

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

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

The minutes of the previous meeting held on February 26, 2025 were read and accepted on a motion by Quinn, 2nd by Ruch with Butensky in favor.

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

The bills for March 2025 were read and ordered to be paid on a motion by Quinn 2nd by Ruch 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 Quinn, 2nd by Ruch 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 Quinn.

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

Odor complaints-none. Some citizens did make complaints on Espoma approximately two weeks prior to the meeting. Citizen Lori Deichert made a complaint on March 7th and 10th. DEP did come out (Colleen McDonald). Complaints should be made to DEP first and then to Colleen. Phone # is 570-830-3109.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion by Quinn, 2nd by Ruch with Butensky in favor to adopt Ordinance 3-1-2025 for Amending Chapter 202, Article III 202-16 A to include certain portions of Hillcrest Road and Amending Chapter 202, Article III 202-18 to designate St. Mary's Avenue as a Snow Route.

Bollinger Solar Farm had their variances approved at last Zoning Hearing for the John Fry Landfill.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Butensky, 2nd by Ruch with Quinn in favor to purchase road flares for Police Department and Fire Companies.

Motion by Butensky, 2nd by Quinn with Ruch in favor to purchase cameras for the Branchdale & Newtown Playground. *MEMORIAL PARK*

Received a check from Blackwood (yearly donation) in the amount of \$5,000.

Purchased mulch for both playgrounds. Waiting for the weather to break to spread it.

Township to look at a new riding mower.

Township workers will start as of April 1st working four 10 hour days and ash pick-up will be on a Tuesday.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm on a motion by Quinn, 2nd by Ruch with Butensky in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Ann Matukewicz, Secretary/Treasurer

TREASURERS REPORT
FEBRUARY 2025
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RECEIPTS:

Berkheimer	218.48
Berkheimer	23.07
Berkheimer	3361.14
Berkheimer	1677.73
Berkheimer	2330.49
Recorder of Deeds	749.70
Blackwood	5000.00
Reilly Twp Tax Collector	5797.06
H A Thomson Ins	478.00
Berkheimer	612.08
Berkheimer	2068.69
Elite Revenue	<u>1277.80</u>
Total	\$23,594.24

PLGIT-GENERAL

3/31/25 304.23

PLGIT-PLUS

3/31/25 1,228.65

PLGIT-STATE

3/31/25 210,246.10

PLAYGROUND ACCT

3/31/25 191.63

DIRT & GRAVEL

3/31/25 92,231.58

HOST ACCT

3/31/25 29,913.53

INVEST ACCT		
3/31/25		191,808.05
CD @ MID PENN BANK		
3/31/25		155,791.30
MONEY MARKET ACCT		
3/31/25		170,072.03
MINERS MONEY MARKET		
3/31/25		57,376.44
CHECKING ACCT		
3/31/25		21,989.51
CD @ MID PENN BANK		
3/31/25		88,822.40
PERMIT ACCT		
3/31/25		98,027.72
WOF ACCT		
3/31/25		394,264.83
MEMORIAL FUND ACCT		
3/31/25		36,821.30
PEOPLE'S SECURITY		
3/31/25		81,780.23
CD#3 @ MID PENN BANK		
3/31/25		219,382.56
CD#4 @ MID PENN BANK		
3/31/25		274,228.21

CD#5 @ MID PENN BANK	
3/31/25	219,382.56
POLICE ACCOUNT	
3/31/25	8,421.78
CD#6@MID PENN BANK-Playground	
3/31/25	56,000.00
TOTAL.....	\$2,408,284.64

REILLY TOWNSHIP
SOLICITOR'S REPORT
March 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 February 26th, 2025:

1. Attended the Schuylkill County Zoning Board Hearing on March 4th, for the variances requested Bollinger Solar. Received information on their plans and they were open with meeting with the Supervisors and residents to discuss concerns.
2. I was contacted by Susan Smith, Director of Planning/GIS, on February 27th, informing me that a violation was issued by the DEP against Espoma on February 25th, and per March 2020 order they were to inform Reilly Township of the violation within 14 days of receiving notice of the violation. We were to receive notice on or before March 11th and as of today, we haven't received anything from Espoma. I informed Ms. Smith we had not received anything from Espoma.
3. Contacted by Denise Gerchak about the St. Mary's Avenue Properties (# 24-10-119 and # 24-10-120) are on the judicial sale list for April 15th, at 10:00am at the Landingville Fire Company. Registration for the sale closes at 3:30pm on April 4th.
4. Drafted the amended parking ordinance for new restrictions on Hillcrest Road and added St. Mary's Avenue as a snow route. Notice of Intent to Adopt Ordinance was published in the Republican Herald newspaper on March 14th, 2025.
5. Emailed Attorney James Diehl to ask for an update about Rothermel Easement/Covenant on March 19th to see if his client has returned and to see if we can schedule a meeting when his client does return. Follow up email on March 26th. No response as of yet.

Respectfully submitted,

By: 

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Reilly Township Solicitor



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March 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 (No Change)

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.

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 do need a copy of all checks used to pay expenses for the project. We have contacted DCNR to schedule the final inspection for Phase 1 to close out the paperwork and drawdown all eligible funds.

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. We intend to submit the subdivision plan in April 2025.

Township Building Evaluation

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

We are assisting the Township with the zoning permit application for the Township Building. The permit fees is \$100.00 and checks must be made payable to Schuylkill County Treasurer.

Consulting Engineer's Report
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General

We received the design contract for the Lower Branch waterline from Schuylkill County. We conducted a preliminary design meeting with MATB to review initial scope and budget. Currently we are scheduled to conduct a field survey, map PennDOT Right-of-Way and located utilities. When we complete a preliminary design, we will schedule a meeting with the Township officials and MATB.

As requested, we prepared an LSA Statewide for the Branchdale waterline replacement project and submitted the application prior to the November 30, 2024 deadline. The Township received correspondence from the State indicating the grant applications will not be announced until the September 2025 LSA Board meeting.

We will work with the Township to complete the SLFRF annual report will be prepared by the April 30, 2025 deadline. 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,

Handwritten signature of David L. Horst in black ink.

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

Handwritten signature of Christopher G. Bentz in black ink.

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

cc: Atty. William Reiley, Solicitor

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