

# Paupack Township Board of Supervisors

## Meeting Minutes

August 14, 2014

The Paupack Township Board of Supervisors conducted their monthly meeting on Thursday, August 14, 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  
Melanie Stockwel  
Marilyn Barger

Karen Lutz  
Paul Creteau  
Frank Barger

Dave Rupp  
Steve Rabel  
Dave Miller

Pat McWade  
Karl Hennings  
Daniel Braun

Kathleen Higgins-Lee  
Edward Harsch

Chairperson Bruce Chandler opened the meeting by asking all present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of the July 10, 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 \$66,850.07, were presented. Following a review, Leigh Gilbert made a motion to accept the bills as presented, and pay same, July 11, 2014 to August 14, 2014. Bruce Chandler seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0. A list of the bills is on file.

**Reineke Subdivision; (2014-9)** This land subdivision is located at the intersection of TR398 (Pennell Road) and TR365 (Maines Road) in Paupack Township. Surveyor Ed Harsch presented maps. A motion was made by Tom Oakley to approve this lot subdivision seconded by Leigh Gilbert contingent upon the maps being redone to show 50 foot width on township roads TR398 and TR365. The maps should also include separate signature boxes for the Township Planning Commission and Township Board of Supervisors. The motion carried 3-0.

**Hoefling Subdivision; (2014-8)** This land subdivision/lot consolidation is located on Oak Terrace in Wallenpaupack Lake Estates development in Paupack Township. Karl Hennings presented new maps with changes recommended by the Township Planning Commission. All conditions were met. The deed was drawn and submitted to the township secretary. A motion was made by Leigh Gilbert seconded by Tom Oakley to recommend approval of this subdivision. The motion carried 3-0.

**Recreation Park Update:** Tom Oakley gave an update of the work being done at the park. The walking trails are completed. The basketball courts are paved and need line painting. The tennis courts first coat of color application should be completed this week. Supervisor Oakley also discussed the problem of goose droppings along the walking trail around the pond. After doing some research and speaking with Palmyra Township Pike, who is also experiencing the same problem, a goose deterrent light would be effective and hopefully solve the problem. A motion was made by Bruce Chandler seconded by Tom Oakley to purchase the light. The motion carried 3-0.

**Municipal Complex Project Update:** The Township engineer has submitted the plans for the proposed salt shed and pole barn. It has been advertised in two newspapers within the required time period. Bid opening will take place at the Supervisors second regularly scheduled meeting on August 28, 2014 at 7:30pm.

**Line Painting:** The line painting of township roads is completed.

**Sign Update:** The new sign is scheduled for delivery on Tuesday or Wednesday of next week.

**Chicken BBQ:** The annual Chicken BBQ at the Lakeville Firehouse is August 23, 2014. Tickets are available for purchase at the township building.

**Building & Zoning Updates:** Supervisor Leigh Gilbert gave an update. There were 14 permit applications for the month of July, 2014.

**Township Fall Clean Up:** The date for the Fall Clean Up is September 20, 2014 from 8:00 am to noon.

**Fire Department Log:** There were 9 calls during the month of July, 2014.

**Ambulance Log:** There were 37 calls made during the month of July 2014.

**Correspondence:** Supervisor Bruce Chandler read all incoming correspondence.

**Property Maintenance Issues:** Chairperson Chandler opened the floor for public comment.

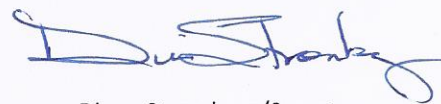
1. Paul Creteau, vice president of Woodlyn Hills Association, discussed an ongoing problem with a resident's septic system. He explained that there has been leakage and several residents living below the property can smell a septic odor. Creteau noted that there is much concern due to the fact that the property is on the shoreline of the lake. Some residents have notice sudsing in the lake waters below the property and there are concerns of coliform bacteria. The house has increased activity on weekends and the odor and leakage is more apparent on Sundays and Mondays. Both the supervisors and the township SEO have gone out to the site on numerous occasions and have not found any sign of septic failure. The owner of the home has tried to remedy the situation by adding dirt and wood chips onto the affected area. SEO Chris Martin will continue to monitor the property on random days.
2. A zoning violation issue continues with a resident of Paradise Point for an improperly placed shed and failure to obtain zoning approval for the shed. A violation letter was sent to the resident by the township zoning office. The resident responded with a call to the township and threatening accusations were made. State Police were notified but stated that no criminal act was committed. Supervisor Oakley notified the neighbors. Solicitor Bugaj stated that when the abated time to comply is up, appropriate judicial actions will be taken. Several people in attendance voiced their feelings. Because of the threats made, Bugaj stated that everyone "should be on their toes". All supervisors agreed that they will stay on top of it.
3. Numerous calls have come in to the township regarding chickens roaming off a resident's property and on to Hoadleys Road. The property owner has been notified numerous times and conversations with township officials have been unsuccessful. The fencing around the property is inadequate and the owner states it is costly to fix. The township zoning officer has sent a violation notice and an appropriate amount of time has been given to comply. If nothing is done, additional action will be taken.

Chairperson Chandler asked if there was any new business to address.

- A new entrance door has been installed at the township building due to the existing one being damaged. The door includes safety glass and stronger locks. Another door is set to be installed in the garage bay so that the overhead door isn't opened as much during the winter season.

Having no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21pm by Chairperson Bruce Chandler.

Respectfully Submitted,



Diana Stromberg/Secretary