

**PARADISE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 7, 2022**

Call to Order

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 – Chair

John C. Prevoznik – Solicitor

Reda Briglia – Vice Chair

Charles Unangst – Engineer

Michael Stein – Supervisor

Tina Transue – Secretary

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Stein to approve the January 17, 2022 Board of Supervisors regular meeting minutes as presented.

Motion carried 3-0.

Work Session

Gonze stated that there was a work session held at 5:00 p.m. to discuss potential changes/enhancements to the short-term rental ordinance. The Board discussed engaging Steve Dellinger from Hanover Engineering to work on the zoning aspects of the potential changes to the short-term rental ordinance and also have Solicitor Prevoznik research the licensing aspects of the potential changes to the short-term rental ordinance as discussed in the work session.

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Motion: Stein moved and seconded by Briglia to approve engaging Steve Dellinger from Hanover Engineering to work on the zoning aspects of potential changes to the short-term rental ordinance and also have Solicitor Prevoznik research the licensing aspects of potential changes to the short-term rental ordinance.

Motion carried 3-0.

Planning Commission

Recommendations on Comprehensive Plan Changes/Any Action – Gonze stated that the Board received the Comprehensive Plan recommendations at the last meeting and tabled the conversation until this meeting to give the Board time to review the information. The Board discussed the recommendations from the Planning Commission.

Motion: Stein moved and seconded by Briglia to authorize Solicitor Prevoznik to review the proposed recommendations from the Planning Commission.

Motion carried 3-0.

Unfinished Business

Peterson Hill Road/Any Action – Transue stated that at the January 17, 2022 meeting, the Board tabled the conversation about possibly putting a cul-de-sac at the end of Peterson Hill Road. The Board requested that Mr. Unangst provide the Board with sketches of the options available to put a cul-de-sac on Peterson Hill Road and what property owners would be affected by such action.

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Stein to approve Mr. Unangst to provide options to the Board for the placement of a cul-de-sac on Peterson Hill Road as well as any ownership information regarding properties around the potential cul-de-sac area for Peterson Hill Road.

Motion carried 3-0.

New Business

Paul Nauman Property/Any Action – Transue stated that Paul Nauman contacted the Township and inquired as to whether the Township would be interested in purchasing the part of his property in Paradise Township. Mr. Nauman's property is located both in Paradise Township and in Price Township. Gonze stated that the property would not qualify for open space, as there is a house on the property; therefore, the Township is not interested in purchasing this property.

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Stein to notify Paul Nauman that the Township is not interested in purchasing the Paradise Township portion of his property.

Motion carried 3-0.

Updating Code of Ordinance/Any Action - The Board discussed updating the Code of Ordinances. Gonze stated that the Board had engaged American Legal to do a recodification previously, but due to issues with American Legal the project was abandoned.

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Motion: Stein moved and seconded by Briglia to authorize Transue to request a quote to recodify the Code of Ordinances from General Code.

Motion carried 3-0.

PMSD Traffic Control Letter/Ratify/Approve – Gonze stated that Pocono Mountain School District (PMSD) contacted him regarding traffic control of Woodland Road at Pocono Mountain School Road. The Township received a letter from PMSD explaining that the closing of Upper Swiftwater Road, due to the UGI project, has created additional strain on the traffic flow into and out of the Swiftwater Campus at the intersection of Woodland Road and Pocono Mountain School Road. The letter states that the school district will use its security personnel for traffic control at the above-mentioned intersection and that the school district will hold the Township harmless from any claim or liability for injury caused by or relating to district personnel conducting traffic control activities at the aforementioned intersection.

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Stein to ratify the letter sent to the Township from Pocono Mountain School District, regarding traffic control of Woodland Road at Pocono Mountain School Road.

Motion carried 3-0.

Monroe County Fire Chiefs Donation Request Letter/Any Action – The Board discussed the draft letter from Charles Frantz, President of Monroe County Fire Chiefs Association, addressed to the Monroe County Council of Government members. The letter explains that all Monroe County Fire Departments are currently working to develop a radio procurement plan to upgrade the Monroe County Fire Departments existing two-way radio cache with state-of-the-art P-25 capable digital radios. The letter further estimates that the cost to upgrade all fire departments within Monroe County is approximately 3.3 million dollars. The Fire Chiefs Association letter sets forth a plan to pay for the project wherein the cost for the P-25 digital radios for each fire department. The Fire Chiefs Association's plan would have the respective Fire Department's cost be paid in three equal portions by the participating Municipality(ies), Monroe County, and the applicable fire department(s), respectively. The Pocono Mountain Volunteer Fire Company provides coverage for both Paradise Township and the Borough of Mount Pocono. It was discussed that the municipal share for the Pocono Mountain Volunteer Fire Company digital radios is \$61,479.00. The Board discussed splitting the cost evenly with the Borough of Mount Pocono. The Fire Chiefs Association's letter ended by requesting support for the plan from Municipal Supervisors. Once it receives support letters from the municipalities, the Association will meet with the Monroe County Commissioners to request support from Monroe County.

Motion: Stein moved and seconded by Briglia to send a letter of support to the Monroe County Fire Chiefs Association contingent upon the Borough of Mount Pocono Borough committing to paying half of the \$61,479.00, the Fire Chiefs Association seeking competitive pricing for the equipment, and that the Pocono Mountain Volunteer Fire Company is reimbursed for updated equipment already purchased.

Motion carried 3-0.

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Mount Airy Traffic Study/Any Action – Mr. Unangst reported that Hanover Engineering was contacted by the traffic engineer for Mount Airy Casino about moving forward with the traffic impact study that is due to be completed by September 30, 2022, as per the Conditional Use Decision and Order. Briglia stated that she would contact Debbie Refalko or Attorney Jeffrey Belardi from Mount Airy to discuss whether there are still COVID-19 restrictions in place and if there are large events, such as concerts, planned for this summer. A traffic study done after COVID-19 restrictions are lifted and during a busier season would give a truer indication of the traffic impact.

Bucket Truck Price Increase/Any Action – The Board discussed the email received by Mike Mader from John Kaspern from Versalift, stating that there is a price increase for the 2022 bucket truck which was ordered by purchase order on September 9, 2021. The purchase order was based on COSTARS pricing for the truck and all upgrades. The email stated that due to manufacturing price surcharges, Versalift was increasing the cost of the bucket truck by \$7,465.00. Solicitor Prevoznik stated that Versalift could not raise the price once a purchase order was made. The COSTARS vendor contract does not allow for vendors to raise their prices after a purchase order was taken. Prevoznik further stated that there was no provision in the purchase order for Versalift to unilaterally raise the price on a vehicle already ordered.

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Stein to authorize Solicitor Prevoznik to draft a letter to Versalift stating the Paradise Township expects them to honor the price on the purchase agreement signed and submitted on September 9, 2021.

Motion carried 3-0.

Reports

Roadmaster – Mader summarized his report.

Solicitor – Solicitor Prevoznik stated that he has been working with Shawn McGlynn, Zoning Officer, on the M & M Realty matter. Solicitor Prevoznik stated that the Wilkins Zoning Hearing Board appeal hearing was held on January 25, 2022 and that the Zoning Hearing Board denied the variance request.

Engineer – Mr. Unangst stated that test borings on Sylvan Cascade Road will be conducted during the week of February 21, 2022.

EAC – Stein stated that the EAC asked for Hanover Engineering to look into making a handicap accessible trail at the Knauf Preserve. The Board discussed the request from the EAC and Transue will put the matter on the February 23, 2022 agenda.

PARC – Briglia stated that PARC created a fundraising committee which may hold Easter and/or Halloween events as well as possible Tricky Trays or Car Washes. Briglia also stated that PARC was changing banking institutions.

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Correspondence/Miscellaneous

None.

Other Business/Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

Motion: Stein moved and seconded by Briglia to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Transue

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Secretary