

Paupack Township Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes of September 10, 2020

The Paupack Township Board of Supervisors conducted their monthly meeting on Thursday, September 10, 2020 at the Township Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chairperson Bruce Chandler.

The following Township Officials were present at the meeting

Bruce Chandler, Chairman Jim Martin, Vice Chairperson/Supervisor
Robert Boogertman, Supervisor Ronald Bugaj, Solicitor Cheryl Scartelli, Secretary/Treasurer

The following members of the public were present at the meeting

Katie Collins Dom Baudille Janice Arbeeny Debbie Friese Susan Marks Christine Trotta Bell
Judith Maneval Susan Fisher Will Clauss Beth Derrick Gary Flood Kathy Merring
Melanie Stockwell George Canova Jack Cullen Carol Sturm Tom Nikles

Chairman Bruce Chandler opened the meeting by asking all present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting minutes for the August 13, 2020 Crouthamel Conditional Use Hearing and the August 13, 2020 Board of Supervisors were presented. Jim Martin made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Robert Boogertman. The 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. The motion carried 3-0.

The bills totaling \$40,974.24 from August 14, 2020 through September 10, 2020 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. The motion carried 3-0.

Fire Company Log for August

Did not receive

Ambulance Log for August

Available at the front table

Building & Zoning Log for August

See Agenda

Roadmasters Log

Available at the front table

Fernicola Lot Consolidation 2020-9: Located along Woodland Drive (a private road) within the Woodland Hills Development in Paupack Township. Lot #78 (0.50 acres) as an addition to Lot #79 (0.50 acres) to form Lot 78R of 1.00 acres. The County Planning letter of August 26, 2020 was reviewed, and Gary Flood was present to discuss the revised maps. Gary Flood said the new maps address the County comments. Ron Bugaj said he received the new deed and it is now acceptable. Jim Martin made a motion to accept this lot consolidation, seconded by Robert Boogertman. The motion carried 3-0.

Old Business

Update on the Gomes Case: Ron Bugaj said this has been a long standing matter. He said Gomes entered into an agreement with the Township to have the building moved by September 1, 2020. This date has passed and it has not been moved. Ron said he discussed the matter with Gomes's attorney and he received a new letter from Gomes's attorney. The letter indicates that they had difficulty obtaining a mason because of COVID and had difficulty getting permits. He said they got permits now and expect the building to be moved by the end of September. He said they know they are in violation and they want to negotiate the fine. Ron said the Township is not in a position to negotiate the fine and if it is not moved by September 30, 2020 there may be a new fine. Jim Martin suggested that they will talk about the penalty at the end of September or when the building has been moved. The Board of Supervisors were in agreement with that direction and requested that Attorney Bugaj communicate that to Attorney Waldron.

Correspondence

Bruce Chandler reported that the Township received a letter from Pa Department of Transportation Re: Estimated Liquid Fuels (Act 655) allocation for 2021 is \$111,998.42. He said this amount is down compared to 2020 which was \$121,795.21.

Bruce Chandler reported that the Township received a letter from Wayne Conservation District dated August 26, 2020 re: Grant Application Period for Wayne County Dirt Gravel and Low Volume Road Program for fiscal year 2020/2021. Bruce said the Township does not qualify for this.

Bruce Chandler reported that the Township received a letter from PA Department of Transportation Re: Act 2 Statewide Health Standard Final Report 311 Hickory Drive Property A.K.A Francis Property.

Bruce Chandler reported that the Township received two Letters from Wayne Conservation District dated August 10, 2020 Re: General Permit (GP) Acknowledgment Notification 45 East Shore Drive Dock, permit #GP026400220-424, Paupack Township, Wayne County, Pa.

Bruce Chandler reported that the Township received a letter from Entech Engineering dated August 25, 2020 Re: AQUA Pennsylvania, Inc. Paupack Water System Shore Drive Main Replacement Phase IV, Paupack Township, Wayne County, Pa.

New Business

Bruce Chandler reported that the Board of Supervisors have Proposed Zoning Amendments for approval. Jim Martin said we did get a letter from the County with no comments and feedback from the Paupack Township Planning Commission. In addition, there was a public hearing where the proposed amendments were discussed. Jim Martin made a motion to adopt the Zoning Amendments, seconded Robert Boogertman. The motion carried 3-0.

Bruce Chandler made a motion to grant permission to the Wayne County Bureau of Elections to use Paupack Township as a polling place on November 3, 2020, seconded by Jim Martin. The motion carried 3-0.

Robert Boogertman made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-037, to authorize the submission of a 2020 Monroe County LSA grant application to support the addition and renovation to the existing Township building and the purchase and construction of a new salt shed, seconded by Jim Martin. The motion carried 3-0.

Bruce Chandler made a motion to authorize Attorney Bugaj to work with the solicitors for Palmyra Township, Wayne County and Hawley Borough, Wayne County to draft an agreement to create an authority for the provision of ambulance services within the three municipalities, seconded by Robert Boogertman. The motion carried 3-0.

Township Fall Cleanup will be on Saturday, September 19, 2020 from 8:00 till noon. Bruce Chandler said no hazmat.

The Lakeville Food Pantry will be held as a drive-thru in the Township parking lot on Thursday, September 24, 2020

Public Comment

Jack Cullen asked if there will discussion on short-term rentals.

Bruce Chandler said that the Township does not have a Facebook page and he said someone put a lot of garbage on Facebook about the short-term rentals in Paupack Township. He said the Planning Commission is working on updating the Zoning Ordinance which may contain regulations related to this topic. He said there is a legal procedure to go through first.

Ron Bugaj said the Planning Commission has been extensively working on re-vamping the Zoning Ordinance. They have spent the last year and a half to revise the ordinance. He said the Township is not ready to consider a short-term rental ordinance but said that doesn't mean it won't happen in the future. He added that this will have to be done by a public hearing.

Phillip (could not hear the last name) asked if short-term rentals are allowed now. Ron Bugaj said it is a difficult question because the zoning districts allow for certain functions to take place, such as permitted uses, conditional uses and special exceptions. He said you have to look at the specific zone you are in to determine if a short-term rental might be considered either a commercial venture or something else.

Christine Trotta Bell asked about commercial zoning. Ron said the Township has a zoning map on the wall and our ordinance book spells out what can be done with these principal permitted uses, conditional uses, special exceptions and what is prohibited by the Zoning Ordinance.

Ron added that to his knowledge the Township never issued a zoning violation for operating a short-term rental.

Sue Fisher asked if short-term rentals pay taxes. Ron said there is no short-term rental restriction in the Township. He said there is a Hotel Occupancy tax in the County which may be required to be paid by the owner. He added we do not enforce property owner restrictions, we only enforce zoning.

Christine Trotta Bell asked where to go to file a complaint if not the Township. Ron Bugaj said your property owners association or the State Police.

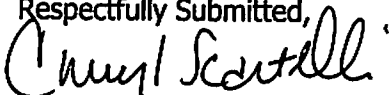
Melanie Stockwell asked if it is zoned residential can the Township go after the homeowner. Ron said not necessarily because there are different forms of residential zoning. He said you have to look at the specific zoning use tables within the Township Zoning Ordinance. Melanie added that the Supreme Court made the Slice of Life Act.

Janice Arbeeney, Board Member from Sandy Shore Development said they are looking to change the by-laws.

Adjournment

Bruce Chandler asked if there was anything else to come before the Board. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cheryl Scartelli, Secretary/Treasurer