

**PARADISE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 6, 2021**

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Gonze led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Public Comment Statement

Gonze 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*".

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

Roll Call

Officials Present:

Peter Gonze – Vice Chair

Reda Briglia – Supervisor

Michael Stein – Supervisor

John C. Prevostnik – Solicitor

Charles Unangst – Engineer

Tina Transue – Secretary

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Stein to approve the November 15, 2021 Board of Supervisors regular meeting minutes as presented.

Motion carried 3-0.

Unfinished Business

Monroe County Hazard Mitigation Plan/Resolution 12-2021 – The Board discussed the Monroe County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Gonze explained that the Hazard Mitigation Plan had to be adopted by resolution in order to receive FEMA funds in the event of a disaster/emergency.

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Motion: Stein moved and seconded by Briglia to adopt the 2021 Monroe County Hazard Mitigation Plan by Resolution 12-2021.

Motion carried 3-0.

Kleinfelder, Geotechnical Engineering/Sylvan Cascade Road – The Board discussed hiring Kleinfelder through Hanover Engineering. Unangst requested that the Board approve the boring fee amounts from Kleinfelder. Mr. Unangst also stated that Kleinfelder recommended conducting four standard earth borings at the site of the failure, at a cost of \$6,500.00 and if deemed necessary, four additional borings would be done at an added cost of \$3,500.00, for a total cost of \$10,000.00. Kleinfelder would analyze the borings and offer recommendations to fix Sylvan Cascade Road.

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Stein to approve Hanover Engineering to engage Kleinfelder as the Geotechnical Engineer to conduct boring tests at the site of the Sylvan Cascade Road washout in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 without further action from the Board.

Motion carried 3-0.

New Business

Neil Boushell/Resignation – Gonze stated that Neil Boushell, a maintenance/laborer employee has submitted his letter of resignation. Mr. Boushell stated that his last day of employment will be January 21, 2022.

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Stein to accept Neil Boushell's letter of resignation with a thank you for his service and best wishes for his future endeavors.

Motion carried 3-0.

2022 Budget/Approve – Gonze stated that a Public Notice was advertised in the Pocono Record on November 8, 2021 stating the 2022 Budget would be adopted at the December 6, 2021 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Gonze to adopt the 2022 Budget as advertised.

Motion carried 3-0.

Jennifer Beers Park and Recreation Appointment/Ratify – Transue stated that the Board appointed Jennifer Beers to the Park and Recreation Committee for a five year term at the January 4, 2021 organizational meeting; however, the appointment was inadvertently left out of the organizational meeting minutes.

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Stein to ratify the appointment of Jennifer Beers to the Park and Recreation Committee for a five year term as of January 4, 2021.

Motion carried 3-0.

Appoint BOS Chair/Vice Chair/Discuss – The Board discussed appointing a new Chairman/Vice Chairman to fill the vacant Chair position due to the retirement on Gary Konrath.

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Stein to appoint Gonze as Chair.

Motion carried 2-0 (Gonze abstained).

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Motion: Gonze moved and seconded by Stein to appoint Briglia as Vice Chair.

Motion carried 2-0 (Briglia abstained).

SFM Consulting/Discuss BCO Role – Shawn McGlynn, Paradise Township Zoning Officer, spoke to the Board about potentially appointing SFM Consulting as the Building Codes Official for Paradise Township for 2022. Mr. McGlynn stated that he believed it would stream line the zoning/building process for residents if SFM Consulting were appointed as both the Zoning Officer and the Building Codes Official. Gonze stated that he would like to see a proposal with a fee schedule to be able to compare the rates with that of Building Inspection Underwriters, the current Building Codes Official. Mr. McGlynn stated that SFM Consulting has four inspectors that would be available to conduct inspections that would not be restricted to certain days of the week for Paradise Township residents. Mr. McGlynn stated that residents would be able to schedule an inspection on the SFM Consulting website with a short turn around time for an inspection to be completed. Mr. McGlynn stated that he would have a proposal for the next meeting.

Reports

Roadmaster – Mader summarized his report. Stein asked Mader if he received an update from UGI regarding the road closure on Upper Swiftwater Rd. Mader stated that he was not given a new date of closure. The Board briefly discussed the logistics of the road closure on Upper Swiftwater Road from the intersection of Upper Swiftwater Road and Route 314 to Burton Road.

Engineer – Mr. Unangst stated that he has not received an update from Wyoming Electric on when the Traffic Calming Devices would be finished.

EAC – Gonze stated that the EAC did not meet in November.

PARC – Briglia stated that PARC does not meet in November and December.

Public Hearing-Proposed Ordinance #273

Motion: Stein 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 (Schedule of Regulated Land Uses), Short-Term Rental, Ordinance #273.

Motion carried 3-0.

Solicitor Prevoznik stated that the purpose of Ordinance #273 is to enact an amendment to Chapter 160, Section 160-12, Schedule of Regulated Land Uses for Short-Term Rentals, 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 called Paradise Township Zoning Officer, Shawn McGlynn to be sworn in. The hearing testimony was recorded by a court reporter.

Mr. McGlynn summarized each of the exhibits entered into evidence.

Mr. McGlynn stated that the Monroe County Planning Commission in their November 4, 2021 review letter stated that there was a typographical error in the ordinance and recommended correcting the error. Mr. McGlynn stated that the ordinance has been

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corrected and reviewed again by the Monroe County Planning Commission; however, the Paradise Township Planning Commission has not yet commented on the amended ordinance. Solicitor Prevoznik recommended continuing the hearing to a time and date certain to allow for the Paradise Township Planning Commission to comment. Solicitor Prevoznik asked if the Board had any questions. The Board had no questions.

Motion: Stein moved and seconded by Briglia to move Exhibits 1 – 9 into the record.

Motion carried 3-0.

Solicitor Prevoznik asked if any member of the public wished to discuss the Ordinance. The following members of the audience gave testimonials: Steve Saslow, Becky Jo Baker, Hannible Parrish, Jason Rosenberg, Kevin Transue, Mallory Cash, Rob Felicetti, Paul Houle, Matthew Bechard, Peter LaScala, Anthony Calderone, Lucille Montigriffin, Kim Gay, Dana DeBenedetto-Peters, Lou Paolina, Jackie LaScala.

Motion: Gonze moved and seconded by Briglia to continue the public hearing on the Ordinance #273 to January 17, 2022, at 6:30 p.m., and thereafter reconvene the regular meeting. Notice of continuance of the public hearing to be posted at the Township Building and on the Township's Website.

Motion carried 3-0.

Motion: Stein moved and seconded by Briglia to advertise an Amended Public Notice for Ordinance #273 with amendments for Public Hearing to be held on January 17, 2022, at 6:30 p.m., and to authorize Solicitor Prevoznik to advertise same in the Pocono Record.

Motion carried 3-0.

Other Business/Public Comment

Resident Lou Paolina addressed the Board regarding an issue he is experiencing on Peterson Hill Road where he resides. Mr. Paolina stated that Peterson Hill Road was a one way street. Mr. Paolina further stated that vehicles, on a regular basis, travel the wrong way at speeds above the speed limit to bypass slower moving traffic on Route 390. Mr. Paolina asked if speed humps or something similar could be put on the road to deter vehicles from using the road to bypass Route 390. The Board discussed different options to address Mr. Paolina's concerns. Jason Rosenberg who also lives on Peterson Hill Road relayed his experiences to the Board as well. The Board will put this issue on the agenda for the next meeting.

Reports (Continued)

Solicitor - Solicitor Prevoznik stated that he was currently working on a letter to be sent to the Board of Ski Haven Lake Estates in response to a letter received from Boucher & James Engineering commenting on the Hybrid Modular Bridge that was installed to replace the existing failing bridge that leads to and from the Ski Haven Lake Estates development. The Board asked Emergency Management Coordinator, Kevin Transue, to contact Logan Evans, Mount Pocono Fire Company Chief, for the Fire Company's stance on traversing the replacement bridge in the case of an emergency in the development.

Engineer – Mr. Unangst stated that he has not been contacted by Thomas and Christine Wilkins or their engineer regarding their zoning matter. Ms. Transue will ask Shawn McGlynn to reach out to the Wilkins for a status update.

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Correspondence/Miscellaneous

None.

Executive Session

Motion: Stein moved and seconded by Briglia to recess the regular meeting and go into an executive session.

Motion carried 3-0.

Motion: Stein moved and seconded by Briglia to reconvene the regular meeting.

Motion carried 3-0.

Solicitor Prevoznik stated that the Executive Session started at 8:15 p.m. and ended at 8:53 p.m. and all three Supervisors were in attendance. Solicitor Prevoznik stated that a personnel matter was discussed as well as a potential litigation matter and the resolution of that litigation. No decisions were made.

Adjournment

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Stein to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Transue
Secretary