

Paupack Township Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2015

The Paupack Township Board of Supervisors conducted their monthly meeting on Thursday, February 12, 2015 at the Township Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Supervisor Bruce Chandler.

The following Township Officials were present at the meeting:

Bruce Chandler, Chairperson
Diana Stromberg, Secretary

Tom Oakley, Supervisor
Ron Bugaj, Solicitor

Leigh Gilbert, Supervisor

The following members of the public were present at the meeting:

Katie Collins

Frank Williams

Dan Braun

Dave Miller

Chairperson Bruce Chandler opened the meeting by asking all present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of the January 5, 2015 Reorganization Meeting, the January 8, 2015 Public Hearing and the January 8, 2015 Board of Supervisors meeting were presented. A motion was made by Leigh Gilbert to approve the meeting minutes seconded by Tom Oakley. The motion carried 3-0.

The Treasurer's Report was presented. Tom Oakley made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted seconded by Leigh Gilbert. The motion carried 3-0.

The bills, totaling \$41,720.41 were presented. Following a review, Leigh Gilbert made a motion to accept the bills as presented, and pay same, January 9, 2015 to February 12, 2015. Tom Oakley seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0. A list of the bills is on file.

Truck Bid: Chairperson Bruce Chandler stated that bids were received from 5 Star International for a new truck. The quoted price is for the cab and chassis:

Automatic transmission: \$86,845.00

Standard Transmission: \$83,690.00

Bids were also received from Bradco for the upfit portion for \$61,729.94.

The total cost of the new truck would be \$148,574.94 if the automatic transmission is chosen. The new truck will replace the current 2004 Sterling which will most likely be listed on Municibid. Tom Oakley also stated that another Township expressed an interest in purchasing it. There was discussion on the pros and cons of an automatic transmission versus standard. Leigh Gilbert stated that although he favored a standard transmission, he felt the primary operator of the vehicle should have it set up to his preference. Bruce Chandler stated he felt the standard transmission would be the better choice. Tom Oakley, who would be the driver of the new truck, preferred an automatic transmission. A motion was made by Leigh Gilbert to approve the bid for the truck with an automatic transmission but not to exceed \$148,574.94. The motion was seconded by Tom Oakley. Voting: Aye: Gilbert, Oakley. Nay: Chandler. The motion carried 2-1.

Fire Log: There were 14 calls for the month of December, 2014 and 13 calls for the month of January, 2015.

Ambulance Log: There were 46 calls during the month of January, 2015.

EMA Tablet: EMC David Boogertman has requested the purchase of a tablet for emergency management. This would give him the capability of loading pertinent information while on the scene as well as from home. He submitted a quote of \$1364.00 for the tablet. The township discussed dividing the cost of the tablet with the Fire Department. A motion to pay \$700.00 towards the purchase of the tablet was made by Tom Oakley seconded by Leigh Gilbert. The motion carried 3-0.

Fire Company Grant Opportunities: Supervisor Tom Oakley stated that the Fire Company just received a grant for \$11,000 for debt reduction. He commented that he and Jim Martin, who does grant work for the township, attended the fire department Board meeting last night. Mr. Martin is willing to do grant work for the fire department. It was well received and appreciated by the Board as well as members of the Fire Company. Since the township and fire department work closely together, a motion was made on behalf of the township by Tom Oakley to authorize Jim Martin to do grant work for the fire department. It was seconded by Leigh Gilbert. The motion carried 3-0.

Snow Events: Tom Oakley stated there were 44 snow events at this time last year. To date, there are 39. He commented that the road crew has been very busy cleaning the roads.

Building & Zoning Updates: Supervisor Leigh Gilbert gave an update. There were 5 permit applications for the month of January, 2015...two sheds, one deck, one garage, and one addition. He commented it has been a very slow month.

Correspondence: There was no correspondence to address.

Old Business: There was no old business.

Public Comment: Township resident Dave Miller commended the Township on the upkeep of the roads during the winter weather. He asked if there were any ideas on how to get PennDot to improve the road conditions on Rt. 590. It was suggested to make calls or write letters to PennDot. Solicitor Bugaj suggested in the letter to note "dangerous conditions on the roads" to get their attention. It was also suggested to send letters to state representatives Lisa Baker and Mike Peifer.

New Business: New Led lights have been installed on the front of the building.

Having no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm by Chairperson Bruce Chandler.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Diana Stromberg", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Diana Stromberg/Secretary