicitors Report was given by Solicitor Pellish and accepted on a motion by Ruch, 2nd by Quinn with Butensky in favor.

The Engineers Report was read and accepted on a motion by Ruch, 2nd by Quinn with Butensky in favor.

The Road Report was given by Supervisor Ruch.

Code Enforcement Report was read and accepted on a motion by Quinn, 2nd by Ruch with Butensky in favor.

No odor complaints for February from Liberty Processing & Soils. One complaint on January 25th from Espoma.

OLD BUSINESS:

~Updates on Memorial Park & Lower Branch was included in the Engineer's Report

~Township Building-Contractor will be Multi Trade from Scranton

~Solar Farm on Sophia Morgan property (Special Exception)-Hearing at the County on March 4th at 6:00pm. Solicitor and Engineer to attend

NEW BUSINESS:

~Citation to be filed for 39 Sport Hill, 36 New Mines and 34 New Mines for non-compliance with inspector

~Citation for 10 School Row

~Looking for March dates for Liberty Processing meeting (virtual meeting)

~Reilly Twp Website is updated

~Liberty Processing Host fee for January \$12,402.64

~Parking Ordinance on Hillcrest is being prepared for Adoption for next meeting to include St. Mary's Avenue.

~Body camera policy Resolution approved by Ruch, 2nd by Quinn with Butensky in favor.

~Marty Sowers introduced himself as a District Judge applicant

~CES is applying for an operating permit and a water obstruction permit

~Lori Deichert asked for Citizens of Reilly Township to sign a petition to hold a Town Hall public meeting with Public Officials to discuss and review the odors and environmental concerns and what can be done to keep compliance with approvals and permits

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm on a motion by Ruch, 2nd by Quinn with Butensky in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Ann Matukewicz, Secretary/Treasurer



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February 26, 2025

Reilly Township Supervisors
Spruce Street
Branchdale, PA 17923

Subject: Consulting Engineer's Report
Project No. 3025-609041.00

Dear Supervisors:

The following is the status of Consulting Engineering Services provided by our firm as of this date:

Sewage Evaluation ACT 537 Planning

Final draft documents have been provided to the Township and SCMA. The Township met with SCMA on September 19, 2024 to review plan status and discuss items needed to move the project to completion. Waiting for SCMA to provide Township with proposal of review of the Act 537 plan. No update from SCMA on proposal status.

DCNR Playground Grant

We prepared an update to DCNR for the Playground Grants as required. We also spoke with Rick Bogart regarding the purchase of the gazebo and bidding requirements and closeout of the Phase 1 funds. A Solicitor's Opinion letter on the gazebo purchase was provided. The Township has provided invoices and paperwork to file closeout documents for Phase I. We have begun to submit the Paperwork to DCNR.

At the request of the Township, an annexation plan was drafted for the land swap between the Township and the Graeffs. We are conducting our QA/QC and will provide final plans to the Township for signature and submission to the County. (Draft Copy Attached).

Township Building Evaluation (NO CHANGE)

The Land Development Plan along with the E&S permit for the proposed site plan were approved for the proposed Township Building site.

We understand the Township is still finalizing their design contract and project financing.

General

We received the design contract for the Lower Branch waterline from Schuykill County. We are waiting for better weather to schedule the initial topo survey. We conducted a preliminary design meeting with MATB to review initial scope and budget. Once we have survey and all Right of Way and utilities mapped, we will schedule a meeting with the Township officials and MATB after preliminary design is completed.

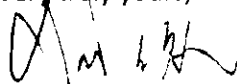
As requested, we prepared an LSA Statewide for the Branchdale waterline replacement project and submitted the application prior to the November 30, 2024 deadline. We will monitor the Commonwealth Finance Authority (CFA) meetings for award announcements, it is not anticipated that grants will be announced until later this year.

We will work with the Township to complete the SLFRF annual report will be prepared in March 2025. The Township was required to obligate the remaining funds by December 31, 2024. The previously provided list did not qualify due to the definition of the obligation of the funds. We will utilize the Lower Branch Waterline since the Township submitted the application to the County showing a commitment of \$39K from the Township to the project, which will use the majority of the remaining SLFRF funds.

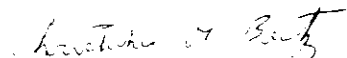
We prepared an exhibit for Solicitor Pellish for the parking restriction ordinance for Hillcrest Road.

If you have any questions or comments concerning the above, please contact our office.

Very truly yours,

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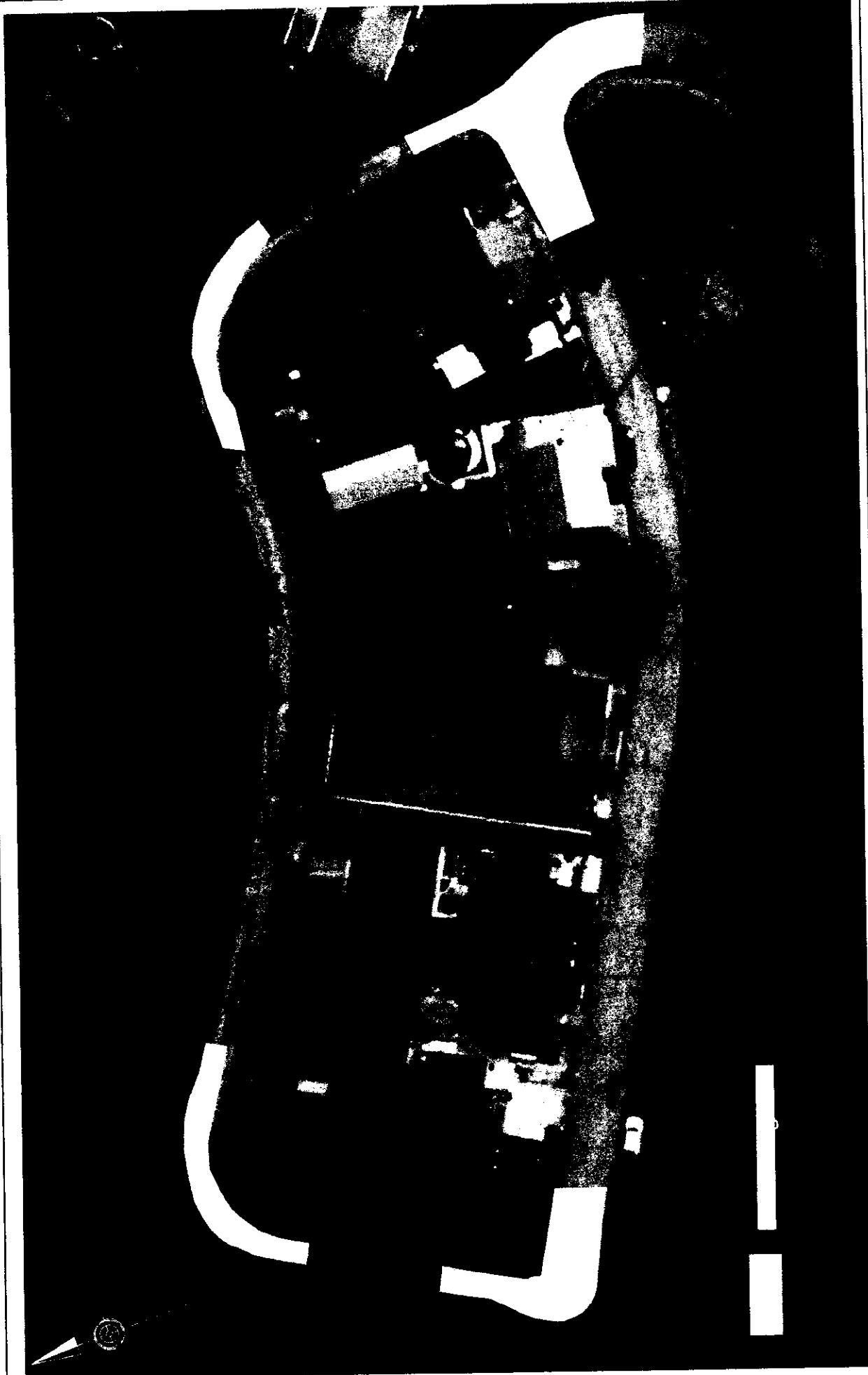
David L. Horst, P.E.
Senior Project Engineer

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher G. Bentz".

Christopher G. Bentz, P.E., BCO
Civil Group Manager/Vice President

cc: Atty. William Reiley, Solicitor

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Reilly Township Parking Restriction Limits Hillcrest Road



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REILLY TOWNSHIP
SOLICITOR'S REPORT
February 26, 2025

TO THE REILLY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

The following is a summary of the legal work performed for Reilly Township since our last meeting held on January 22nd, 2025:

1. Was in contact with Kris Fessler to help facilitate the address change for Edward Hessler property.
2. Modified a resolution for the Tax certification and duplicate fees. Originally drafted in 2018.
3. Drafted a resolution adopting the Reilly Township Police Department body worn camera policy.
4. Working on drafting an ordinance for parking restrictions on Hillcrest Road. Issues brought to supervisors' attention about parking on bends.
5. Reviewed a zoning board variance application Bollinger Solar LLC. Hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 4th, at 6pm. The area is on Tremont Street and is a capped landfill.
6. No update on Rothermel. Emailed Attorney Jim Diehl on 2/20, no response.
7. List for April Judicial Sale is not complete yet. Will continue to follow up with Elite Revenue about St. Mary Avenue properties.

Respectfully submitted,

By: 

THOMAS P. PELLISH
Reilly Township Solicitor