

Supervisors Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2009

The Paupack Township Board of Supervisors met on the above date at 7:34 P.M. at the Municipal Building, Lakeville Pennsylvania.

There were no sub-divisions for tonight's meeting.

The minutes from the April 9, 2009 meeting were presented. Leigh Gilbert made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Tom Oakley. Vote unanimous.

The Treasurers report was presented. Leigh Gilbert made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report, seconded by Tom Oakley. Vote unanimous.

The bills were presented. Tom Oakley made a motion to accept, and pay the bills, seconded by Bruce Chandler. Vote unanimous.

The new salt shed bids were advertised in the "Wayne Independent" twice, and are as follows:

"Unique Building Systems" aka "Super Structures":

Bond found to be acceptable.	32' wide by 40' deep.....	\$22,999.00
	32' wide by 48' deep.....	24,999.00
	42' wide by 40' deep.....	25,999.00
	42' wide by 48' deep.....	28,999.00

"Snyder Equipment" aka "Coverall":

Bond found to be acceptable.	32' wide by 40' deep.....	\$28,396.00
	36' wide by 40' deep.....	28,790.00
	36' wide by 48' deep.....	33,530.00
	36' wide by 48' deep (Display).....	32,500.00

There were only two bids received for the above mentioned project.

It was mentioned that the salt shed project will be covered mostly with a grant from DEP, and the out of pocket expenses for the Township will be minimal, involving mostly labor. Additional explanation regarding building design was offered by Tom Oakley, and Bruce Chandler. Attorney Bugaj offered that we should table the bids until the specifications could be compared, and set a future date for the final decision. Leigh Gilbert made a motion to set a date, May 28, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., for a special meeting to make a final decision on the bids, seconded by Tom Oakley. Vote unanimous.

Big Bear Campground: Attorney Bugaj explained that a law suite was filed, and that there was an answer filed denying a lot of things. We are in the discovery phase, and then we will get it set up for trial. In the mean time there are issues of permits for portable toilets that need to be addressed. Attorney Bugaj has spoken with SEO Chris Martin several times on the issues at Big Bear, and it is our position that The Big

Bear Association, and/or individuals need permits to place portable toilets at the camp ground, and so far they have been reluctant to obtain the necessary permits. The Township received a letter from SEO Chris Martin to request The Township amend the current Township Sewage Ordinance #39, Article VI, Section 1, regarding portable toilets. Mr. Martin asked that the language be changed that would exempt from portable toilet permitting, residential construction, a contractor building a new home, residential family gatherings, birthday parties, graduation parties, and family reunions would not be required to obtain a permit for portable toilets. A motion was made by Bruce Chandler to go forward with the above mentioned amendment, seconded by Tom Oakley, Vote unanimous.

Spring Clean Up will take place this year on the first Saturday in June. That is June 6, 2009 from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon. Allowable items cover nearly everything, with the exception of hazardous items, (tires, appliances with "Freon", paint, etc.) which we have to pay to have removed.

The Food Pantry Distribution will be on May 28, 2009 from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Election Day will be on May 19, 2009. The Township Offices will be closed for business that day. The poles are open from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

A notice from the Pennsylvania State Police indicating \$1,363.48 in fines due to the Township.

A letter from Wayne County Emergency Management notifying us of a meeting. Mr. William Igoe will represent the Township at this meeting. The meeting is scheduled for May 27, 2009.

A letter received from The Wayne County Conservation District regarding a dock improvement on Paupacken Lake by Sean Jines, 17 East Shore Drive, was found to be adequate.

A letter was received from The Department of Environmental Protection regarding "The 2008 Combined Application for Reimbursement for Enforcing the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act and On lot Sewage Disposal Program Annual Report. "Unfortunately, due to the limited funding appropriated to this program for the current fiscal year and an increase in overall costs submitted by local agencies for reimbursement, the current fiscal year funds have been exhausted".

A letter was received from the Wayne County Tax Claim Bureau listing nine (9) properties on the repository sale each with a sale price of \$648.00.

A letter was received from Laurel Mueller (soil services) regarding progress at the Big Bear Property. Design is being done by Laurel. Signs were erected in English, and Russian informing the residents that the sewer and water is shut off. Testing plan is finished and submitted to DEP. April 27, 2009 tests were being done by Laurel's company, along with Buddy Brown (DEP). These tests will continue for approximately two weeks. Piping from the sites have been cut and capped.

Tim, a young man and Boy Scout is here tonight to see how local government works. He is working on a merit badge, and was welcomed by all.

Bruce Chandler explained in detail the death of our grader. The engine is shot. We tried to have it

repaired. The machine is 42 years old. Due to the age of the grader, the parts are very expensive offering no guarantees. The bill for the attempted repair was \$1,800.00, but it was unsuccessful. To have the grader returned to us from Bradco (the company doing the repairs) would have pushed the price even higher. A deal with Bradco was made. They keep the grader and waive the \$1,800.00 bill. Currently the price for scrape is down, and that means we would take a beating. They offered us \$2,500.00 if we traded the machine in for a new one. There was discussion about what we will do for a replacement. Many calls were made to find a grader under a sub contract deal. The Township Supervisors feel that owning a grader at this time is not necessary. Wayco was willing to let us use one of theirs for \$50.00 per hour. A motion was made by Tom Oakley, and seconded by Bruce Chandler to scrap the grader with Bradco, and wipe the \$1,800.00 bill out. Vote unanimous.

The floor was opened for public comment.

Mr. Rabel wants a breakdown of each employees pay records. Rabel claims he has information regarding the "Right to Know Law", and is willing to argue points of law with Solicitor Bugaj. When pressed Rabel produced documents concerning public information. Solicitor Bugaj states that public information is just that, public information. It doesn't mean the Township has to supply a breakdown of each deduction. Rabel was advised he can come in and request any information he wants.

Rabel continues to complain about secretary, and assistant secretaries wages and benefits. He claims there are 2 people doing the same job. Rabel was asked if he witnessed 2 secretaries doing the same job. He refused to answer. He claims that "The Assistant Secretary is making Road Master wages to do a secretaries job." Leigh asked if he was entitled to a wage increase to do the Assistant Secretaries job?" Solicitor Bugaj asked Rabel "what the Secretary and Assistant Secretary are being paid?" Rabel states, Based on his calculations "The Assistant Secretary is making \$18.00 per hour." Solicitor Bugaj then asked, "what the Secretary makes?" Rabel states, "she is making \$20,000.00 per year part time, I don't know what the hourly rate is." Solicitor Bugaj stated, "you made a statement you can't support." Rabel suggests that we hire one secretary that can do everything, and eliminate both current secretaries, there by saving the township one complete salary. Rabel asked Solicitor Bugaj, "with rising costs, and increased taxes can you afford two secretaries?" Solicitor Bugaj's answer, "I have three secretaries." Solicitor Bugaj further stated, "I could use five." Leigh attempted to enlighten Rabel by explaining that there is one regular secretary, and one assistant secretary that works primarily in the code enforcement, and assists the regular secretary when needed. Leigh continued to explain that since the code enforcement officer is no longer employed here, that's one salary plus benefits saved, furthermore, we no longer have an assistant code enforcement officer, that's two salaries plus benefits saved, not to mention we are no longer paying a electrical inspector, that's three salaries saved. A third party inspection agency, BIU, was taken onboard to deal with the code enforcement problem. A contact person from the Township is required, in the name of one Leigh Gilbert, to coordinate the activities between the applicant, BIU, sewage, and zoning. Leigh states, "The third party agency can't come in here and run this office, the Township has to run this office, and somebody has to make contact through the building office." "End of Story!"

Mr. Rabel continues with his complaints regarding the Ford Explorer Code Enforcement Vehicle, he states, "If we don't have a Code Enforcement Officer why do we still have this vehicle?" It was explained that the vehicle is paid for through a grant, and useful when errands need to be run. Mr. Rabel continues to complain regarding insurance, gas, etc. Tom Oakley explained that prior to having the Ford Explorer it was

necessary to run errands with the Ford F-550 dump truck. It was further stated that before we had the Ford Explorer, Code Enforcement had to use the Ford F-550 to do inspections. Tom Oakley offered a breakdown of usage on the Ford Explorer. Many comments were made regarding usage, mileage, etc. Mr. Rabel offered only negative comments regarding the usage.

Mr. Rabel continues his complaints with comments regarding The Road Master's Reports, stating his objection to running for parts rather than waiting around to have someone deliver them. Mr. Rabel complained about an entry on the Road Master's Report for Saturday April 4, 2009 where Rich Chicoski, and Tom Oakley came in to deal with a downed tree, and didn't charge the Township for the time they were in. Mr. Rabel continues to complain about The Road Master's Report, and the summer schedule. Bruce explained the summer schedule as we come in at 6:30 A.M. instead of 5:00 A.M. Mr. Rabel couldn't understand why The Road Crew would come in at 5:00 A.M. in the winter. It was explained that winter in the north country requires a little extra care be taken with slippery roads to ensure the school buses, and commuters can move safely on area roads. Repeatedly Mr. Rabel states he doesn't understand. Mr. Rabel is confused about The Road Master's Report showing a start time of 6:30 A.M. and the trucks aren't out the door at 6:30 A.M. It was explained that there are duties here that need to be addressed prior to leaving the building. Repeatedly Mr. Rabel claims he doesn't understand why we start most mornings at 5:00 A.M. in the winter. A statement was made that, "he must be from Florida." Mr. Rabel states that The Road Master's Report is useless, and he is trying to formulate a report that is useful to him. Mr. Rabel claims The Road Master's Report doesn't state facts, but can't explain what the facts are.

There were comments regarding the Internet, and the Township Web Page. Explanations regarding the web site were given by The Supervisors. Comments included having all Township Ordinances posted on the site. Leigh stated that the site is still under construction. The comment was offered about the expense of posting all ordinances. The Township will continue to upgrade the site, and investigate possible grants to aid in the cost of the upgrades.

A suggestion was made by Jerry Bradley from W.L.E. to look into having an ambulance on site at the new Lakeville Volunteer Fire Company Sub Station in W.L.E. Bruce offered that we shall speak with Honesdale EMS regarding this issue.

A few questions were asked regarding the new salt shed, and were fielded by Tom Oakley, and Bruce Chandler.

Glenn Hoffmann offered Kudo's for the decision to scrape the grader.

Mr. Rabel offered a thank you for listening to his comments regarding saving the Township Dollars. The Township offered a thank you in return for his interest and comments.

With no further business coming before the Board, Tom Oakley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 P.M., seconded by Bruce Chandler. Vote unanimous.

Those present were Board Members, Chairman Bruce Chandler, Leigh Gilbert, Tom Oakley, and solicitor Ronald Bugaj. Names of those in attendance are herein filed.

Leigh Gilbert, Assistant Secretary