

# Paupack Township Board of Supervisors

## Meeting Minutes May 12, 2011

The Paupack Township Board of Supervisors conducted their monthly meeting on Thursday May 12, 2011 at the Paupack Township Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order at 7:32 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:

Alice Marz  
Glenn Hoffmann  
Rita Tomlinson  
Tom Halpin

Steve Rabel  
Gary Kulp  
William Tomlinson  
Nancy Halpin

Mr. Bruce Chandler opened the meeting by asking all present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes for the April 14, 2011 extra meeting, the minutes for the regular meeting of April 14, 2011, and the minutes for the extra meeting on April 28, 2011 were presented, following a review Mr. Thomas Oakley made a motion to accept all the minutes from the above meetings, seconded by Mr. Leigh Gilbert, all voted to yes to accept the minutes as presented.

The bills were presented, following a review, Mr. Thomas Oakley made a motion to accept the bills as presented, and pay same, dated April 12, 2011 to May 12, 2011, and Mr. Leigh Gilbert seconded the motion. All voted yes to accept, and pay the bills as presented.

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

### **Update on the investigation of irregularities in the office of the former Secretary/Treasurer:**

Chairperson Bruce Chandler offered a brief explanation as to the chain of events that have taken place thus far. Attorney Ronald Bugaj offered additional commentary as to the legal end of the investigation, including the charges filed.

Chairman Chandler called for a new resolution to have Attorney Bugaj pursue civil action against the Township's former Secretary/Treasurer to recover the costs of this investigation. The motion was made by Mr. Bruce Chandler, seconded by Mr. Thomas Oakley. All voted yes to have our Solicitor pursue this action.

Chairperson Bruce Chandler introduced Mrs. Diana Stromberg to those present, and welcomed her as the Townships new Secretary/Treasurer.

**Big Bear Update:**

Attorney Bugaj offered an explanation as to the progress being made at Big Bear subdivision, stating that he had met with Attorney Farley regarding the financing of the project. Mr. Thomas Oakley explained the set up with the portable toilets at Big Bear. Attorney Bugaj clarified some of the explanation regarding the toilets.

**Shadow Rock Subdivision:**

There was some discussion regarding a request from Mr. Kessler addressing the amount of the bond currently being held. Mr. Kessler is requesting that the bond amount be lowered to \$8,000.00. Attorney Bugaj explained some of the details involved with lowering the bond.

**Recreation Ground:**

The Township has recently been experiencing problems at the park. These problems take the form of trashing the facility, as in litter being tossed around. Mr. Thomas Oakley offered a more detailed explanation of what has been going on, and what led to the Supervisors having to close the park after dark. Signs will be installed indicating the park will be closed after dark, and that you are trespassing if you are in there.

**Spring Cleanup Day:**

The date for Spring Cleanup will be on June 4, 2011 from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon. A brief explanation was offered as to what would be accepted, and what would not be.

**Food Pantry Distribution:**

Food Pantry will take place on May 26, 2011 from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

**Primary Election Day:**

It was announced that the Primary Election will be on May 17, 2011, and the Township would not be open for business on that day.

**Resolution number 2011-2:**

This resolution will be in place to authorize Attorney Bugaj to proceed with civil actions that would recover funds from the bonding company, and our former Secretary/Treasurer. Mr. Chandler made the motion to give that authority to Mr. Bugaj, seconded by Mr. Oakley. All voted yes to give Attorney Bugaj this authority.

**Building and Zoning Update:**

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

**Subdivisions:**

2011-7 / Elgart – a subdivision presented by Mr. William Schoenagel. Attorney Bugaj explained the issues with this subdivision. Mr. Elgart wants to split this property. Wayne County Planning has rejected this attempt. A motion was made by Mr. Chandler to reject this submission, seconded by Mr. Oakley. All voted yes to reject this subdivision.

2011-6 / Keefe & Storck – a subdivision presented by Mr. Kiley's Office. Attorney Bugaj explained the issues involved with this subdivision. Attorney Bugaj stated that we don't have a deed, "I would recommend that the Supervisors reject this subdivision." The Planning Commission also recommends that this subdivision be

rejected. A motion was made by Mr. Oakley to reject this subdivision, seconded by Mr. Chandler. All voted yes to reject this subdivision (2011-6).

**Correspondence:**

Several routine pieces of correspondence were received. Mr. Chandler addressed the items received.

**Public Comment:**

Chairperson Chandler opened the floor for public comment.

- There was comment regarding a property in Paupacken Lake Estates.
- Mr. Glenn Hoffmann had concerns regarding Hugh Kelley working at the Township.
- Mr. Glenn Hoffmann also had concerns regarding checks made out to the order of Hugh Kelley.
- Attorney Bugaj offered an explanation regarding Mr. Hugh Kelley.
- Mr. Steve Rabel offered comments regarding the monthly bills.
- Mr. Steve Rabel offered kudos to our new Secretary/Treasurer Diana Stromberg.

Attorney Bugaj extended a welcome to Diana Stromberg, and wish her well.

Chairperson Chandler asked if there was any new business to come before the Board, also if there was any old business to come before the Board. Chairman Chandler asked if there was anything to come before the Board. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Leigh Gilbert, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer