

Paupack Township Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes June 9, 2011

The Paupack Township Board of Supervisors conducted their monthly meeting on Thursday, June 9, 2011 at the Paupack Township Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Mr. Bruce Chandler, Chairperson Board of Supervisors.

The following Township Officials were present at the meeting:

Bruce Chandler, Chairperson
Leigh Gilbert, Supervisor

Tom Oakley, Supervisor
Ronald Bugaj, Solicitor

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

Bob Boogertman
Glenn Hoffmann

Steve Rabel
Gary Kulp

Chairperson Bruce Chandler opened the meeting by asking all present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes for the May 12, 2011 meeting were presented. Following a review, Tom Oakley made a motion to accept the minutes. It was seconded by Leigh Gilbert. 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 May 13, 2011 to June 9, 2011. Tom Oakley seconded the motion. All voted yes to accept, and pay the bills as presented.

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

Adoption of Updated Resolutions: Bruce Chandler made a motion that updated resolutions 1 to 24 be adopted for the year 2011. Tom Oakley seconded the motion. All voted to update. Resolutions 1 through 24 are adopted for 2011.

Update on the investigation of the former Secretary/Treasurer, Joann Kelley:

Solicitor Ron Bugaj offered a brief update stating that she has not pleaded guilty to the charges but has waived the right to a preliminary hearing. He anticipates that the case will most likely be on the docket in September. Mr. Bugaj also offered an explanation of a victim's impact statement and advised residents to fill one out if they feel they have adversely been affected by the actions of the former secretary/treasurer.

Big Bear Update:

Attorney Bugaj offered an explanation as to the progress being made at Big Bear subdivision, stating that things are moving along with no new developments. Tom Oakley stated that a resident of Big Bear came to the office with issues on the cleaning of the portable toilets and wanted to know if the existing permit would allow them to

hire their own services. After speaking with the sewerage enforcement officer, Chris Martin, he was told that a blanket permit was issued and there were no restrictions as to whose services they used. Mr. Oakley also noted that the toilets are checked on a weekly basis.

Recreation Ground:

1. Tom Oakley offered an explanation for the need for fencing at the recreation grounds. Three bids on the fence work were presented. However, only two of the vendors came to the site prior to offering their bids. Mr. Oakley explained that the third vendor presented his bid based on a diagram and did not come to the site. Based on this, he did not feel this company was reputable and is seeking another vendor for a third bid.
2. Tom Oakley offered an explanation for grading and seeding needed at the recreation grounds. Three bids were presented. He suggested that fall would be the best time for this work to be done and therefore is seeking more bids.

Spring Clean Up Day: Tom Oakley offered information on the recent Spring Clean Up Day held on June 4th and commented that it was a success.

Food Pantry Distribution:

Food Pantry will take place on June 23, 2011 from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Upgrade of Radio System:

The FCC has notified the township that the existing radio system is inadequate and needs to be upgraded to narrow band by 2013. One quote for the upgrade was presented by Tom Oakley. Leigh Gilbert suggested that more quotes be considered since there is substantial time to research. A motion to upgrade was made by Tom Oakley but the motion was denied due to lack of action.

Grant Process for Proposed Resurfacing of Tennis Courts at Recreation Grounds:

Bruce Chandler made the motion to begin the grant process. Tom Oakley seconded the motion. All voted yes to begin the grant process.

Building and Zoning Update:

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

Proposed Work on Everly Road:

Tom Oakley made the motion to begin the advertising process for bids on the proposed tree work needed to be done on Everly Road. The motion was seconded by Leigh Gilbert. All voted yes to advertising for bids.

Correspondence:

Several routine pieces of correspondence were received. Mr. Chandler addressed the items received including attendance by township supervisors at each of the 9/11 memorial services being held at WLE on 9/4/11 and Bingham Park in Hawley on 9/11/11.

Fire Company Issues: Bob Boogertman was present to address two separate issues concerning the Fire Department.

1. After a recent heavy wind and rain storm, two firemen responded to downed wires caused by a fallen tree on Pennell Road. Upon seeing the firemen, a resident aimed a rifle at them at which time they were advised by the fire chief to leave. Police were notified. Hawley Police arrived at the scene first and secured the weapon. State Police also came to the scene, but informed the Fire Chief that there was nothing that could be done about the incident. Fire Chief Bob Boogertman responded that this was not acceptable and contacted the District Attorney, who was not willing to do anything. Solicitor Ron Bugaj noted the resident should have been arrested. He also commented that he tried calling the District Attorney and will try again. Mr. Boogertman told the Solicitor that he wants a full explanation from the District Attorney as to why the resident was not arrested.
2. False Alarms – Fire Chief Bob Boogertman gave explanation on the numerous automatic false alarms that the fire company has been responding to lately. He commented that it has become very costly for the fire company and frustrating for the firemen. He noted that most of these automatic false alarms are due to residents not keeping up with maintenance of their alarm systems. He asked Township Supervisors to create an ordinance which would issue fines to the repeat offenders. Supervisor Tom Oakley said that the ordinance is in progress with a rough draft already constructed. Motion was made by Bruce Chandler to begin the process to advertise said ordinance. Tom Oakley seconded the motion.

Public Comment:

Chairperson Chandler opened the floor for public comment.

- Steve Rabel asked for explanation of checks and paychecks made to township supervisors on the April/May treasurer's report.
- Steve Rabel asked for explanation on the Roadmaster report and asked for more simplified future reports.
- Bob Boogertman commented that the new Emergency Management Coordinator has been a big asset to the Fire Dept and he is doing a great job.

Chairperson Chandler asked if there was any new business to come before the Board. Supervisor Tom Oakley said that he wanted it noted that Steve Rabel approached him prior to the meeting. Mr. Rabel wanted an explanation for the Township truck being on Mr. Oakley's property during the week. Mr. Oakley said that he was getting his personal generator for township use at the park. Mr. Rabel commented that the township should rent one.

Chairman Chandler asked if there was anything to come before the Board. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Diana Stromberg Secretary/Treasurer