

## Paupack Township Board of Supervisors

### Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2014

The Paupack Township Board of Supervisors conducted their monthly meeting on Thursday, February 27, 2014 at the Township Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Chairperson Bruce Chandler.

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

Bruce Chandler, Chairperson  
Diana Stromberg, Secretary

Tom Oakley, Supervisor  
Ronald Bugaj, Solicitor

Leigh Gilbert, Supervisor

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

Dennis Stinson      Tabitha Sollenne

Chairperson Bruce Chandler opened the meeting by asking all present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of the January 6, 2014 and the January 9, 2014 Supervisors Meetings were presented. A motion was made by Tom Oakley to approve both meeting minutes seconded by Leigh Gilbert. All approved.

The Treasurer's Report was presented. Tom Oakley made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted seconded by Leigh Gilbert. All voted yes to accept the Treasurer's Report.

The bills, totaling \$44,895.64, were presented. Following a review, Tom Oakley made a motion to accept the bills as presented, and pay same, dated January 10, 2014 to February 13, 2014. Leigh Gilbert seconded the motion. All voted yes to accept and pay the bills as presented. A list of the bills is on file.

**Leckler Subdivision; (2014-1)** - This subdivision is located in Sandy Shore Development. Maps were presented by Dennis Stinson of Kiley Associates. The Township Planning Commission had no issues that needed to be addressed. Solicitor Ron Bugaj commented that the deed was good. A motion was made by Bruce Chandler seconded by Tom Oakley to approve this lot consolidation. All approved.

**Wallenpaupack Free Methodist Church Subdivision; (2014-2):** This subdivision is located on Purdytown Turnpike. New maps were presented by Dennis Stinson of Kiley Associates with changes recommended by the Township Planning Commission. Changes were made in note 2 of the general notes on the maps referencing the drainage easement. Secondly, the sewer agreement noted in the existing deed has been confirmed that no such agreement with the Township exists. Solicitor Bugaj noted that the deed and map notes must be consistent. A motion was made by Tom Oakley and seconded by Leigh Gilbert to approve this subdivision once the new deed is drawn and reviewed by the Township Solicitor. All approved.

**Cove Haven Tax Appeal Update:** Solicitor Ron Bugaj explained that he has spoken with the County Tax Assessor, John Nolan, regarding the tax appeal and Mr. Nolan has indicated that Cove Haven has upped its offer of settlement to a valuation of \$6.5M, which is quite an increase from the prior offer. As a result, Mr. Nolan has secured an appraisal from Nick D'Andrea which will substantiate the values more realistically for the properties. This appraisal is expected to be completed shortly and the Township will be updated accordingly.

**Kelley Restitution** Solicitor Bugaj spoke with Kazlow & Fields, a collection firm for Western Surety, and confirmed that the Township should not be receiving any further restitution payments from Joanne Kelley since the Township was paid in full by the bonding company. Attorney Bugaj has confirmed that the Township forwarded a check to him that

represents the total amount of restitution that it has been paid from Joanne Kelley and he has deposited it into his escrow account. The money will be released once he receives authorization from the bonding company to whom the money should go to. He has also contacted the Probation Department to confirm that all future payments are paid to Western Surety Company.

**Complaint on Finally Riches property:** Zoning Officer Rolin Edwards has followed up on a recent complaint from a township resident in regards to township property formally known as Finally Riches. The property owner has responded and visited the property with the Supervisors to resolve the issues. Not all complaints were valid but those that were will be addressed. A junk car and Ransom fuel truck on the property will be removed. All issues are being resolved.

**Zoning Workshop:** Supervisor Leigh Gilbert announced that a workshop will be held on Wednesday, March 5, 2014 at 7:00am with Zoning Officer Rolin Edwards and Planning Consultant Jim Martin to make necessary changes and updates to the existing zoning ordinance. Hawley Borough and Palmyra Township have no changes to be made with the existing ordinance so Paupack Township will be working on the changes alone.

**Spring Clean Up:** The date for Spring Clean Up is Saturday, May 31, 2014 from 8:00am to 12:00pm. It will be advertised in the paper and flyers will be displayed throughout the Township.

**Great American Cleanup:** The date is set for Saturday, April 26, 2014 from 9:00 – 12:00pm. All are welcome to help pick up litter along the roadsides. There will be a lunch provided afterwards for all the volunteers.

**Concrete Floor Patch:** Supervisor Tom Oakley explained a need to redo the concrete floors in the garages. He stated that they are in bad shape and has begun doing research on materials and cost. He said it should cost approximately \$2000 – \$2500 to complete the repairs.

**Winter Maintenance Activity:** To date, there were 54 events this winter season. The road crew has gone through most of the salt but has enough anti skid to get through the season. Tom Oakley noted that a delivery of anti skid was made today.

**Road Name Signs:** Tom Oakley explained that our existing road name signs are not in good shape and need to be compliant. He estimates that it will cost the township approximately \$4500.00 to replace the signs, posts, etc. A motion was made by Bruce Chandler seconded by Tom Oakley to begin the process. All approved.

**Fire Department Log:** There were 14 calls during the month of January, 2014.

**Ambulance Log:** There were 20 calls made during the month of January 2014.

**Correspondence:** Supervisor Bruce Chandler read all incoming correspondence.

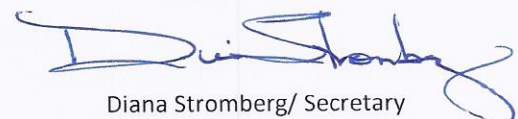
**New Business:** No new business.

**Old Business:** No old business to discuss.

**Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

Having no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm by Chairperson Bruce Chandler.

Respectfully Submitted,



Diana Stromberg/ Secretary