

Paupack Township Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2015

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

The following Township Officials were present at the meeting:

Tom Oakley, Supervisor Leigh Gilbert, Supervisor Diana Stromberg, Secretary Ronnie Fischer, Solicitor

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

Katie Collins Dennis Stinson Daniel Braun Melanie Stockwell Steve Kaminsky Keta Kaminsky

Supervisor Tom Oakley opened the meeting by asking all present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of the February 12, 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 2-0.

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 2-0.

The bills, totaling \$43,917.97 were presented. Following a review, Leigh Gilbert made a motion to accept the bills as presented, and pay same, February 13, 2015 to March 12, 2015. Tom Oakley seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0. A list of the bills is on file.

Schwartz Subdivision: (2015-4): This is a lot consolidation located in the Pine Beach development of Paupack Township. Maps were presented by Dennis Stinson of Kiley Associates. The Township Planning Commission had no issues that needed to be addressed. Solicitor Ronnie Fischer confirmed that the deed was good. A motion was made by Tom Oakley seconded by Leigh Gilbert to approve this lot consolidation. The motion carried 2-0.

Tolliferreo Subdivision: (2015-5): This is a lot consolidation located in the Paupack Point development of Paupack Township. Maps were presented by Dennis Stinson of Kiley Associates. The Township Planning Commission had no issues that needed to be addressed. Solicitor Ronnie Fischer confirmed that the deed was good. A motion was made by Tom Oakley seconded by Leigh Gilbert to approve this lot consolidation. The motion carried 2-0.

Ratay/Lake Moc-A-Tek Subdivision: (2015-6): This is a lot consolidation located along Peifer Road (TR 392) in Paupack Township. Maps were presented by Dennis Stinson of Kiley Associates. The Township Planning Commission had no issues that needed to be addressed. Solicitor Ronnie Fischer confirmed that the deed was in the process of being drawn by Bugaj/Fischer ESQ. A motion was made by Tom Oakley seconded by Leigh Gilbert to approve this lot consolidation. The motion carried 2-0.

Old Business:

Snowplowing/Mailboxes: Tom Oakley discussed the Township's policy on plowing snow and damage to mailboxes. In general, he stated that if the Township can confirm that a snow plow or plow truck physically struck and damaged a mailbox, the Township will replace it. However, mailbox damage due to the weight of the snow plowed away from the road is the responsibility of the property owner. Due to several recent calls from residents with complaints of damage to their mailboxes, the Supervisors discussed the idea of adopting a resolution so that the policy is clearly stated. It was agreed to have our planning consultant, Jim Martin, draw up a resolution and adopt it at the next BOS meeting. Leigh Gilbert suggested having a Fall workshop for residents suggesting tips to help eliminate the possibility of mailbox damage during the winter months. A drive thru with the plow guys prior to snow season could locate problem mailboxes and residents could secure them ahead of time. Solicitor Fischer noted that PennDot states that since mailboxes are in the right of way, they are not responsible for replacing them.

EMA Tablet: The tablet requested by EMC David Boogertman has been purchased by the Lakeville Fire Department in the amount of \$1379.90. As per a motion made at the February BOS meeting, the Township has presented a check today to the Fire Department for its share of the cost in the amount of \$700.00.

Pole Barn & Salt Shed Bids: Tom Oakley stated that the Township will re-bid the pole barn and salt shed projects from last year. He discussed that a grant was received last year to complete the projects but that all bids from last year were rejected due to the excessive costs. The projects will be completed this year.

New Business:

Road Projects: Bid materials on three (3) Township road projects were provided by PennDot recently with specs and estimates. Oakley and Gilbert felt they were pricey, most likely due to the abundance of road work needing to be done. The general rule of thumb is the more work out there the higher the prices. Gilbert expressed that the current roads in question were not in terrible shape, just wearing. After some discussion, Gilbert and Oakley agreed to hold off for the time being.

Snow Events: Tom Oakley stated there were 56 snow events at this time last year. To date, there are 52.

Great American Clean Up 2015: The date is set for April 25, 2015 from 9:00 – 12:00pm. All are welcome to help pick up litter along the roadsides. Gloves, vests and bags will be provided. There will be a lunch afterwards for all the volunteers.

Township Spring Clean Up: The date for the Spring Clean Up is May 30, 2015 from 8:00 – 12:00pm. Bulk items will be accepted. No hazardous materials are allowed. There will be a nominal fee charged to offset the costs of disposal.

Ambulance Log: A log was not available in time for the meeting. It will be presented at the April BOS meeting.

Fire Calls: There were 10 calls for the month of February.

Building & Zoning Updates: Supervisor Leigh Gilbert gave an update. There was one (1) permit application for a new house during the month of February, 2015.

PPL – FERC – A press release statement relating to the transfer of ownership was made available to all for review.

Wangum Falls Update: The county project for replacement of the Wangum Bridge has begun. The bridge has been removed. Oakley stated he checked out the site and Wangum Falls Road is a major mess. A complaint was received from a local resident and the complaint was justified. Oakley spoke with the construction company on site and asked that the condition of the road be fixed. The company said they would cooperate. They also stated that they will be stopping the job until conditions get better.

Correspondence: A letter was received from PennDot referencing traffic counting on municipality owned roads. The state will be setting up car counters on 2 Paupack Township roads (Maines & Daniels) to collect and report traffic data to the Federal Highway Administration.

Public Comment: 1). A question was raised on how long the grant for the pole barn and salt shed was good for. 2). An issue about cars parked in the road in a private community was discussed.

Having no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm by Supervisor Tom Oakley.

Respectfully Submitted,



Diana Stromberg/Secretary