

Paupack Township Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2015

The Paupack Township Board of Supervisors conducted their monthly meeting on Thursday, April 9, 2015 at the Township Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Chairperson Bruce Chandler.

The following Township Officials were present at the meeting:

Bruce Chandler, Chairperson Tom Oakley, Supervisor Leigh Gilbert, Supervisor Diana Stromberg, Secretary
Ron Bugaj, Solicitor

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

Katie Collins Daniel Braun Steve Rabel Frank Williams John Mileli George Ammerman

Chairperson Bruce Chandler opened the meeting by asking all present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of the March 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. Chandler refrained.

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 \$55,088.76, were presented. Following a review, Leigh Gilbert made a motion to accept the bills as presented, and pay same, March 13, 2015 to April 9, 2015. Tom Oakley seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0. A list of the bills is on file.

Resolution 2015-31 - Repair/Replacement of Damaged Mailboxes: A motion to adopt Resolution 2015-31 was made by Bruce Chandler seconded by Leigh Gilbert. The motion carried 3-0.

Withdrawal of Albert Subdivision: (Map 118, page 82): Solicitor Bugaj explained in detail the issues that have transpired with this lot consolidation approved by the Township Board of Supervisors in 2013. Apparently, the transaction fell through and tax bills were being sent for the new subdivision because the maps were recorded with the county. After speaking with the county tax assessor, Bugaj stated that it was decided that the best solution is to revert back to the original subdivision. A motion was made by Bruce Chandler to approve the subdivision withdrawal by the applicant as stated by Solicitor Ron Bugaj. The motion was seconded by Tom Oakley. The motion carried 3-0.

Pole Barn & Salt Shed Update: Tom Oakley stated that the Township is ready to bid out the pole barn and salt shed projects that were rejected last year due to excessive costs. Copies of the specs and bidding procedures were reviewed and approved by Solicitor Bugaj. A motion was made by Bruce Chandler to advertise, with bid openings to take place at the next BOS meeting on May 14, 2015. Leigh Gilbert seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Road Projects – Maines Road (TR365) PennDot recently did specs and estimates for widening and repairing Maines Road. Chairperson Bruce Chandler made a motion to put the project out for bid. Oakley felt it was too pricey and wants to review and compare the numbers from two years ago. The motion was tabled.

Sale of Sterling Truck: The Sterling Truck with plow and cinder spreader will be put up for sale. There was discussion on multiple ways to handle the sale.

1. Advertise in newspaper for sealed bids
2. Advertise using Municibid
3. Advertise on PSATS forum.
4. Send emails to local townships

A motion was made by Tom Oakley seconded by Leigh Gilbert to put the 2003 Sterling Truck up for sale, with local townships being offered first try for the purchase; then put on the PSATS forum. Motion carried 3-0.

Grant Application for Park Updates: Planning Consultant Jim Martin has informed the Supervisors of a grant which would provide monies for updating the township recreation park. It requires the township to pay a 15% copay. The grant money would be used to pave the entrance road, remove trees from the property, grade and plant new trees/shrubbery, and upgrade the park sign. A motion was made by Tom Oakley seconded by Leigh Gilbert to authorize Jim Martin to submit application for the grant. Motion carried 3-0.

Wangum Bridge/Road Update: Another complaint has been received from a resident about the poor condition of Wangum Road. Supervisor Oakley confirmed that the road is in deplorable condition due to tri axles using the road to work on the Wangum Bridge project. Since this is a County project, Oakley put a call into the county engineer, who in turn, authorized Linde to put stone down on the road to improve conditions. Once the project is complete, the county will be responsible for returning the road to normal conditions even though it is a township road.

Tree Work: Tree trimming has been done and completed on Daniels Road.

Snow Events: There were 60 snow events this year as compared to 56 last year.

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: There were 46 calls for the month of February. There were 45 calls for the month of March.

Fire Calls: There were 13 calls for the month of March.

Building & Zoning Updates: Supervisor Leigh Gilbert gave an update. There were 5 permit applications... three (3) additions, one (1) shed, and one (1) deck for the month of March 2015.

Correspondence: No correspondence.

Food Pantry: Solicitor Ron Bugaj discussed the importance of establishing the Food Pantry as a non-profit 501c3 organization. It would be advantageous because it would allow the township to acquire extra food from Second Harvest and also all donations would be tax deductible. Solicitor Bugaj will assist in the process of acquiring an LLC and applications will need to be submitted. A motion was made by Bruce Chandler seconded by Tom Oakley to begin the process. The motion carried 3-0.

New Business: None

Old Business: None

Public Comment: There was discussion as to what items can be brought to the Spring Clean Up. Dan Braun from WLE said he would announce it to residents of WLE.

Having no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm by Chairperson Bruce Chandler.

Respectfully Submitted,



Diana Stromberg/Secretary