

Paupack Township Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes of June 13, 2024

The Paupack Township Board of Supervisors conducted their monthly meeting on Thursday, June 13, 2024 at the Township Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chairperson Bruce Chandler, who led the audience with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following Township Officials were present at the meeting

Bruce Chandler, Chairperson Jim Martin, Vice Chairperson/Supervisor
Robert Boogertman, Supervisor
Ronald Bugaj, Solicitor Maureen Camasta, Secretary/Treasurer

The following members of the public were present at the meeting

Frank Williams, Natasha Harmuth, Jean Corey, Melanie Stockwell, Ryan Lupero, Jessica Williamson,
Joel Adamski, Kathleen Higgins Lee, George Ammerman, Sel Edor, Jim Echard

The meeting minutes for the May 9, 2024 Board of Supervisors meeting were presented. Robert Boogertman made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Jim Martin. Motion carried 3-0.

The Treasurers Report was presented. A motion was made by Jim Martin to accept the Treasurers Report as presented, seconded by Robert Boogertman. Motion carried 3-0.

The bills totaling **\$197,683.15** from May 10, 2024 through June 13, 2024 were presented. Following a review, a motion was made by Jim Martin, seconded by Robert Boogertman to accept the bills as presented, and pay same. Motion carried 3-0.

Fire Company Log for April

Available at the front table

Ambulance Log for April

Available at the front table

Building & Zoning Log

See Agenda

Conditional Use Applications:

Kuhnsman Conditional Use Hearing: A motion was made by Bruce Chandler to set a date for a Conditional Use Hearing date and time for the Kuhnsman Conditional Use Hearing for July 11, 2024 @ 5:30 pm, Jim Martin seconded the motion. This is an application to operate a Short-Term Rental in Paupack Township, Wayne County. Motion carried 3-0.

Lupero Conditional Use Hearing: A motion was made by Jim Martin to set a date for a Conditional Use Hearing date and time for the Lupero Conditional Use Hearing for July 11, 2024 @ 6:00 pm, Robert Boogertman seconded the motion. This is an application to add Recreational Vehicle(RV) storage to his existing business. Motion carried 3-0.

Correspondence:

Letter from Wayne Conservation District dated May 14, 2024 RE: General Permit(GP) Acknowledgment Notification GP026400224-406-Bridgitte Reifler- A small dock 25' wide in Paupackan Lake, at 128 Sheridan Road Hawley, PA Paupack Township, Wayne County.

Old Business

Ambulance Update: Robert Boogertman reported all is good, in operation in three Municipalities. Currently Pursuing a grant, to subsidies funding.

Short Term Rental Ordinance Update: Jim Martin stated that the Township has received 75 Applications and 67 Permits have been issued. We are pass the 90-day window for applications. One-Cease-and-Desist Letter mailed out and Applicant contacted STR Compliance Officer. Two formal complaints same as last month, property owners have every intention of being in compliance.

Adamski Condemnation: Paupack Township is still in Litigation concerning this property. Rescheduled preliminary objections on both parties.

Smith & Miller Conditional Use Decision – A motion to approval the Conditional Use Application as submitted by Gunnar Smith and Bethany Miller Tax Map 19-0-0013-0101(15 Hawleywood Road Hawley, PA 18428), was made by Jim Martin and seconded by Robert Boogertman subject to the conditions as contained within the written decision. Motion carried 3-0. A copy of the written decision will be mailed to the owners of the property. A copy of the written decision will also be provided to the Paupack Township STR Compliance Officer and the Paupack Township Zoning Officer.

New Business

Jim Martin made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-43 Resolution to submit a grant for a proposed new Ambulance in the amount of \$195,196.00 from the Department of Community and Economic Development(DCED), seconded by Robert Boogertman. Motion carried 3-0.

Jim Martin made a motion Paupack Township is not interested in assuming responsibility for the ongoing maintenance of a proposed traffic light to be installed at the intersection of PA Route 590 and the Owego Turnpike (State Route 308). The motion was seconded by Robert Boogertman. Motion carried 3-0. A letter stating the Township's position will be sent to the Engineering firm working on the Project for the Commonwealth.

Bruce Chandler made a motion to authorize the preparation and submission of a 2024 Statewide LSA Grant to secure funds to purchase a new Township Truck to replace Truck which will be 10 years old. The Township looks to replace Trucks every 10 years, seconded by Robert Boogertman. Motion carried 3-0.

Jim Martin made a motion to establish a Public Hearing date to be Wednesday July 17, 2024 @ 5:30 pm and adoption date of Thursday July 25, 2024 @ 6:30 pm for proposed amendments to the Paupack Township, Wayne County Short Term Rental Ordinance, seconded by Bruce Chandler. Motion carried 3-0.

On Paupack Township's Website under section Public Information has been updated with information on Radon & Home Water Testing.

The Lakeville Food Pantry will be held as a drive-thru in the Township parking lot on Thursday, June 27, 2024 10am–1pm. Lakeville Community Luncheon will be served at Lakeville Fire Company @10:30am.

Public Comment

Ryan Lupero and Jessica Williamson spoke about the current violation notice issued by Rolin Edwards, Zoning Officer of Paupack Township, and stated that the use of the land is for storage and therefore do not believe there is a violation. The Board and Solicitor suggested that both Mr. Lupero and Ms. Williamson review their concerns with the Zoning Officer. Ron Bugaj stated that the Planning Commission noted that after a review of their Conditional Use Application they would provide a recommendation to the Supervisors, but any existing violations need to be resolved.

Melanie Stockwell inquired about the process of Short Term Rental permit, advertise for a rental unit and not have been issued a permit from the Township.

Introduction from James Echard, President and Sel Edor, BAI Group, Civil Environmental & Geological Consultants out of State College to introduce a Solar Field Project and requested clarification on what the Township application process should be, a Conditional Use Application or Special Exception. The applicants answered a number of questions from the Board of Supervisors and members of the public who were present at the meeting.

Adjournment

Bruce Chandler asked if there was anything else to come before the Board. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Camasta, Secretary/Treasurer