

# Supervisors Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2009

The Paupack Township Board of Supervisors met on the above date at 7:32 P.M. at the Municipal Building.

There were no sub-divisions for tonight's meeting.

The minutes from the February 12, 2009 meeting were presented. Tom Oakley made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Bruce Chandler. Vote unanimous.

The treasurer's report was offered for any interested party.

The bills for the month were presented. Bruce Chandler made a motion to accept the bills as presented, seconded by Tom Oakley. Vote unanimous.

A motion was made by Bruce Chandler to set a date of April 9, 2009 at 7:00 P.M for a conditional use hearing for Mr. Robert Hetherington's Hot Dog Stand, on state route 590. Seconded by Tom Oakley. Vote unanimous.

Chairman Chandler announced that the spring convention will be at the Seelyville Fire Hall on March 18, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.

A motion was asked for to pay the spring dues to the Wayne County Township Officials Association in the amount of \$200.00. Tom Oakley made the motion, seconded by Leigh Gilbert. Vote unanimous.

The Census Group has requested the use of the Township Building for training classes. Tom Oakley made a motion to allow The Census Group to use our building, (dates and times are not set yet), motion seconded by Bruce Chandler. Vote unanimous.

The Saldo Consultant Agreement: Jim Martin offered a brief explanation regarding Saldo, and an agreement with Shepstone, at \$2,750.00, stating that Paupack Township, Palmyra Township, and Hawley Borough entered into an agreement to join forces to work on a Comprehensive Plan. A breakdown of the cost is as follows: Paupack Township (which is the lead Township), - \$1,500.00, Palmyra Township - \$2,000.00, Hawley Borough \$2,000.00, and DCED - \$5,500.00. A motion to accept this agreement was made by Tom Oakley, and seconded by Bruce Chandler. Vote unanimous.

Ordinance Number 51, an ordinance addressing the installation, use, and on-going maintenance of Outdoor Solid Fuel Burning Furnaces. Discussion was called for, either for, or against. Several questions were asked, followed by suggestions. There were a couple of corrections that needed to be addressed. Chairman Chandler and Tom Oakley spearheaded this ordinance, and offered answers to questions raised, along with some good stories about outdoor burners. A motion was made by Tom Oakley to adopt Ordinance #51 with the corrections made, seconded by Bruce Chandler. Vote unanimous.

The spring clean up day was explained by Bruce Chandler, and a date was set for June 6, 2009, from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon.

The Wayne County Offices of Human Services sent us a letter and a check for \$300.00, to help defray the costs of running our refrigerators, and freezers, in conjunction with The Food Pantry.

The Township received an affidavit from Wayne County as/per the tax bills for the year.

The Township received a letter from The Wayne County Conservation District's review of an erosion and sediment control plan, and The Conservation District found that the property of John Bicuso, Lake Side Drive, Paupack Township was found to be adequate regarding his Soil & Erosion Plan.

The Township Supervisors announced the receipt of four (4) certificates of completion from FEMA in the name of Leigh Gilbert for web based courses taken over the winter.

Issues of property maintenance were addressed by Tom Oakley, with additional comments from Attorney Bugaj. In a nut shell, if a violation can be spotted from the road, from the lake, or from any type of aircraft, it is fair game.

Paupack Township has in the works the replacement of the current salt shed. The grant work is being handled by Mr. Jim Martin, and all looks very good to this point. The

warning: "Do not award the bid until the money is in the Townships Bank Account". The grant is expected to nearly cover all of the cost to do this project. A motion was made by Bruce Chandler to open bids at the next regular Supervisors Meeting, which will be on April 9, 2009 at 7:30 P.M., seconded by Tom Oakley. Vote unanimous.

Leigh Gilbert suggested that the Paupack Township Planning Commission might work the same as the Zoning Hearing Board in as much as The Planning Commission only meets if there is a need, thereby saving gasoline, electric, propane to bring the meeting room up to temperature, and solicitor charges, etc. It was felt there is something going on all the time therefore it won't work. The subject was dismissed.

March 31, 2009 from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. there will be a sub-division, land development workshop at the Paupack Township Building. All are welcome. Members will be notified.

Tom Oakley brought up the subject of possibility purchasing a chipper in the future, as the trees and brush along The Township Roads continue to grow year after year, and are considered a renewable resource. Jim Martin mentioned that it may be possible to enter into an agreement with a neighboring township to share the expense. Jim Martin will look into those possibilities.

The public was encouraged to make any comments.

Those present were Board Members, Chairman Bruce Chandler, Leigh Gilbert, Tom Oakley, and solicitor Ronald Bugaj. Names of those present are herein filed.

Chairman Chandler entertained a motion to adjourn by Bruce Chandler, seconded by Leigh Gilbert, all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 P.M.

Leigh Gilbert, Assistant Secretary

Ordinance #51 Hearing for Outdoor Wood Burners

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The hearing on Ordinance #51 was called to order at 7:02 P.M. on the above date.

Those present were The 3 Township Supervisors, Chairman Bruce Chandler, Tom Oakley, and Leigh Gilbert, along with Janet Smith, stenographer, and Attorney Ronald Bugaj.

This Ordinance was taken from a sample copy of an Ordinance used by PSATS, and in use across the State of Pennsylvania.

From the original Ordinance a few changes were made to better suit it to Paupack Township. Chairman Chandler offered some explanations as to the intent of the Ordinance. Supervisor Tom Oakley expanded on the intent of the Ordinance. Mr. Oakley noted that much research has gone into adopting this Ordinance. It was stated that many of this type of Ordinance are highly restrictive.

Attorney Bugaj recommended that the Ordinance should state that penalties are civil in nature, rather just a fine.

Chairman Chandler stated that there are several Outdoor Wood Burners in the Township, and that there have been little or no problems with these installations thus far. Chairman Chandler further stated that Supervisor Tom Oakley, and himself made an inspection of the Township looking at different installations. Chairman Chandler also stated that the Township is concerned about possible problems with smoke, and the type of material that may be burnt in these units.

Attorney Bugaj suggested a change in the language under section 9, and 9.1, and is as follows; The Zoning and Codes Officer of The Township of Paupack, or in the alternative of one or more of The Township Supervisors, are authorized to enforce any provisions of this Ordinance. Furthermore any person, firm or corporation that violates any portion of this Ordinance shall for each offense be subject to a civil penalty, and required to pay a civil penalty fine of not less than \$300.00 or more than \$500.00. Each day that a violation of this Ordinance continues shall be deemed to be and shall constitute a separate offense hereunder.

Chairman Chandler offered findings on the cost to buy and install one of these units, along with the high consumption of wood used. The findings suggest that the unit plus the installation are costly.

It was stated by Chairman Chandler that an advertisement was run twice in The Wayne Independent on February 28, 2009, and again on March 3, 2009.

Comments from those in attendance included thanks to the Township for the passage of this Ordinance.

Leigh Gilbert, Assistant Secretary