



PARADISE TOWNSHIP

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PARADISE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES JUNE 7, 2021

Call to Order

Chair Konrath called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Officials Present:

Gary Konrath – Chair

Peter Gonze – Vice Chair

Reda Briglia – Supervisor

John C. Prevostnik – Solicitor

Charles Unangst – Engineer

Tina Transue – Secretary

Pledge of Allegiance

Konrath led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Public Comment Statement

Konrath read the public comment statement "*Ladies and gentlemen, before the Board of Supervisors votes on any matter, the Board will allow for public comment on that particular item. If you wish to be heard at that time, please raise your hand, and you will be recognized*".

Konrath stated that the meeting is being recorded for the limited purpose of preparing the official minutes.

Work Session Items

Hawthorne Mount Pocono Resort – Attorney Sean Logsdon, Engineer Michael Gable and Joel Shtesl from the Hawthorne Mount Pocono Resort were present. The question and answer session with the residents continued from the work session.

There was a brief intermission at 6:25 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 6:33 p.m.

Public Hearing-Proposed Ordinance #272

Motion: Gonze moved and seconded by Briglia to recess the regular meeting and open the public hearing for the proposed ordinance to enact an amendment to Chapter 160, Wellhead Protection Ordinance #272.

Motion carried 3-0.

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Solicitor Prevoznik stated that the purpose of Ordinance #272 is to enact an amendment to Chapter 160, Wellhead Protection into the Paradise Township Code of Ordinances. Solicitor Prevoznik stated that the proposed ordinance was scheduled for tonight at 6:30 p.m. Solicitor Prevoznik summarized the advertised public notice for proposed Ordinance #272 (See Exhibit 1). Solicitor Prevoznik summarized each of the exhibits. Solicitor Prevoznik submitted the following Township Exhibits:

T-1 – Proposed Ordinance #272.

T-2 – Notice of Public Hearing.

T-3 – Proof of Public Notice from Pocono Record.

T-4 – Memo from Tina Transue, Executive Secretary, stating that the proposed ordinance was delivered to the Monroe County Law Library, Pocono Record and posted at the municipal building and on the Township's website.

T-5 – List of Paradise Township Planning Commission 2020 and 2021 minutes referencing the proposed Wellhead Protection Ordinance.

T-6 – List of Paradise Township Board of Supervisors 2021 minutes referencing the proposed Wellhead Protection Ordinance.

T-7 – Monroe County Planning Commission review letter dated March 18, 2021.

T-8 – Sign-in Sheet.

Solicitor Prevoznik gave a brief summary of the ordinance.

Solicitor Prevoznik asked if the Board had any questions. The Board had no questions.

Solicitor Prevoznik asked if any member of the public wished to discuss the Ordinance. No one participated or signed the sign-in sheet.

Motion: Gonze moved and seconded by Briglia to move Exhibits 1 – 8 into the record.

Motion carried 3-0.

Motion: Gonze moved and seconded by Briglia to close the public hearing and reconvene the regular meeting.

Motion carried 3-0.

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Gonze to enact Ordinance #272 as advertised.

Motion carried 3-0.

Planning Commission Items

Pocono Mountain Temple Association Minor Subdivision Plan – Terry Martin was present on behalf of Pocono Mountain Temple Association. Mr. Martin presented the minor subdivision plan to the Board. The subdivision will divide a ten acre parcel into two parcels, one will be 6.8 acres with road frontage on Wood Acres Drive and the other will be 3.2 acres with road frontage on Route 390. Mr. Martin stated that the Paradise Township Planning Commission, Monroe County Planning Commission and Hanover Engineering reviewed the subdivision. Mr. Martin stated that they are asking for two modifications from the requirements set forth in the following sections of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance:

Section 131-38.A. – Pocono Mountain Temple Assoc. is requesting relief from the requirement that the plan be drawn at a scale of 1"=50'. The plan was drawn at the scale of 1"=100'.

Section 131-40.40.A. - Pocono Mountain Temple Assoc. is requesting relief from the requirement that the plan be drawn at a scale of 1"=50'. The plan was drawn at the scale of 1"=100'.

Mr. Martin explained that a component two planning module was done and reviewed and approved by Jake Schray, Hanover Engineering to be forwarded to PA DEP for approval.

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Motion: Gonze moved and seconded by Briglia to approve the waiver of the requirements of Section 131-38.A. and Section 131-40.A. that the plan be drawn to a scale of 1"=50' instead the plan was drawn to the scale of 1"=100'.

Motion carried 3-0.

Resolution 07-2021 – Charles Unangst stated that a resolution was written for the Planning Module for the Pocono Mountain Temple Association Minor Subdivision. Resolution 07-2021 formally records the decision of the Board of Supervisors with respect to the Plan in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Municipalities Planning Code, as amended, the Zoning Ordinance, the SALDO and the other Ordinances and Resolutions of the Township relating to subdivisions.

Motion: Gonze moved and seconded by Briglia to approve Resolution 07-2021. The developer must have the plan, deeds and any other supporting legal document required recorded within 90 days or the plan is deemed denied.

Motion carried 3-0.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Gonze to approve the May 17, 2021 Board of Supervisors regular meeting minutes as presented.

Motion carried 3-0.

Unfinished Business

Municibid – 2006 Peterbilt/Ratify Listing – Transue stated that the 2006 Peterbilt Dump Truck was listed on Municibid with a reserve bid of \$25,000.00.

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Konrath to ratify the listing of the 2006 Peterbilt Dump Truck on Municibid with a reserve amount of \$25,000.00.

Motion carried 3-0.

Tarpon Towers/Conditional Use Decision and Order – Solicitor Prevoznik stated that the Tarpon Towers Conditional Use Decision and Order was completed and ready for approval by the Board.

Motion: Gonze moved and seconded by Briglia to issue the Tarpon Towers Conditional Use Decision and Order with an execution date of June 7, 2021. The Conditional Use Decision and Order is to be forwarded to Tarpon Towers and its counsel, Attorney Richard Williams.

Motion carried 3-0.

American Rescue Plan Act/Discuss – Konrath stated that Transue submitted the paperwork to apply for the American Rescue Plan Act monies. Konrath suggested opening a separate checking account to deposit the monies to make tracking the expenses easier. The Township has until December 31, 2024 to utilize the funds. Konrath stated that the Township should also start tracking the expenses.

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Motion: Gonze moved and seconded by Briglia to approve opening a separate bank account for the ARPA funds received.

Motion carried 3-0.

New Business

Municibid – Wheel Loader/ Award Bid – Konrath stated that the winning bid for the Komatsu Wheel Loader was \$26,000.00 received by John Gilroy of Tannersville, PA.

Motion: Gonze moved and seconded by Briglia to award the bid of \$26,000.00 to John Gilroy contingent on receiving a certified bank check in that amount.

Motion carried 3-0.

Municibid – 2006 Peterbilt Dump Truck – Konrath stated that the winning bid for the 2006 Peterbilt Dump Truck was \$40,250.00 received by Ron Yerardi of Medfield, MA.

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Gonze to award the bid of \$40,250.00 to Ron Yerardi contingent on receiving a certified bank check in that amount and that the check clears the bank before taking possession of the truck.

Motion carried 3-0.

Firehouse Election Use/Discuss Donation – Konrath stated that Monroe County donates \$100.00 to the Pocono Mountain Volunteer Fire Company for the use of the Firehouse for election days. The Board discussed also donating to PMVFC for the use of the Firehouse.

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Gonze to approve a donation of \$500.00 to PMVFC for each election held at the Pocono Mountain Volunteer Fire Company substation located in Paradise Township

Motion carried 3-0.

New Computers/Approve Ordering – The Board discussed ordering the new computers and server that were discussed and approved during the Budget process. The Quote from Jason Farr/Supertech was for \$9,233.00 plus yearly maintenance fees.

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Gonze to approve ordering new computers from Jason Farr/Supertech in the amount \$9,233.00 including the yearly maintenance fee.

Motion carried 3-0.

Community Day (Band)/Discuss – The Board discussed whether to hold Community Day this year. The Township will hold Community Day this year. Briglia stated that the band that always played at Community Day is no longer playing. DeWitt is to reach out to bands in the area to book another band for the day.

GoToMeeting/Cancel Subscription – The Board discussed whether to cancel the GoToMeeting Subscription since meetings are now being held in person due to the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions.

Motion: Gonze moved and seconded by Briglia to cancel the GoToMeeting Subscription.

Motion carried 3-0.

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The Friendly Community Center/Appropriation – Konrath stated that The Friendly Community Center submitted the receipts required to receive their yearly appropriation in the amount of \$7,500.00.

Motion: Gonze moved and seconded by Briglia to approve the yearly appropriation to The Friendly Community Center in the amount of \$7,500.00.

Motion carried 3-0.

Reports

Roadmaster – The Board discussed the Roadmaster's report.

Solicitor – Solicitor Prevoznik stated that he received bonds from Transue for review for the Road Paving Project and also the Road Materials Bids. All bonds were good. Solicitor Prevoznik stated that he has been working with Hanover Engineering to review the insurance and bonds for the Traffic Calming Devices Project. Solicitor Prevoznik also stated that he had the three easements ready for the project. Prevoznik made contact with the Railroad Authority. Konrath is to make contact with the other two parties from whom easements are required.

Gonze recommended that the Supervisors look into resident's concerns about Short Term Rentals and possible changes to the ordinance. Briglia suggested inviting Shawn McGlynn to a work session to discuss the Short-Term Rentals.

Engineer – Mr. Unangst stated that he would be meeting with PPL contractor on Thursday June 10, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. at Browns Hill Road in regards to installing the electric needed to run the Traffic Calming Devices. Mr. Unangst stated that he would not be at the June 21, 2021 meeting.

EAC – Konrath stated that there was an opening on the Environmental Advisory Committee.

PARC – Briglia stated that PARC met with members of the Barrett Paradise Friendly Library regarding the story book pages that the Library wants to post along trails on the open space properties. The library stated that they were going to use laminated pages as a test run to post on the trails and would possibly move to a kiosk style post if interest warrants it. Briglia stated that Kobalt was making good progress on the 7 Pines Park Project. Kevin Transue stated to Briglia that he was at a Township park in Egypt, PA that post signs that there is a \$600.00 fine for having dogs in the park because there are people using the ballfields as a dog park and not cleaning up after the dogs. Briglia stated that PARC has discussed putting combination locks on the ballfields.

Correspondence/Miscellaneous

Konrath questioned if the Township Building would get painted this year as budgeted. Transue is to ask Mader about getting a quote for painting the building.

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Konrath stated that he was given the name of Tom Galucci, Absolute Lawns, as someone who may be available to treat Barberry on the open space properties. Mr. Galucci gave him a quote for \$850.00 to \$950.00 to spray the Barberry plants on the Swiftwater Preserve property.

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Gonze to approve contracting with Tom Galucci, Absolute Lawns to treat the Barberry plants with an herbicide on the Swiftwater Preserve property. The treatment will be paid out of Open Space Funds in the amount not to exceed \$1,000.00.

Motion carried 3-0.

Other Business/Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

Motion: Gonze moved and seconded by Briglia to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Tina Transue
Secretary