

Paupack Township Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes April 14, 2011

The Paupack Township Board of Supervisors conducted their monthly meeting on Thursday April 14, 2011 at The Paupack Township Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order at 7:33 P.M. by Mr. Bruce Chandler, Chairperson Board of Supervisors.

The following Township Officials were present at the meeting:

Mr. Bruce Chandler, Chairperson
Mr. Leigh Gilbert, Supervisor

Mr. Thomas Oakley, Supervisor
Mr. Ronald Bugaj, Solicitor

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

Mr. Steve Rabel
Mrs. Janice Oakley
Mr. Glenn Hoffmann
Ms. Anna Ammerman
Mr. Jack Gourley
Mrs. Ellen Dwyar
Mr. Thomas Treat
Mrs. Alexandra Graham
Mr. Al Grabow
Mr. Chuck Givler
Mrs. Mildred Schmidt
Mr. Charles Dunn, Jr.
Mrs. Rita Tomlinson
Mr. Tom Holprin
Mrs. Nana Holprin

Mrs. Elaine Rabel
Mrs. Alice Marz
Mrs. Jean Corey
Mrs. Ruth Herman
Mr. Pete Dwyar
Mrs. Joann Gourley
Mr. John Cullen
Mr. Stewart Gray
Mr. Anthony Magnotta, Esq
Mrs. Karen Dunn
Mr. Kevin Treavor
Mr. Barry Novack
Mr. William Tomlinson
Ms. Janine Edwards

Mr. Chandler opened the meeting by asking all present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes for the March 10, 2011 meeting were presented, following a review Mr. Thomas Oakley made a motion to accept the minutes, and Mr. Chandler seconded the motion, all voted yes to accept the minutes as presented.

The bills were presented. Following a review Mr. Leigh Gilbert made a motion to accept the bills as presented dated March 10, 2011 to April 15, 2011, seconded by Mr. Bruce Chandler. All voted yes to accept the bills.

The treasurer's report was submitted. Mr. Thomas Oakley made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report as submitted, seconded by Mr. Leigh Gilbert. All voted yes to accept.

New Wave in Recreation, LLC:

Mr. Anthony Magnotta, representing New Wave addressed the board regarding the planting of trees – one of the conditions – stated all trees will be planted within one (1) year. It was stated by Mr. Magnotta that all the conditions have been met (conditions stated March 7, 2011). Mr. Chandler asked for a new letter signed by both the land owner and the new applicant. Mr. Thomas Oakley made a motion to accept the conditions as stated, seconded by Mr. Leigh Gilbert. All voted yes to accept.

Paupacken Lake Estates:

Mr. Anthony Magnotta representing Paupacken Lake Estates presented details of a project on the dam, where the spillway is in need of repair. A new design is called for. Doctor Divler is working with the DEP on a new design. It was proposed that a temporary roadway would be constructed around the existing spillway to handle vehicular traffic during construction. Mr. Chandler stated that a temporary roadway had been constructed through Secluded Acres Campground. There is a possibility that this roadway may be used. Currently plans have not been filed. When plans are filed they will have to go to the Townships Engineer.

Brian Kelly & Associates, CPA's:

A final report was received from our CPA's regarding the investigation into irregularities of the Township's Secretary. Mr. Chandler made a motion to accept the final report, seconded by Mr. Gilbert. All voted yes to accept the report.

Big Bear Campground:

There currently isn't any new information on the progress at Big Bear. Mr. Chandler offered a brief explanation. Attorney Bugaj stated he will be in touch with Attorney Farley (counsel for Big Bear) in the near future.

Other Business:

Mr. Chandler announced that the Township Building will be closed from April 18, 2011 to April 20, 2011. Code enforcement will be on hand on April 18, 2011 & April 20, 2011 from 7:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.

Mr. Chandler announced there will be an extra meeting on April 28, 2011 at 7:30 P.M. to make a final decision on hiring a new Secretary/Treasurer, along with any business that may come before the Board.

Mr. Chandler announced that the Food Pantry Distribution will be on April 28, 2011 from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Mr. Chandler announced that May 17, 2011 the Township Building will be used for the Primary Election.

Mr. Chandler announced that Spring Clean Up Day will be June 4, 2011.

Mr. Chandler announced that Wallenpaupack Lake Estates will be having a meet the candidate night on April 15, 2011.

Mr. Chandler went through the correspondence that had been received, but required no further action.

Mr. Chandler opened the floor for public comments, and is as follows:

- A complaint was received regarding a trashed house at 120 Tiffany, Paupacken Lake Estates. Mr. Chandler stated he would investigate.
- Mr. Chandler explained property maintenance procedures – litter issues – recycling – etc. Mr. Thomas Oakley contributed to the explanation.
- Mr. Steven Rabel – once again – complained about the Road Master’s Report, followed once again with complaints about the Townships Web-site.

Ms. Janine Edwards introduced herself. Ms. Edwards is a candidate for the position of District Attorney in the upcoming election.

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Chairman Chandler asked if there was anything else to come before the Board, hearing none the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Leigh Gilbert, Assistant Secretary

**Paupack Township
Board of Supervisors
Extra Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 14, 2011**

Chairman Bruce Chandler announced that we would dispense with all formalities during this meeting.

This meeting was advertised to update the public on the current events surrounding the financial irregularities within the Township.

Chairman Chandler read a statement as to the position of the Township, and Supervisors.

Attorney Ronald Bugaj offered a legal update. Attorney Bugaj explained in detail the CPA's report that is in its final form. It was also stated that public comments would be limited due to the charges and a possible trial.

The amount of money involved with this event is in the range of \$77,000.00.

Mr. Thomas Oakley gave an update as to our contact with the Pennsylvania State Police, stating that the final report from Brian Kelly & Associates CPAs was delivered to the Pennsylvania State Police on Tuesday, April 12, 2011.

Attorney Bugaj explained the chain of events that would most likely evolve from this point on.

Attorney Bugaj also stated that there is still the possibility that the Township will file suit in Civil Court. It was also stated that the Township will be as aggressive as necessary to recover the missing funds.

Dispensing with all formalities the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Leigh Gilbert, Assistant Secretary

GOOD EVENING. ON BEHALF OF THE PAUPACK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, TOM OAKLEY, LEIGH GILBERT AND MYSELF, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR TAKING TIME OUT OF YOUR SCHEDULE TO ATTEND THIS IMPORTANT TOWNSHIP MEETING.

AS MANY OF YOU ARE AWARE, THE TOWNSHIP HAS BEEN GOING THROUGH A DIFFICULT TIME. TO THE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS WHO HAVE OFFERED US THEIR SUPPORT, UNDERSTANDING AND TRUST, WE SAY THANK YOU. THE BOARD, LEGAL CONSEL AND CONSULTANTS WILL CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND ON-GOING TRANSPARIANCY.

WE HAVE BEEN WORKING CLOSELY WITH OUR ACCOUNTING FIRM TO FULLY EVALUATE THE TOWNSHIPS FINANCIAL RECORDS. NOW THAT THE REVIEW HAS BEEN COMPLETED IT HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO THE WAYNE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AS PART OF THE ON-GOING INVESTIGATION. IN ADDITION, THE BOARD HAS TAKEN SOME INITIAL STEPS TO SEPARATE STAFF RESPONSIBILITES IN ORDER TO ENSURE EVEN GREATER ACCOUNTABILITY.

THE TOWNSHIP IS ALSO IN THE PROCESS OF RECRUITING A NEW TOWNSHIP SECRETARY /TREASURER. IN ORDER TO RECRUIT AND HIRE A QUALIFIED CANDIDATE, WE HAVE AGGRESSIVELY ADVERTISED FOR THE POSITION. WE ESTABLISHED AN INTERVIEW TEAM, SCREENED APPLICANTS AND INITIATED AN INTERVIEW PROCESS. THE BOARD IS HOPEFUL TO HAVE A CANDIDATE IDENTIFIED FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT APRIL 28, 2011, THE TOWNSHIP'S 2ND MEETING OF THE MONTH IN APRIL.

AGAIN, ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND UNDERSTANDING AS WE MOVE FORWARD.

AT THIS POINT, I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE ATTORNEY RONALD BUGAJ WHO WILL PROVIDE A STATUS REPORT ON THE ON-GOING INVESTIGATION TO US TONIGHT.