

**Paupack Township
Board of Supervisors**

**Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2011**

The Paupack Township Board of Supervisors conducted their monthly meeting on Thursday, December 8, 2011 at the Paupack Township Municipal Building, Lakeville, Pennsylvania. 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

Ronald Bugaj, Solicitor

Thomas Oakley, Supervisor

Leigh Gilbert, Supervisor

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

James Martin

Brian Utegg

Erin Thiele

Gary Kulp

Chairperson Bruce Chandler opened the meeting by asking all present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting minutes from November 10, 2011 were presented, following a review, Tom Oakley made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Bruce Chandler. All voted yes to accept the minutes.

The bills were presented. Following a review, Tom Oakley made a motion to accept the bills, and pay same, seconded by Leigh Gilbert. All voted yes to accept and pay the bills as presented.

The Treasurers Report was presented. Tom Oakley made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted

Seconded by Bruce Chandler. All voted yes to accept the Treasurers Report as submitted.

Chairperson Bruce Chandler announced that reorganization for 2012 will be held for the Township Supervisors on January 3, 2012 at 3:00 P.M., for the Township Auditors on January 3, 2012 at 2:00 P.M... And for the Planning Commission January 5, 2012 at 7:30 P.M. It was noted that there are vacancies on the Planning Commission Board, and the Zoning Hearing Board. Interested parties should contact the office at 226-3115.

Silver Spring Estates Subdivision:

Attorney Bugaj expressed concerns regarding this subdivision. On the map that was submitted it shows a parcel of land designated as 43R sitting in the middle of the plot which is not part of the

subdivided land. Also mentioned concerns regarding the deed. Tom Oakley brought up issues with access. Attorney Bugaj will forward to the Township a letter offering options, which should take place before the next Planning Commission Meeting.

Update on the former Township Secretary:

At this time there is no further information regarding this situation.

Building and Zoning:

Leigh Gilbert gave a run down on the permits to date.

Simmons Property:

This is a property maintenance issue. Prior to the meeting Supervisor Tom Oakley did an inspection of the property in question, and found the issue relating to property maintenance to be satisfied. There is a second issue involved with this property, and is that a C.O. has not been issued for this project. A motion was made by Bruce Chandler to have Attorney Bugaj pursue this issue, since it started before BIU began handling Code Enforcement in Paupack Township. Seconded by Tom Oakley. All voted to yes to having Attorney Bugaj pursue this issue.

Food Pantry:

Food Pantry Distribution will be on December 22, 2011 – 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

The Township Budget for 2012:

A brief explanation was given by Bruce Chandler. Tom Oakley made a motion to approve the 2012 balanced budget, noting that there will not be any increases in taxes for 2012.

Wangaum Road Bridge:

The county has lowered the weight limit on the bridge leaving the Township the inability to plow snow. With assistance from the Wayne County Commissioner's the Township was able to cut a deal with a resident in the Wangaum area to take care of plowing the bridge.

Correspondence:

Bruce Chandler offered explanations regarding Insurance on the Township's Bank Account. HNB covers the amount above that of the FDIC. Currently set at four (4) million dollars. Attorney Bugaj approved of the coverage.

False Alarm Ordinance:

Tom Oakley explained how the ordinance will work, stating that the first three (3) false alarms are free, (so to speak) with the fourth (4th) false alarm being accessed a fine of \$300.00. Attorney Bugaj suggested that a letter be sent following the third (3rd) false alarm with a warning that the next false alarmed received will incur a fine.

Resolution 2011-53:

Bruce Chandler explained Act 32, "Earned Income Tax". Bruce Chandler stated that Paupack Township will not adopt the "Earned Income Tax". Bruce Chandler made a motion to accept the Resolution 2011-53, seconded by Tom Oakley. All voted to accept Resolution 2011-53.

Public Comments:

Volunteers from Hawley Ambulance were present to offer an update to the Ambulance coverage in this area. Bruce Chandler and Tom Oakley commented on the different services available. Bruce Chandler suggested that we need to do a little more research on the matter, therefore the issues were tabled.

Leigh Gilbert mentioned that Woodlyn Materials had originally gone through a hearing based on the owner of the company stating he was preparing the ground for the future Woodlyn Materials Home. Leigh mentioned that there is a for sale sign on the property, and the Township should request a letter from Woodlyn Materials stating their intentions. The Supervisors agreed to look into the issue.

Bruce Chandler asked if there was anything further to come before the Board. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Leigh Gilbert, Assistant Secretary