

# Paupack Township Board of Supervisors

## Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2014

The Paupack Township Board of Supervisors conducted their monthly meeting on Thursday, June 12, 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  
Ron Bugaj, Solicitor

Leigh Gilbert, Supervisor

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

Katie Collins  
Jean Corey

Karen Lutz  
Dennis Stinson

Frank Williams  
Steve Rabel

George Ammerman

Chairperson Bruce Chandler opened the meeting by asking all present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of the May 8, 2014 Supervisors meeting were presented. A motion was made by Tom Oakley to approve the meeting minutes seconded by Leigh Gilbert. 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 \$46,687.26 were presented. Following a review, Leigh Gilbert made a motion to accept the bills as presented, dated May 9, 2014 to June 12, 2014. Bruce Chandler seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0. A list of the bills is on file.

**Weinstock Subdivision; (2014-3)** This is a lot consolidation located in Wallenpaupack Lake Estates Development in Paupack Township. Dennis Stinson of Kiley Associates presented maps with all revisions recommended by the Township Planning Commission. Solicitor Ron Bugaj commented that the deed was good. There was discussion on moving an existing shed located on the property to conform to setback requirements. A motion was made by Tom Oakley to approve this lot consolidation seconded by Leigh Gilbert. The Township will request that the applicant move the shed and contact the township when it is completed so that an inspection can be done. The motion carried 3-0.

**Souza/Egolf Subdivision; (2014-4)** This is a land subdivision/addition located along Finn Swamp Road and Forever Green Road located in Paupack Township. Dennis Stinson of Kiley Associates presented new maps with corrections recommended by the Township Planning Commission. Solicitor Ron Bugaj stated the deed was good. A motion was made by Tom Oakley seconded by Leigh Gilbert to recommend approval of this subdivision. The motion carried 3-0.

**Resolution 2014-30: Authorizing the destruction of tape recorded meeting minutes following the formal adoption of those meeting minutes at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board or Committee operating under the jurisdiction of Paupack Township.** A motion was made by Bruce Chandler to adopt this resolution seconded by Leigh Gilbert. The motion carried 3-0.

**Cove Haven Tax Assessment Update:** Solicitor Ron Bugaj stated the tax assessment appeal is resolved. He stated the official settlement is \$8,500,000. He stated that this was a good settlement and that the Township may have to issue a refund to Cove Haven based on the figures from Mr. Nolan.

**Door Replacements at Township Building:** The township building is in need of two (2) replacement doors.

1. **Entrance door:** Bids received from: **Mesko Glass: \$1969.00** **Universal Glass: \$1860.00**  
A motion was made by Leigh Gilbert seconded by Bruce Chandler to award the job to Universal Glass. The motion carried 3-0.
2. **Walk thru door for Shop:** Only one bid was received. **Universal Glass: \$1690 plus additional \$300.00 to paint the trim and door.**  
A motion was made by Bruce Chandler seconded by Leigh Gilbert to award job to Universal Glass and to include the additional painting for a total of \$1990.00. The motion carried 3-0.

**Hemlock Hollow School:** Additional estimates for the painting of the school have been received. Bids ranged from \$5545.00 to \$8750.00. A motion was made by Bruce Chandler seconded by Tom Oakley to award the job to Dave Sutor Painting for \$6750.00. The motion carried 3-0.

**PPL Power Line Relocation:** Tom Oakley explained that the existing power line on the Township property is in the way for the municipal complex project that is scheduled to begin in the near future. The plan is to put a second salt/anti skid storage building next to the existing one and therefore the line would have to be moved. Supervisors have met with PPL and the cost is \$8100.00 which includes total actual labor and materials. A motion was made by Tom Oakley to approve the relocation of the line seconded by Leigh Gilbert. The motion carried 3-0.

**Electronic Digital Sign at the Firehouse:** Further research into the possibility of an electronic message board on the lower portion of the sign has been done. The lowest bid is for \$11,100.00 for a 28 x 93 one color digital sign given by DragonFly Signs. The Lakeville Volunteer Fire Company made a motion at their monthly meeting to pay half the cost and approved it. A motion was made by Tom Oakley seconded by Leigh Gilbert to approve the purchase of the sign with the Township's share being \$5550.00. The motion carried 3-0.

**Township Spring Clean Up:** The Township's annual Spring Clean Up in May was a big success. Bruce Chandler added that many residents requested a second clean up in the autumn. A motion was made by Bruce Chandler seconded by Tom Oakley to have the next clean up on Saturday, August 23, 2014 between 8:00am and noon. The motion carried 3-0.

**Short Term Rental Issues:** The Board discussed the recent concerns/complaints from residents of noise from rental homes...also referred to as "party houses". They noted that Palmyra/Pike Township is experiencing the same problem and are presently working on an ordinance to gain control over it. The supervisors will keep in touch with Palmyra Township to see how they make out. Supervisor Oakley asked if it is alright to contact realtors asking them to do careful screenings of potential renters. Solicitor Ron Bugaj commented it was a good idea. All agreed that the biggest hurdle would be enforcing an ordinance without a local police force.

**Fire Department Log:** There were 10 calls during the month of May, 2014.

**Ambulance Log:** There were 39 calls made during the month of May 2014.

**Correspondence:** Supervisor Bruce Chandler read all incoming correspondence. One of particular concern was a letter from a local Brownie troop expressing their thoughts as to the safety of a slide in the playground at the recreation park. Because it is a liability concern, Solicitor Bugaj recommended contacting the Township's insurance company and ask for their opinion. Tom Oakley stated that we have contacted the installers of the playground equipment and they responded by saying they forwarded our letter to the manufacturer. He also noted that a letter was sent to Brownie Troop 50515 thanking them for their concerns and that we will update them when we receive a response from the manufacturer.

**Public Comment:**

- Question: "What was your decision to choose David Sutor Painters based on? Tom Oakley responded.
- A question was raised about whether there were other complaints on the slide at the park.
- Frank Williams raised some maintenance issues with the bell in the tower of the Hemlock Hollow School. The supervisors will look into it.

Having no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32pm by Chairperson Bruce Chandler.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Diana Stromberg/Secretary