

Paupack Township Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes of October 10, 2019

The Paupack Township Board of Supervisors conducted their monthly meeting on Thursday, October 10, 2019 at the Township Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Supervisor Jim Martin.

The following Township Officials were present at the meeting

Jim Martin, Supervisor Leigh Gilbert, Supervisor Ronald Bugaj, Solicitor
Cheryl Scartelli, Asst. Secretary/Treasurer

The following members of the public were present at the meeting

Katie Collins George Ammerman Karen Lutz

Supervisor Jim Martin opened the meeting by asking all present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting minutes for the September 12, 2019 Board of Supervisors were presented. Leigh Gilbert made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Jim Martin. The motion carried 2 – 0.

The meeting minutes for the September 26, 2019 2nd Board of Supervisors were presented. Leigh Gilbert made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Jim Martin. The motion carried 2 – 0.

The meeting minutes for the September 12, 2019 Conditional Use Hearing for Douglas Klosterman were presented. Jim Martin made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Leigh Gilbert. The motion carried 2 – 0.

The Treasurers Report and the bills totaling \$108,199.11 from September 13, 2019 through October 10, 2019 were presented. Following a review, a motion was made by Leigh Gilbert, and seconded by Jim Martin to accept the bills as presented, and pay same. The motion carried 2 – 0.

Fire Company Log for September

See agenda

Ambulance Log for September

The ambulance call log is available at the front table.

Building & Zoning Log for September

See Agenda

Roadmasters Log

The Roadmasters Log is available at the front table.

Klosterman Conditional Use: Jim Martin stated that this has been formalized, accepted and processed and sent out to the applicant.

Correspondence

Jim Martin stated that we received a letter from Crawford Environmental Services dated September 11, 2019. The letter is a Notice of Intent to Remediate (NIR) and Notice of Final Report.

Jim Martin stated that we received a letter from DEP dated September 24, 2019 regarding Receipt of Notice of Intent to Remediate, Dominguez residence.

Old Business

Jim Martin stated we got a judgment in the amount of \$1,674.75 for Christopher Barnes. Ron Bugaj stated he was supposed to pay it and has not paid it. Ron said he spoke with Barnes' lawyer and promised to get half of the money by next week. Ron said he doesn't recommend any further legal action right now because the amount doesn't really justify it. Ron said we will address it at the next meeting if we do not receive the money. Jim Martin made a motion to table this till next meeting, seconded by Leigh Gilbert. The motion carried 2-0.

Jim Martin said we have a pickup that we have been trying to sell and we put it on Municibid. He said this is the second time on Municibid.

New Business

Jim Martin stated that Rex Brand completed the tree work on Peifer Road.

Jim Martin said we had a conversation regarding application fees for Conditional Use Applications. He said we have a standard fee for applications and that fee is collected by the Township to cover any cost we incur related to that action. He said there will be no refund on that fee. He said should the cost exceed that application fee and their valid expenses related to Act 247 then we will bill the applicant for anything above that.

Jim Martin said surveyor Gary Flood is requesting the Township to draft a letter to Wayne County 911 regarding naming a new 1000 foot driveway on the Henderson/Bellucci property, Golden Eagle Drive. Ron Bugaj said we do not even have this subdivision for the 2 acres. Ron said we have the subdivision for the lot combination. He said we should not name a driveway until we get the subdivision and if approved then we can give it a name. Ron Bugaj told Cheryl Scartelli that she should advise Gary that he should name the driveway that way on the map and bring the map in for the township to approve. He said we want the map to contort with whatever the County has.

Jim Martin said on October 22, 2019 we have our Quickbooks advisor coming to assist us with setting up a credit card account. Jim said we will be accepting credit and debit cards in the near future.

Jim Martin said The Lakeville Food Pantry will be on Thursday, October 24, 2019. There will be lunch served at the Fire Company, all are welcome.

Ron Bugaj spoke about the Gomes matter. He said this is a situation involving an individual who got a permit to put a house up and then put the house up in violation of the setbacks and over the property line of the adjacent property owner. Ron said that Rolin Edwards went to see and talk to them and Gomes promised to fix it but nothing was done. Ron said that Rolin cited him for a Zoning Violation. Ron said they went to a hearing in August before the District Magistrate Carney and at that time the township and the violator entered into an agreement with the violator's lawyer to agree to have the dwelling that is over the line moved. Ron said it was going to have to be moved within the setbacks of the township and that Gomes agreed to do this by October 1, 2019. Ron added that October 1st happened and the violator didn't do anything.

Ron said he received a letter from the violator's lawyer. Gomes was attempting to purchase additional land from the property owner next door but they were not able to do it. He said they finally reached an agreement with another property owner and they are going to sign the documents to acquire an additional piece of property. He said they have agreed to move the building garage and that Kiley Associates will mark the setback lines and place the garage on the new lot. Ron said it is the garage that is in violation. Ron added that the Ordinance provides for a penalty of up to \$250 per day. Ron said the violator promises to have the building moved no later than October 31, 2019 and he wants to talk about a per diem fine.

Ron said we should assess him a penalty of \$100.00 a day and if it is 30 days that will be \$3000.00. He said he thinks this is a fair and reasonable fine for him to pay and beyond that the fine will go up. Ron's recommendation is for the Township to authorize Ron to contact the violator's attorney and say the Township will give the violator up to October 31, 2019 and that he will be billed \$100.00 a day. He added if he doesn't agree with this immediately then we will have to go back to court and if it is after October 31, 2019 then it is assessed up to \$250.00 a day. Leigh Gilbert made a motion to authorize Ron Bugaj to follow through with this proposal, seconded by Jim Martin. The motion carried 2-0.

Public Comments

Katie Collins asked Ron Bugaj what he referred to that as. Ron said the violator's name is Gomes and that it is a Zoning Violation for a property that was constructed on someone else's property. Ron said this is a home next to a community.

Katie Collins asked what the Christopher Barnes judgment was about. Ron Bugaj said he was burning giant piles on his property. He said he was warned and he was cited for that. Jim Martin asked if the next action would be at the Magistrate's level and Ron said it goes to Wayne County Court. He said he can be in contempt of court.

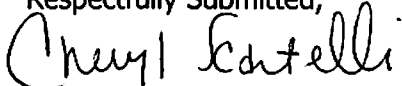
Karen Lutz asked where the Barnes' property is located and Leigh Gilbert said it is at the old Finally Rich's.

Katie Collins asked where Gomes is located and Ron said Lakeland Colony.

Adjournment

Supervisor Jim Martin asked if there was anything else to come before the Board. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cheryl Scartelli, Asst. Secretary