

## **Paupack Township Board of Supervisors**

### **Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2022**

The Paupack Township Board of Supervisors conducted their monthly meeting on Thursday, January 13, 2022 at the Township Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chairperson Bruce Chandler.

#### **The following Township Officials were present at the meeting**

Bruce Chandler/Chairperson   Jim Martin, Vice Chairperson/Supervisor  
 Robert Boogertman/Supervisor  
 Ronald Bugaj, Solicitor   Cheryl Scartelli, Secretary/Treasurer

#### **The following members of the public were present at the meeting**

Frank Williams   Bob Rozema   Lou Cozza   Melanie Stockwell   Jim Zumpone  
 Karen Lutz   Andy Anderson   Kathleen Higgins-Lee   Janet Higgins   Lauren Terwilliger   John Terwilliger

Bruce Chandler asked that everyone take a moment of silence for Fred Nemas (a former Township employee who was employed in the building and zoning department) who passed away.

The meeting minutes for the December 9, 2021 Board of Supervisors, December 28, 2021 Year-End meeting and January 3, 2022 Reorganization were presented. Robert Boogertman made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Jim Martin. The motion carried 3-0.

The Treasurers Report was presented. A motion was made by Jim Martin to accept the Treasurers Report as presented, seconded by Robert Boogertman. The motion carried 3-0.

The bills totaling \$182,414.83 from December 10, 2021 through January 13, 2022 were presented. Following a review, a motion was made by Robert Boogertman, seconded by Jim Martin to accept the bills as presented, and pay same. The motion carried 3-0.

#### **Fire Company Log for December**

Available at the front table

#### **Ambulance Log for December**

Available at the front table

#### **Building & Zoning Log for December**

See Agenda

**Bracalente Lot Combination 2021-23:** Dennis Stinson from Kiley Associates filed an extension for this lot combination due to the need to secure corrected deeds to be submitted to the Township. Bruce Chandler made a motion to approve this extension, seconded by Robert Boogertman. The motion carried 3-0.

**Jeffrey Lot Combination 2021-24:** The Planning Commission recommended denial of this lot combination to the Supervisors due to incomplete application and map. Cheryl Scartelli was asked by the Board of Supervisors to work with the Chairperson of the Planning Commission and/or other Township staff to prepare a rejection letter to be sent to the applicant, surveyor and realtor. Robert Boogertman made a motion to deny this lot combination, seconded by Jim Martin. The motion carried 3-0.

**Pocono Sign Conditional Use:** Robert Boogertman made a motion to schedule this Conditional Use Hearing for Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 5:45, seconded by Bruce Chandler. The motion carried 3-0.

### **Correspondence**

Bruce Chandler reported that we received a letter from DEP re: Chapter 105 Water Obstructions and Encroachment

Bruce Chandler reported that the Township received copies of the Township's Auditor's meeting. He reported that we have 2 new auditors and that Bruce Phillips, our current auditor did not make the meeting. The Auditors will be requested to hold a 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in order to clarify a few of the recommendations made at their reorganization meeting.

### **New Business**

Bruce Chandler reported that the Lakeville Food Pantry will be held as a drive-thru in the Township parking lot on Thursday, January 27, 2022 from 10:00 to 1:00

Robert Boogertman reported that there was a Fire Co. meeting on Wednesday, January 12, 2022. He said that they responded to 219 alarms in 2021.

Robert Boogertman gave an update on the ambulance. He reported that they have a meeting in 2 weeks. They are going to interview Attorney Anthony Magnotta to be their attorney for the organization. They are also meeting with an EMS Management Co. that can hopefully assist in their efforts. Robert said they have come very far and they will have Attorney Magnotta develop by-laws for the organization. He added that they will then become either an LLC or Corporation. Ron Bugaj added that he is the lawyer for Paupack Township. He said that Attorney Bernathy is Hawley Borough's Attorney and Attorney Jeff Treat is Palmyra Wayne.

Andy Anderson asked if they have adequate volunteers. Robert said they do not but it is a problem across the board.

Frank Williams added that Wallenpaupack High School has hired teachers to specifically teach Technical Emergency Services and he said there has been a huge amount of interest.

### **Public Comment**

Karen Lutz asked the names the two new Auditors. Bruce said Joyce Lanham and Chuck Dabaghian. He added Bruce Phillips is still the Township Auditor also.

Melanie Stockwell asked Robert why the increase in Fire/Ambulance Department calls in 2021. Robert said an increase in people living in Paupack Township.

### **Adjournment**

Bruce Chandler said that the Township meeting is over and the Supervisor's are going into an Executive Session to review legal matters.

Bruce Chandler asked if there was anything else to come before the Board. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Scartelli, Secretary/Treasurer

