

**PARADISE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 21, 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

Reda Briglia – Vice Chair

Michael Stein – Supervisor

John C. Prevoznik – Solicitor

Charles Unangst – Engineer (Absent)

Tina Transue – Secretary

Stein announced that the Township will now be live streaming the Board/Committee meetings via Zoom which will be recorded. Stein asked participants joining the meeting via Zoom to raise their hand to be recognized if they wished to participate in a discussion.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Stein to approve the March 7, 2022 Board of Supervisors regular meeting minutes as presented.

Motion carried 3-0.

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Treasurer's Report

Transue read the Treasurer's Report.

Motion: Stein moved and seconded by Briglia to accept the March 21, 2022 Treasurer's Report.

Motion carried 3-0.

Bid Proposals

Spring Clean Up Bids/Award Bid – Transue stated that the Spring Clean Up quote advertisement was published in the Pocono Record on February 28, 2022 and March 7, 2022. Transue stated that two quotes were received for Spring Clean Up.

J.P. Mascaro & Sons submitted a quote, as follows:

\$50.00 for trash per cubic yard and \$40.00 for metal per cubic yard.

Waste Management submitted a quote, as follows:

\$34.00 for trash per cubic yard and \$34.00 for metal per cubic yard.

The Board discussed both quotes.

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Stein to award the Spring Clean Up quote to Waste Management in the amount of \$34.00 for trash per cubic yard and \$34.00 for metal per cubic yard.

Motion carried 3-0.

Unfinished Business

Peterson Hill Road/Any Action – The Board briefly discussed the sketch submitted by Mr. Unangst as a second option for a cul-de-sac on Peterson Hill Road.

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Stein to table the discussion until Mr. Unangst is present at the next meeting.

Motion carried 3-0.

Capital Equipment Reallocation/Any Action – Transue stated that Roadmaster Mader submitted the list of equipment he would like to purchase in lieu of the Peterbilt Truck that was budgeted for 2022 but will not be delivered until 2023. The list included a lawn mower with bagger, a blower, and a broom for the CAT loader. Mader has not yet received quotes for the lawn mower with bagger or a blower. Mader submitted a quote for the broom for the CAT loader in the amount of \$21,068.00.

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Stein to approve the purchase of the broom for the CAT loader in the amount of \$21,068.00, contingent upon verification that the purchase is a COSTARS contract.

Motion carried 3-0.

New Business

Donna Alker PC Resignation/Accept – Gonze stated that Donna Alker submitted her resignation from the Planning Commission and Building Code Board of Appeals.

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Motion: Stein moved and seconded by Briglia to accept Donna Alker's resignation, with the Township's appreciation for her many years of service on the Planning Commission and Building Code Board of Appeals.

Motion carried 3-0.

Gaming Board/Mt Airy Public Hearing Meeting Room Use/Approve – Gonze stated that the Township was contacted by Linda Lloyd, from the Pennsylvania Gaming Board, to request permission for use of the meeting room to hold a public hearing on August 3, 2022, at 10:30 a.m., on Mount Airy's license renewal. The license renewal hearing is required by law every five years. Briglia stated that the Gaming Board has used the meeting room in the past for that purpose.

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Stein to approve the Pennsylvania Gaming Board's use of the meeting room on August 3, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. to hold a public hearing on Mount Airy's license renewal.

Motion carried 3-0.

Minor Subdivision in Timber Hill (Price Township)/Any Action – Transue explained that the Township received a copy of a minor subdivision of one lot into two lots in Price Township. The attached letter stated that although the property lies within Price Township, the only access to the property is in Paradise Township. Zoning Officer Shawn McGlynn reviewed the minor subdivision plan and determined that there would no impact to Paradise Township.

Motion: Stein moved and seconded by Briglia to send a letter to Price Township acknowledging receipt of the plan, with thanks, for the courtesy copy of the minor subdivision.

Motion carried 3-0.

Park and Recreation Board Report – Briglia updated the Board on the progress of planning the Easter Egg Hunt. Briglia stated that Transue attended the Park and Rec meeting held on Thursday, March 17, 2022, at 5:00 p.m., and also volunteered to be on the Park and Rec Board.

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Stein to appoint Transue to the Park and Recreation Board.

Motion carried 3-0.

Reports

Solicitor - Solicitor Prevoznik stated that it is his understanding that the Edinger Zoning Hearing Board appeal has been resolved pending verification on the status of the septic system.

Solicitor Prevoznik reported that he met with Gonze, Shawn McGlynn, Jake Schray, and representatives from M & M Realty, including Attorney Kidwell, on March 18, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. Solicitor Prevoznik stated that he has a follow-up meeting with Attorney Kidwell to discuss M & M Realty's Conditional Use Agreement violations. Solicitor

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Prevoznik stated that Notice of Violations would be sent to M & M Realty for septic system issues.

Engineer – No report.

Zoning Officer – No report.

PMREMS – Gonze stated that PMREMS put out a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the renovations for the main EMS building to include the garage and office space. The proposals are due back by early April, at which time they will be opened and the bid will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. Gonze also stated that PMREMS is looking into raising the hourly wage for EMS employees to attract new employees, as at this time they are understaffed.

EAC – Stein reported that the EAC met on Wednesday, March 16, 2022. Stein summarized the meeting for the Board. Stein stated that Carol Hillestad would meet with the road crew to discuss identifying Mile-A-Minute Weed in order to be proactive in eradicating the weed before it seeds. Stein stated that the EAC requested new/revised signage for the Knauf Preserve, however Stein reminded the EAC that Hanover Engineering was looking into the potential to make Knauf Preserve a handicap/wheelchair accessible trail, at which time new signs would be installed. Stein stated that the EAC requested that the Township contact PennDOT about restricting the use of Jake Brakes for trucks on Route 940/Route 191. The Board discussed referring the matter to Charles Unangst of Hanover Engineering for review of the impact of prohibiting Jake Brakes on Route 940/Route 191.

Motion: Stein moved and seconded by Briglia to refer this matter to Hanover Engineering to review the impact of prohibiting Jake Brakes on Route 940/Route 191.

Motion carried 3-0.

Stein also stated that the EAC discussed the deed restrictions in place on Wyndham Hills properties which include a requirement to keep drainage swales open, not to interfere with the original drainage plan, excavating without grantor permission and limits clearing of trees. Stein stated that he was asked to get the opinion of Solicitor Prevoznik as to whether the Township has any recourse where deed restrictions are not being enforced, possibly contributing to stormwater issues. Solicitor Prevoznik replied that under the covenants of Wyndham Hills, the Township could not enforce the deed restrictions to make the property owners comply. Solicitor Prevoznik stated that it would be the responsibility/right of the developer to enforce the deed restrictions. Gonze requested that Transue look further into the Stormwater Management Plan for Wyndham Hills for the next meeting to decide whether to move forward with any further review or action. Stein stated that the EAC is requesting new/revised signs on the Merry Hill Road Trail which is part of the Mount Airy Trail system. Stein also stated that he suggested waiting until the renewal of Mount Airy's Conditional Use Agreement to request new/revised signage on the trails.

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Other Business/Public Comment

None.

Correspondence/Miscellaneous

Stein proposed scheduling a work session to discuss revisiting Township wide trash collection. The Board asked Transue to retrieve the old Request for Proposal and bids received in 2008. The Board did not move forward with Township wide trash collection at that time.

Adjournment

Motion: Stein moved and seconded by Briglia to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Transue

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Secretary