

**Paupack Township  
Board of Supervisors**

**Meeting Minutes  
October 13, 2011**

The Paupack Township Board of Supervisors conducted their monthly meeting on Thursday, October 13, 2011 at the Paupack Township Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Supervisor Tom Oakley.

The following Township Officials were present at the meeting:

Tom Oakley, Supervisor  
Leigh Gilbert, Supervisor

Ron Bugaj, Solicitor

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

Steve Rabel  
Gary Kulp

John Barnett  
Ken Kestel

Bob Kiley  
Jim Martin

Supervisor Tom Oakley opened the meeting by asking all present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes for the September 8, 2011 meeting were presented. Following a review, Leigh Gilbert made a motion to accept the minutes. It was seconded by Tom Oakley. All voted yes to accept the minutes as presented.

The bills were presented. Following a review, Leigh Gilbert made a motion to accept the bills as presented, and pay same, dated September 9, 2011 – October 13, 2011. Tom Oakley seconded the motion. All voted yes to accept and pay the bills as presented.

The Treasurer's Report was presented. Leigh Gilbert made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted, seconded by Tom Oakley. All voted yes to accept the Treasurer's Report.

**Subdivision 2011-06, Keefe/Storck:** A motion was made by Leigh Gilbert to approve. Tom Oakley seconded the motion. All voted to approve.

**Subdivision 2011-07, Elgart:** The application was verbally withdrawn by the applicant's surveyor, Bill Schoenagel. The township has accepted the request and the submission is officially withdrawn.

**Budget Workshop:** A budget workshop is scheduled for October 27, 2011 at 2:30pm and will be advertised in the local newspaper.

**YTD Budget Review:** Current year to date revenues are one million, one hundred thousand dollars. Current year to date expenses are seven hundred and eighty four thousand, one hundred ninety six dollars. Mr. Oakley states the budget is a work in progress.

**Update on Former Secretary Joann Kelley:**

- (1) Sentencing is scheduled for November 17, 2011 at 9:30am. She has pled guilty and agreed to make restitution. Solicitor Ron Bugaj discussed in detail the sentencing matrix and the importance of the pre-sentencing investigation. He also stressed that a strong presence by township residents is very important and highly suggested.
- (2) Supervisor Tom Oakley announced that restitution has been received in full from the bonding company in the amount of \$78,352.03. This amount was verified by the accountants and signed by the district attorney. Ms. Kelley has agreed to also repay the township for CPA costs associated with the investigation. The legal fees cannot be recovered.

**Building and Zoning Update:** Leigh Gilbert gave an update on the Building and Zoning Permits that have been applied for in the month of September.

**Ordinance 2011-52; Penalties for False Alarms:** A motion to approve was made by Leigh Gilbert. Motion was seconded by Tom Oakley. All voted to pass the ordinance.

**Update on Plow Truck Replacement:** The amount of \$25,000 from the sale of the old plow truck was applied to the principal of the loan on the new plow truck to decrease the length of the loan.

**Use of Municipal Building:** A motion was made by Tom Oakley for the municipal building to be used for Election Day, November 8, 2011. Motion seconded by Leigh Gilbert. All voted in favor.

**Big Bear Update:** Solicitor Ron Bugaj stated that the company has undertaken the project with a mortgage which solidifies the financial security the township needed. Tom Oakley confirmed they are working on the piping for about a month and are making good progress. Chris Martin continues to check on things several times a week.

**Seasonal Cabins:** Solicitor Ron Bugaj gave a detailed explanation of the "Indian Rocks" recreational cabin case that went before the Supreme Court. Mr. Bugaj stressed that winning the case was an important step in clarifying recreational cabin guidelines for associations and townships.

**Mail Correspondence:** All incoming mail correspondence was presented by Tom Oakley.

**Pole Barn:** Tom Oakley has spoken to several companies with the average range coming in at \$33,000-\$35,000. Supervisors are still pursuing.

**Inquiries into Electric Prices:** The township has locked in an electric generation rate of 8.3 cents per unit for two years through Direct Energy.

**Fire Relief Check:** The Fire Relief check in the amount of \$107,772.08 has been received and deposited in the general fund and will be distributed to the Fire Department within the next several days. The residual fire tax monies of approximately \$12,000 will also be distributed at that time.

**Tree Donation:** The township wishes to thank New Wave for the new trees donated and planted at the recreation park.


**Proposed PPL Power Line:** The route has been selected with a substation being placed in Paupack Township. Paperwork and maps are available to view here at the municipal building. Several public meeting dates are scheduled.

**Food Pantry:** The Food Pantry will be held Thursday, October 27, 2011 from 11:00AM-2:00PM.

Tom Oakley opened the floor for public comment. There was no public comment.

Supervisor Tom Oakley asked if there was anything further to come before the Board. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Diana Stromberg/ Secretary