

**LOWER MOUNT BETHEL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 3, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in person**

**CALL TO ORDER** - The January 3, 2022 Re-organization meeting of the Lower Mount Bethel Township Board of Supervisors was held at 6984 S. Delaware Drive, Martins Creek, Pennsylvania, 18063 (formerly known as Centerfield School), Martins Creek, PA, 18063. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson DeBerardinis at 6:30 p.m. In attendance were M. DeBerardinis, S. Disidore, S. Newman, S. Burns, J. Mauser via zoom, Solicitor P. North, J. Smethers, Twp. Manager and M. Mastrogiovanni, Twp. Secretary. There were 2 members of the audience present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**A. ADMINISTRATION APPOINTMENTS**

**CHAIRMAN: MOTION** by S. Newman, second by S. Disidore appointing **M. DeBerardinis.**  
No other nominations.

**VICE-CHAIRMAN: MOTION** by S. Disidore, second by M. DeBerardinis to nominate **S. Newman.**  
No other nominations.

**TOWNSHIP MANAGER / TREASURER/ASST. SECRETARY: MOTION** by S. Disidore, second by M. DeBerardinis appointing **Jennifer Smethers.**

**TOWNSHIP SECRETARY / PLANNING ADMIN./ ASST. TREASURER: MOTION** by S. Newman, second by S. Burns appointing **Melissa Mastrogiovanni.**

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS / ROADMASTER: MOTION** by S. Disidore, second by S. Newman, appointing **M. DeBerardinis.**

**ASST. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS / ASST. ROADMASTER: MOTION** by S. Newman, second by M. DeBerardinis appointing **S. Burns.**

**REPRESENTATIVE TO SLATEBELT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT: MOTION** by S. Disidore, second by M. DeBerardinis appointing **S. Newman.**

**ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE TO SLATE BELT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT: MOTION** by S. Newman, second by S. Disidore appointing **S. Burns.**

**REPRESENTATIVES TO SLATE BELT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: MOTION** M. DeBerardinis, second by J. Mauser appointing S. Disidore, S. Newman & J. Smethers.

**REPRESENTATIVE TO COUNTY 911 – MOTION** by S. Newman, second by M. DeBerardinis, appointing **Jennifer Smethers.**

**ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE TO COUNTY 911 - MOTION** by S. Burns, second by M. DeBerardinis appointing **Melissa Mastrogiovanni.**

**REPRESENTATIVE TO ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:  
MOTION** by M. DeBerardinis, second by S. Disidore, appointing **J. Mauser.**

**REPRESENTATIVES TO NON-UNIFORM EMPLOYEE PENSION PLAN: MOTION** by S. Burns, second by S. Newman appointing S. Disidore and M. DeBerardinis.

**EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE TO NON-UNIFORM EMPLOYEE PENSION PLAN: MOTION** by M. DeBerardinis, second by S. Newman appointing Jennifer Smethers.

**OPEN RECORDS OFFICER: MOTION** by M. DeBerardinis, second by S. Disidore appointing Jennifer Smethers.

**ALTERNATE OPEN RECORDS OFFICER / ALTERNATE TO TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE: MOTION** by M. DeBerardinis, second by S. Burns appointing Melissa Mastrogiovanni.

**DELEGATE TO TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE: MOTION** by M. DeBerardinis second by S. Newman appointing Jennifer Smethers.

**ALTERNATE TO TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE: MOTION** by M. DeBerardinis second by S. Burns appointing Melissa Mastrogiovanni.

**PSATS VOTING DELEGATE: MOTION** by S. Burns, second by M. DeBerardinis appointing S. Newman.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR: MOTION** S. Newman, second by M. DeBerardinis appointing Jennifer Smethers.

**ASST. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR: MOTION** by M. DeBerardinis, second by S. Burns appointing Sandra Newman.

**TOWNSHIP FIRE COMPANY: LMBT / Sandt's Eddy Fire Department.**  
**MOTION** by M. DeBerardinis second by S. Newman appointing LMBT / Sandt's Eddy Fire Department as the Township Fire Company.

**TOWNSHIP RESCUE SQUAD: LMBT / Sandt's Eddy Fire Department.** **MOTION** by M. DeBerardinis second by S. Disidore appointing LMBT / Sandt's Eddy Fire Department as the Township Rescue Squad.

**BLS/ ALS PROVIDER: MOTION** by M. DeBerardinis second by S. Burns appointing Suburban EMS as the Township BLS / ALS Provider.

**FIRE COMPANY OFFICERS FOR 2022 (Acknowledgment):** S. Disidore read the list of officers. The Board acknowledged the Fire Company Officers list for 2022.

**VOLUNTEER LAND ACQUISITION / PROJECT MANAGER / REP. TO OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE**  
**MOTION** by M. DeBerardinis, second by S. Newman appointing John Mauser.

**VOLUNTEER TOWNSHIP REP. SLUDGE / BIOSOLIDS & WELCOME CENTER NATIVE PLANTS GARDENER: MOTION** by M. DeBerardinis, second by S. Burns appointing Howard Klein.

**MOTION PASSED (5-0) for all Administrative appointments.**

**B. PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

**TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR: MOTION** by M. DeBerardinis, second by S. Burns appointing **Zator Law Office.**

**TOWNSHIP ENGINEER: MOTION** by M. DeBerardinis, second by S. Disidore appointing **Carroll Engineering.**

**TWP. ZONING OFFICER/ BUILDING CODE OFFICIAL / PROPERTY MAINTENANCE OFFICER: MOTION** by M. DeBerardinis, second by S. Burns appointing **Anthony DiSante.**

**ASSISTANT ZONING OFFICE: MOTION** by M. DeBerardinis, second by S. Disidore appointing **Michael George.**

**ASSISTANT PROPERTY MAINTENANCE OFFICER: MOTION** by M. DeBerardinis, second by S. Burns appointing **Michael George** as the Assistant Property Maintenance Officer.

**ALT. BUILDING CODE OFFICIAL: MOTION** by M. DeBerardinis, second by S. Burns appointing **John DeCusatis.**

**SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: MOTION** by M. DeBerardinis, second by S. Burns appointing **Thomas Noll.**

**FLOOD PLAIN ADMINISTRATOR: MOTION** by M. DeBerardinis, second by S. Burns appointing **Justin Coyle.**

**ALTERNATE FLOOD PLAIN ADMINISTRATOR: MOTION** M. DeBerardinis, second by S. Disidore appointing **Anthony DiSante.**

**ROAD OCCUPANCY ADMINISTRATOR; MOTION** by M. DeBerardinis, second by S. Burns appointing **Justin Coyle.**

**UCC INSPECTOR: MOTION** by M. DeBerardinis, second by S. Burns appointing **BARRY ISETT & ASSOCIATES.**

**TOWNSHIP AUDITOR: MOTION** by M. DeBerardinis, second by S. Disidore appointing **CAMPBELL, RAPPOLD & YURASITS, LLP.**

**DELIQUENT STREET LIGHT COLLECTOR: MOTION** by M. DeBerardinis, second by S. Burns appointing **AMATO, KEATING & LESSA, PC.**

**DELIQUENT SANITATION COLLECTOR: MOTION** by M. DeBerardinis, second by S. Newman appointing **KEYSTONE COLLECTION GROUP.**

**DELIQUENT REAL ESTATE COLLECTOR: MOTION** by M. DeBerardinis, second by S. Burns appointing **NORTHAMPTON COUNTY TAX UNIT.**

**MOTION PASSED (5-0) for all Professional appointments.**

**C. BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

**RECREATION BOARD LIASION: MOTION** by M. DeBerardinis, second by S. Newman appointing Samantha Burns.

**OFFICE LIASION: MOTION** M. DeBerardinis, second by S. Disidore appointing Sandra Newman.

**VACANCY BOARD (1-year term) : MOTION** by M. DeBerardinis, second by S. Newman appointing **PAT MCINERNEY.**

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL CHAIRMAN: MOTION** by M. DeBerardinis, second by S. Burns appointing **BILL HUMPHRIES .**

**PLANNING COMMISSION RE-APPOINTMENT (4-year term): MOTION** M. DeBerardinis, second by S. Disidore appointing **BRAD KIEFER.**

**ZONING HEARING BOARD RE-APPOINTMENT (5-year term): MOTION** by M. DeBerardinis, second by S. Burns appointing **JAMES MILLER.**

**RECREATION BOARD RE-APPOINTMENT (5-YEAR TERM) MOTION** by M. DeBerardinis, second by S. Burns appointing **JENNY LEGGETT.**

**MOTION PASSED (5-0) for all Board appointments.**

**D. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMPENSATION**

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FEES – RESOLUTION No. 2022-01: MOTION** by S. Newman, second by S. Burns adopting Resolution No. 2022-01 establishing professional fees for the Solicitor, Township Engineer, Zoning Officer/ BCO and 3<sup>rd</sup> Party UCC Services. **Motion passed (5-0).**

**EMPLOYEE WAGES – PER 2022 BUDGET & TEAMSTERS LOCAL 773 CONTRACT:**

The Board acknowledged the Teamsters Local 773 Contract per the 2022 Budget.

**E. TAX / ASSESSMENT COLLECTORS AND FEES**

**Chairman M. DeBerardinis read following Appointments:**

**EARNED INCOME TAX COLLECTOR**

KEYSTONE COLLECTIONS GROUP

**LOCAL SERVICE TAX COLLECTOR**

KEYSTONE COLLECTION GROUP

**SANITATION ASSESSMENT COLLECTOR**

KEYSTONE COLLECTION GROUP

**MOTION** by M. DeBerardinis, second by S. Disidore approving the appointments. **Motion passed (5-0).**

**STREET LIGHT ASSESSMENT COLLECTOR: MOTION** by M. DeBerardinis, second by S. Newman appointing **J. SMETHERS.** **Motion passed (5-0).**

**SANITATION ASSESMENT / FEES RESOLUTION No. 2022-02: MOTION** by S. Disidore, second by S. Burns adopting Resolution 2022-02 establishing the Sanitation Assessment / Fees for 2022 in the amount of \$315.00 per Residential Dwelling unit, 10% late fee of delinquent balance and 5% early payment discount. **Motion passed (5-0).**

**STREET LIGHT ASSESSMENT – RESOLUTION No. 2022-03: MOTION** by S. Disidore, second by S. Newman adopting Resolution No. 2022-03 establishing the Street Light Assessment for 2022 in the amount of \$0.50 per foot of frontage for Improved Properties, \$0.125 per foot of frontage & \$50.00 per property at Gravel Hill. **Motion passed (5-0).**

**TOWNSHIP TAX RATE: MOTION** by S. Newman, second by S. Disidore, approving the Township Tax Rate for 2022 at 5.1 mils. **Motion passed (5-0).** S. Newman mentioned there was a public notice in the Express Times listing the millage rates of municipalities in the Slatebelt, we are the lowest millage rate and even balanced our budget.

**F. BOND LIMITS:**

**TWP. MANAGER / TREASURER / ASST. SECRETARY: \$500,000**

**TWP. SECRETARY / PLANNING ADMIN./ ASST. TREASURER: \$250,000**

**MOTION** by S. Newman, second by S. Burns to approve the Bond limits (same as last year).

**Motion passed (5-0).**

**G. TOWNSHIP DEPOSITORY:** **MOTION** by M. DeBerardinis, second by S. Burns establishing **Fidelity Bank** as the Township Depository. **Motion passed (5-0).**

**H. ESTABLISHMENT OF 2022 PAID HOLIDAYS:**

Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> – New Year’s Day, February 21<sup>st</sup> – Presidents Day, April 15<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday,  
May 30<sup>th</sup>– Memorial Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>– Independence Day, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> – Labor Day,  
Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday after Thanksgiving, Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Christmas Eve,  
Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day. **MOTION** by M. DeBerardinis, second by S. Disidore approving the 2022 paid holidays. **Motion passed (5-0).**

**I. MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE** - **MOTION** by S. Disidore, second by S. Newman establishing the 2022 IRS mileage reimbursement rate at **\$0.58.5**. **Motion passed (5-0).**

**J. MEETING DATES FOR 2021: M. DeBerardinis read the following meeting dates:**

Board of Supervisors – 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. with the following exceptions: July 11<sup>th</sup>, September 12<sup>th</sup> and December 12<sup>th</sup>. As needed, the Board will meet on the third Monday of each month. **MOTION** by M. DeBerardinis, second by S. Newman to approve the Board of Supervisors meeting dates. **Motion passed (5-0).**

Planning Commission – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. (as needed)  
Zoning Hearing Board – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. (as needed)  
Open Space Advisory Board – 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. (as needed)  
Recreation Board – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. (as needed)  
Environmental Advisory Council – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. (as needed)  
ASA Committee - 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. (as needed)  
All meetings will be in person until further notice.

**MOTION** by S. Disidore, second by S. Newman to approve all the meeting dates. **Motion passed (5-0).**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Re-organization Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Melissa Mastrogiovanni, Township Secretary - Lower Mount Bethel Township

**LOWER MOUNT BETHEL TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES  
January 3, 2022 @ 7:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER** - The January 3, 2022, regular meeting of the Lower Mount Bethel Township Board of Supervisors was held at 6984 S. Delaware Drive, Martins Creek, Pennsylvania, 18063 (formerly known as Centerfield School), Martins Creek, PA, 18063. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson DeBerardinis at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were M. DeBerardinis, S. Disidore, S. Newman, S. Burns, J. Mauser via zoom, J. Zator, J. Coyle, J. Smethers and M. Mastrogiovanni. There were 3 members of the audience present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 13, 2021. MOTION** by S. Newman, second by S. Disidore to approve the minutes as presented. Vote: 5-0. **December 28, 2021 MOTION** by S. Newman, second by S. Disidore to approve the minutes as presented. Vote: 5-0.

**COURTESY OF THE FLOOR**

1. Bruce Smith – Del Haven Rd. He prepared a letter that explains the ongoing power outages on Del Haven Rd. Cedar Grove Rd. is also affected by these power outages as they lose cable and internet services since the transformer is on Del Haven Rd. He explained the power line goes thru the woods coming in from the Foul Rift area. Bruce asked if the Township would write a letter to Met Ed asking them to address the issue. P. North suggested the Township also send a letter to the Public Utility Commission. M. DeBerardinis said we'll send the letter and hopefully get this remediated.

2. **Rich Grucela** – IDA Update. Rich gave the Board an update. The IDA had a meeting on 12/26/21, at which time they re-organized. Laura McClain replaced Jack Belish. They are going to start having quarterly meetings. The 1<sup>st</sup> meeting will be on 3/17/22 at 4:30 p.m. J. Manzi was appointed as liaison to the developer, they are waiting to see if they get a grant; if they don't, then it goes back to the developer. S. Newman indicated at the last meeting J. Manzi had mentioned they are boring holes at the property and taking down buildings; if the developer is doing this himself, this is something that would be included in the grant for remediation. S. Burns mentioned if they are removing asbestos, it needs to be properly remediated. R. Grucela indicated it's a multifaceted process ongoing for the grant. The IDA has applied for a grant that the environmental lawyer hired by the IDA is submitting. S. Burns mentioned our appointed representative should look out for the Township's interest and keep us informed of what's going on. We should also be able to have the information we requested. R. Grucela indicated other municipalities are not asking all these questions, but he will attempt to get as much information as he can. H. Klein read questions they had asked for, such as the name of the law firm. Also, if the IDA owns the property, they should know what's going on with the grants and should be reviewed by the IDA.

3. **Howard Klein** – Howard gave some history regarding the IDA. Questions were posed to R. Grucela in the past, however he wouldn't answer them without the presence of the full IDA Board and their Solicitor. The public presented questions at the 12/26/21 meeting and they were not answered. Howard indicated the RTK he filed was for the completely filled out and signed loan agreement and re-development agreement. Howard mentioned they are going to have quarterly meetings, but they just bought a 5-million-dollar property and nobody has information about the grant submitted. Other questions they asked were where are the funds coming in, from who and how much. There is no transparency.

Howard mentioned the IDA had an Executive Session on 12/22/21 and reported they met for legal matters and not sure if there's a pending lawsuit. Howard stated this project does affect LMBT especially when it comes to traffic; it's not just a UMBT problem. R. Grucela indicated the attorney from Pittsburgh is Leech, Tishman & Fuscaldolo & Lampl with a liaison attorney from Bethlehem. R. Grucela mentioned the Forks Township project is much more eminent than this project. M. DeBerardinis asked R. Grucela to try and get the information requested. R. Grucela mentioned the RTK paperwork is voluminous and could be very costly to obtain. Howard responded that he included in his RTK if anything cost above \$100.00 they should contact him. He also thinks the attorney for the IDA is Lou Pektor's attorney. S. Newman mentioned although other municipalities haven't asked for information, residents from UMBT have.

## **SUBDIVISIONS / ZONING**

**1.H&K Group, Inc. Easton Quarry & Asphalt Plant** – Ratify the Resolution 2021-20 for the waiver of Land Development plan. **MOTION** by M. DeBerardinis, second by S. Burns to ratify Resolution 2021-20 - waiver of Land Development for the H & K Group, Inc. Easton Quarry, Asphalt Plant Replacement. Vote: 5-0.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**1.Brewer Farmland Preservation Ranking** –Tabled.

**2.Public Hearing – Ordinance 2022-01 Holding Tanks.** P. North indicated there was a holding tank ordinance in 1998 but it was overlooked when the SALDO Ordinance was updated. When the H & K plans were submitted, it sparked the need to enact a holding tank ordinance. He has been working with Tom Noll, SEO, and Tom has made his suggestions, reviewed and approves of the ordinance as written. S. Newman asked if Tom Noll knows how many current holding tanks there are in the Township. P. North said “yes” and suggested Tom take charge of notifying them of this ordinance; they would also have to comply with the escrow fee. **MOTION** by S. Newman, second by J. Mauser adopting Ordinance 2022-01 amending the LMBT code of ordinances to provide for conditions and regulate the use of Holding Tanks. Tom Noll will notify property owners in the Township that have existing holding tanks. Vote: 5-0.

**1.Public Hearing – Resolution 2022-05 Burkholder ASA.** **MOTION** by M. DeBerardinis, second by S. Disidore to adopt Resolution 2022-05 – G10-3-2-0117 approving the addition of one parcel of land, approximately 45 acres, owned by Alvin Burkholder Jr. and Jane Burkholder, 8720 Rasley Hill Rd. Bangor, PA G10-3-2-0117 to the existing Lower Mount Bethel Township Agricultural Security Area.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**1.Resolution 2022-06 - 2022 LMBT Fee Schedule** – J. Smethers suggesting updating the fee schedule for rental fees at Centerfield Lower Level to include the use of the kitchen and a separate fee for the stove, since people are using the kitchen anyway. There were a few other minor changes highlighted in yellow. S. Newman asked about including tipping fees in the fee schedule since Gravel Hill Enterprises will be operational. J. Smethers indicated that would be part of the Settlement Agreement. **MOTION** by S. Disidore, second by S. Newman to adopt Resolution 2022-06 - 2022 revised LMBT Fee Schedule. Vote: 5-0.

**2.Resolution 2022-07 – FEMA Grant Designation of Agent** – J. Smethers indicated this is standard procedure to appoint an agent. This is for the grant to elevate two (2) properties located at 5821 Del Haven Road and 5841 Del Haven Road. This will be using grant money, not Township money, and there will be quarterly status reports. She will be working with the County Hazard Mitigation /Disaster Recovery Manager on this. **MOTION** by S. Disidore, second by J. Mauser to adopt Resolution 2022-07 appointing Jennifer Smethers, Township Manager as the FEMA Grant Designation Agent. Vote: 5-0.

**3.Authorization for Repository Sale – G10-1-9-0117C - Lower South Main Street** – J. Smethers indicated the County needs authorization to sell the property. It appears to be a vacant lot. There are no past due sanitation fees due to the township. J. Mauser mentioned in the past he was interested in the Township purchasing this property for parking as it's right by the Meadows. The County has already received a bid on the property of \$222.00. **MOTION** by S. Disidore, second by S. Burns to approve the bid from Northampton County in the amount of \$222.00 dated 11/30/21. Vote: 4-1, J. Mauser voted "no".

**APPROVAL OF THE BILLS:** J. Smethers indicated there were some additional bills in the amount of \$2,338.50. **MOTION** by M. DeBerardinis, second by S. Newman to pay the bills in the amount of \$61,829.55. Vote: 5-0.

**CORRESPONDENCE** - All Correspondence is located in the Township office.

## **REPORTS**

**Township Engineer Report** – J. Coyle thanked the BOS for re-appointment. December was a quiet month. He met with Penn DOT regarding a stormwater issue on Martins Creek – Bel. Hwy. and sent a follow up letter. They also reached out to the County Conservation District regarding the stormwater issues on Del Haven. He met at the site with J. Mauser and J. Smethers. The scope is to be streamlined to reduce the costs of construction. He will be revising the plan and the project can be re-bid in the Spring. There will be no PC meeting in January. M. DeBerardinis relayed to J. Coyle there will be some small projects in 2022. One culvert collapsed on Upper Mud Run Rd. and the roadway needs restoration. FEMA did not give funding to the municipality for final reimbursement. They are going to try and apply for a low volume Dirt & Gravel Road grant. J. Coyle said he looked at the proposed location for 'Village of Martins Creek sign on 611, and the set backs are sufficient and have 30 feet set backs both ways. J. Smethers will look into permit fees for the sign.

**Township Solicitor Report** – P. North thanked the BOS for re-appointment. He reported the 2 Resolutions were complete and adopted tonight, the Holding Tank Ordinance was adopted, Woolverton ASA will be on the February agenda. The draft Zoning Ordinance should be sent to abutting municipalities, LVPC and also that the Board needs to think about when advertising should be done for a public hearing. Gravel Hill Enterprises – there is nothing to report, and the Gacki paperwork has been revised.

**Chairman's Report** – M. DeBerardinis will report under Road Department.

## **Board Members Reports**

**S. Disidore** – No report.

**J. Mauser** – John reported in December the PA Fish & Board Commission looked at 4 sites with stormwater issues and they are interested in being involved. January 19-23<sup>rd</sup> he will be in town, and would like a meeting arranged with M. Jackson including the BOS & PC for a tour of the site. He would also like to arrange a tour at New Enterprise / Stabler, the quarry by 3 Church Hill possibly Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup>. S. Disidore said Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> in the afternoon is good for her.

John mentioned the Road Crew is doing a great job keeping the trails open and repaired and that he has received a lot of positive comments.

**S. Burns – No report.**

**S. Newman** – Sandra reported Gravel Hill Enterprises has a notification posted on their website that they are Tri-State Topsoil, an organic composting site in business 30 years; this is misleading information.

Now that they have received their permit, it appears they can be considered operational. J. Smethers can contact Gravel Hill for payment of the \$25,000 advance on tipping fees they owe us. Sandra also mentioned tipping fees need to be updated.

In the settlement agreement, it specifies that we can adjust the tipping fees each year and there is a formula through the PA Asphalt Paving Association we can follow. There was discussion about weight restrictions on the roads. The Township should consider putting up those video cams to enforce the weight restrictions and to monitor incoming and outgoing truck traffic.

**Road Department Report** – M. DeBerardinis reported the Road Crew was out doing repairs on the trails, mowing and winter maintenance. There was 1 minor snow occurrence, but they didn't have to put any material down. There was a complaint on Christmas Eve that the roads were slippery and M. Hess did go out and spread salt. He would like to in the future to give M. Hess more freedom to check the road conditions and make the call regarding road conditions in case Fred's not available; good planning for the future when Fred retires. Mike asked we post on Facebook, the website and Code Red for the snow emergency for this Friday and ask vehicles be off the roads.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – R. Grucela noted the IDA did not have any Executive Session on 12/22/21 and is not involved in any lawsuits.

**ADJOURNMENT** - The Board of Supervisors regular meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Melissa Mastrogiovanni, Township Secretary / Planning Administrator  
Lower Mt. Bethel Township