

**PARADISE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 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 February 23, 2022 Board of Supervisors regular meeting minutes as presented.

Motion carried 2-0. (Gonze abstained due to absence)

Unfinished Business

Recodification Quote/Any Action – The Board discussed the quotes received from General Code Publisher to recodify Paradise Township's ordinances and separately to convert the ordinance into a fully searchable online version of the ordinances on the *eCode360* platform. General Code Publisher submitted two separate quotes for each step of the process. The quote to recodify the ordinances is \$11,718.00. The quote to convert the ordinances to the *eCode360* platform is \$7,463.00 plus an annual maintenance fee

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\$1,195.00 that covers annual licensing, web hosting, and posting of new legislation between regular code supplements.

Motion: Stein moved and seconded by Briglia to accept both proposals from General Code Publishers for the recodification of Paradise Township's ordinances and also to have the ordinances converted to the online *eCode360* platform in an amount not to exceed \$21,000.00 from the PLGIT General Fund.

Motion carried 3-0.

Live Stream Equipment/Any Action – Stein presented a demonstration on the Meeting Owl Webcam. The Meeting Owl is a web camera that would be paired with a meeting app such as Zoom, GoToMeeting or Microsoft Teams to allow for live streaming Paradise Township Board/Committee meetings to the public. The cost of the Meeting Owl is \$999.00. The Board asked Transue to look into meeting app options to determine which app to use with the Meeting Owl. The Board also discussed the need to purchase a new laptop to run the live stream as the Township's current laptops are outdated.

Motion: Stein moved and seconded by Briglia to purchase the Meeting Owl and a new laptop computer in an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00.

Motion carried 3-0.

Versalift Response to Letter Sent/Any Action – Solicitor Prevoznik reported that he and Transue were on a conference call with John Kaspert, from Versalift, earlier today. Solicitor Prevoznik stated that the call was to discuss the letter sent to Versalift in reference to the price increase for the 2022 bucket truck, which was ordered by purchase order on September 9, 2021. Solicitor Prevoznik summarized the conversation for the Board. Mr. Kaspert will contact the Township once he is given direction from Versalift regarding the letter.

New Business

2022 Appropriations/Approve - Briglia stated the list of 2022 appropriations is the same as the previous year. The total amount of appropriations is \$19,900.00 with \$7,500.00 going to The Friendly Community Center which will not be paid until the Township receives their receipts for expenses incurred.

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Gonze to approve the appropriations as listed with the exception of Friendly Community Center, to be paid in the total amount of \$12,400.00 as budgeted.

Motion carried 2-0. (Stein abstained due to serving as a BWA officer)

PMREMS Appropriation Request/Any Action – Gonze stated that a letter was received from Pocono Mountain Regional Emergency Medical Services (PMREMS) requesting that the budget allocation of \$30,000.00 for capital purchases, be disbursed. Gonze explained that if the budget allocation was disbursed now that PMREMS would be able to alleviate some of their outgoing debt and PMREMS would not have to acquire new loans at this time.

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Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Stein to disburse the budget allocation for capital purchases, in the amount of \$30,000.00 to Pocono Mountain Regional Emergency Medical Services.

Motion carried 3-0.

Easter Egg Hunt/Park and Rec Members/Any Action – The Board discussed the vacancies on the Park and Recreation Committee. Briglia volunteered to serve on the Park and Recreation Committee. Briglia stated that Charlene Barry and Margaret Mazza from PARC also volunteered to help with the Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for April 9, 2022 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Motion: Stein moved and seconded by Gonze to appoint Briglia to the Park and Recreation Committee.

Motion carried 3-0.

Pocono Chamber of Commerce Request/Any Action – Transue stated that she was contacted by Michael Moreno from the Pocono Chamber of Commerce. Transue reported that the Pocono Chamber of Commerce was to hold a luncheon at Mount Airy Casino on March 18, 2022. The Chamber of Commerce is seeking a piece of Military Equipment to be placed in the room, therefore a "Request For Armed Forces Participation In Public Events" form must be filled out. There is a question on the questionnaire that asks if the event has the official backing of the local government. The Board discussed the request by Mr. Moreno, of whether the Township would officially back the event.

Motion: Gonze moved and seconded by Briglia to respond to Mr. Moreno that the Board has no objection to the event however as it is not a municipally sponsored event the backing of the Board is not applicable.

Motion carried 3-0.

Mt. Airy Greenway Report/Discharge Mngmt Plan/Discuss Next Steps – Briglia stated that the Board received the Mount Airy Greenway Report and Discharge Management Plan today and would need time to review it. The Board discussed forwarding both reports to Jason Smith from Hanover Engineering for review and discussion at the April 18, 2022 meeting.

Motion: Stein moved and seconded by Briglia to send the Mount Airy Greenway Report and Discharge Management Plan to Jason Smith for review and table the discussion until the April 18, 2022 meeting.

Motion carried 3-0.

Berkheimer Resolution 02-2022/Approve – Transue stated that Berkheimer Tax Collectors requested Resolution 02-2022 be signed and returned to them, which would designate the Paradise Township Secretary/Treasurer as the official the contact person.

Motion: Gonze moved and seconded by Briglia to approve Resolution 02-2022 to authorize the Paradise Township Secretary/Treasurer as the official contact person for all communications with Berkheimer Tax Collectors.

Motion carried 3-0.

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Accessibility Audit/BIU/Any Action – The Board discussed the Accessibility Audit received from the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry, Bureau of Occupational and Industrial Safety. The Report was a five-year audit of Building Inspection Underwriters (BIU), in the capacity of the Paradise Township Building Codes Official. Stein stated that it was informational only and no action needed to be taken.

Reports

Roadmaster – Mader summarized his report. Stein reported that the EAC members suggested distributing pictures of Mile-a-Minute weed to the road crew for identification during their work throughout the Township and report it, if found, so that it could be sprayed early to eradicate it before it seeds in August and becomes overgrown.

Solicitor – Solicitor Prevoznik stated that he has a meeting scheduled on March 17, 2022 via a Teams Meeting with Gonze, Shawn McGlynn, Zoning Officer, and Mr. Unangst to discuss the M & M Realty matter. Solicitor Prevoznik also stated that he would be meeting with Attorney Kidwell and his client on March 18, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.

Engineer – Mr. Unangst distributed a preliminary sketch of a potential cul-de-sac on Peterson Hill Road. The Board discussed the potential location for the cul-de-sac placement. Mader suggested locating the cul-de-sac at the intersection of Lloyd Lane and Peterson Hill Road. Mr. Unangst will update the sketch to show the cul-de-sac placed at Lloyd Lane and Peterson Hill Road for the next meeting.
Mr. Unangst updated the Board on the progress of the test borings on Sylvan Cascade Road.

PARC – Briglia stated that PARC approved paying bills and discussed fundraisers at the meeting.

Correspondence/Miscellaneous

Gonze stated that he received an email from Penn Environment regarding a petition in favor of wildlife corridors, however the Board felt there was not information in the email to sign the petition.

Gonze stated that he was contacted by Jake Schray, Paradise Township Sewage Enforcement Officer, to request appointing Chris Taylor as an additional Sewage Enforcement Officer (SEO) for Paradise Township.

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Stein to appoint Chris Taylor, Certification #03138, as a Paradise Township Sewage Enforcement Officer.

Motion carried 3-0.

Other Business/Public Comment

None.

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Adjournment

Motion: Stein moved and seconded by Briglia to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Transue

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Secretary