

**PARADISE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 16, 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.

Special Note

Gonze announced that to meet the requirements established by the Office of Open Records for virtual meetings, this meeting was being audio and video recorded via Zoom from the initial announcement of the meeting until its end. The meeting Zoom link was posted on the Township's website where the public may join the Zoom meeting, interact, and ask questions in real time.

Roll Call

Officials Present:

Peter Gonze – Chair

Reda Briglia – Vice Chair (Absent)

Michael Stein – Supervisor

John C. Prevoznik – Solicitor

Charles Unangst – Engineer

Tina Transue – Secretary

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Stein moved and seconded by Gonze to approve the May 2, 2022 Board of Supervisors regular meeting minutes as presented.

Motion carried 2-0.

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Treasurer's Report

Transue read the Treasurer's Report.

Motion: Stein moved and seconded by Gonze to accept the May 16, 2022 Treasurer's Report.

Motion carried 2-0.

Work Session

Gonze reported that during the work session the following items were discussed: Peterson Hill Road, Planning Commission letter of interest from Gail McCormack, Clear Sight Triangle Ordinance, M & M Realty update, Wyndham Hills Stormwater Management Plan Review, and a report submitted by an EAC member on the Mount Airy Trails Network. No decisions were made.

Peterson Hill Road – Gonze stated that the Board met with several of the property owners of Peterson Hill Road to discuss various options for the potential of installing a cul-de-sac on Peterson Hill Road. The purpose of the cul-de-sac is to prevent drivers from going the wrong way on the one way road and curb speeding between two State roads. Gonze stated that letters should be sent to the two other property owners adjoining Peterson Hill Road who were not present at the work session. The letter should notify the property owners that the Township is considering installing a cul-de-sac and the Board would like the opportunity to discuss with them the potential impact to their property. The Board discussed the merits of the additional option of reconfiguring Peterson Hill Road to intersect with Blackberry Drive instead of Route 390 as a stand-alone option or combined with one of the two cul-de-sac options.

Motion: Stein moved and seconded by Gonze to authorize Solicitor Prevoznik to work with Hanover Engineering to draft a letter to the landowners, in particular the owners of Bolock's Funeral Home and Paradise Streams, to request an informational meeting on the possibility of action taken by the Township to remediate the issue of speeding cars and wrong way drivers on Peterson Hill Road.

Motion carried 2-0.

Motion: Stein moved and seconded by Gonze to request Jim Milot, from Hanover Engineering, provide a recommendation regarding the additional option of reconfiguring Peterson Hill Road to intersect with Blackberry Drive instead of Route 390 as a stand-alone option or combined with one of the two cul-de-sac options.

Motion carried 2-0.

Planning Commission Letter of Interest/Gail McCormack – Gonze stated that Gail McCormack attended the work session to discuss her interest in serving on the Planning Commission. Ms. McCormack stated that she would think it over and let Transue know by email of her decision.

New Business

Benji LaBar/PARC Fundraising/Discuss/Any Action – Benji LaBar was present to update the Board on the progress of the PARC Fundraising Committee. Ms. LaBar stated that she

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is sending letters out to corporations asking for support. Ms. LaBar also stated that PARC would be holding several events to raise money such as bake sales and a haunted Halloween walk at Skywood Park on October 15, 2022 with a rain date of October 22, 2022. Ms. LaBar stated that PARC will, in the near future, have a Facebook page to make the public aware of the happenings of PARC and to promote their fundraisers. Ms. LaBar stated that hopefully next year, they will be sending out a newsletter and also expect to hold raffles to meet their fundraising goals.

Award Bids

Road Paving Project (6:15) – Transue opened and publicly read the bids (See Exhibit 1). Three bids were received by the Township. Transue confirmed that all bids included bid bonds. The road project was advertised in the *Pocono Record* on April 25 and May 2, 2022.

Motion: Stein moved and seconded by Gonze to award the bid to H & K Group in the amount of \$696,628.40 contingent upon receipt of all required contractual documents and bonds. Listing of bids received shall be attached to the Minutes.

Motion carried 2-0.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business (continued)

Seasonal Laborer Applications Received/Discuss/Any Action – Transue reported that three applications were received for the Seasonal Laborer position. Gonze instructed Transue to set up an interview with each candidate at a mutually convenient time for Gonze and Stein.

Tree Donation from Most Holy Trinity Church/Discuss/Any Action – Transue stated that the Township was contacted by Cheryl Lynott, on behalf of Most Holy Trinity Church, to ask if the Township would be interested in receiving trees from the church as a donation. Ms. Lynott explained that someone donated the trees to the church but the church received more trees than could be planted. Ms. Lynott asked whether the Township could use some of the trees for Open Space or Township properties. Gonze stated that he would discuss with Mike Mader what variety and quantity he could use on Township property and/or Open Space properties.

Motion: Stein moved and seconded by Gonze to accept the donation from Most Holy Trinity Church with the decision of variety of trees and quantity left up to Roadmaster Mader.

Motion carried 2-0.

Clear Sight Triangles Ordinance Model/Discuss/Any Action – Solicitor Prevoznik stated that this was discussed in the work session. Solicitor Prevoznik stated that he forwarded to the Board three sample Clear Sight Triangles ordinances for review. The Board briefly discussed having Solicitor Prevoznik work with Shawn McGlynn and Jim Milot to develop

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a stand-alone ordinance that would encompass the clear sight triangle regulations and any other items in the PennDOT regulations that the Board would want to enforce on State and Township roads.

Motion: Gonze moved and seconded by Stein to authorize Solicitor Prevoznik to work with Jim Milot, from Hanover Engineering, and Shawn McGlynn to evaluate the pros and cons of a stand-alone Clear Sight Triangle ordinance and what should be included in the ordinance.

Motion carried 2-0.

Traffic Calming Devices/Final Payment Request/Approve – Wyoming Electric is seeking final payment for the Traffic Calming Devices project in the amount of \$6,257.90. Mr. Unangst stated that the payment request is a final payment to close out the Traffic Calming Devices project. Mr. Unangst stated that all work has been done and a maintenance bond was received.

Motion: Stein moved and seconded by Gonze to approve final payment to Wyoming Electric in the amount of \$6,257.90, for the Traffic Calming Devices project and to accept the maintenance bond as received.

Motion carried 2-0.

Ski Haven Bridge-Next Steps/Discuss/Any Action – The Board discussed the Ski Haven bridge replacement. Gonze stated that emergency vehicles are now crossing the bridge and that residents requested that Senior Pick Up during clean-up week be reinstated. Gonze questioned whether it was feasible to write to the Board of Ski Haven and ask for a yearly inspection report of the bridge. Solicitor Prevoznik suggested submitting a Right-to-Know request to PaDEP for the contents of the file on the Ski Haven bridge replacement to determine what work has been done during the process of replacing the bridge with a temporary bridge. Gonze stated that the Pocono Township engineer, Boucher and James, was on site for the bridge replacement and raised no objections to the bridge as constructed.

Motion: Gonze moved and seconded by Stein to ask Mr. Unangst to submit a Right-to-Know request to PaDEP for copies of the contents/details of its file for the Ski Haven bridge replacement.

Motion carried 2-0.

DePue Non-Payment/Discuss/Any Action – Solicitor Prevoznik stated that this will be discussed in Executive Session.

Sale of Leaf Vac/Discuss/Any Action – Transue stated that Roadmaster Mader informed her that Jackson Township was interested in buying the Township's Leaf Vac for \$500.00.

Motion: Stein moved and seconded by Gonze to authorize Roadmaster Mader, on behalf of the Township, to sell the Leaf Vac to Jackson Township in the amount of \$500.00 in "as is, where is" condition with no warranty.

Motion carried 2-0.

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Reports

Solicitor - Solicitor Prevoznik stated that he had nothing further.

Engineer – Mr. Unangst stated that he had nothing further. Gonze asked Mr. Unangst of the status of the sketches for Browns Hill Road. Mr. Unangst stated that the sketches are in the process of being completed.

Zoning Officer – The Board reviewed the Zoning Officer's report.

PMREMS - Gonze stated that Nick DeWitt has resigned as Executive Director. Gonze stated that they are not replacing Mr. DeWitt as the Director of Operations, and the Business Manager will assume the roles of the Executive Director. Gonze stated that on Thursday, May 19, 2022, the bids for the reconstruction project on the 11-1 building will be opened and awarded.

Other Business/Public Comment

None.

Executive Session

Motion: Stein moved and seconded by Gonze to recess the regular meeting and go into an executive session at 6:45 p.m.

Motion carried 2-0.

Motion: Stein moved and seconded by Gonze to reconvene the regular meeting at 6:59 p.m.

Motion carried 2-0.

Solicitor Prevoznik stated that there was an Executive Session held with Supervisors Gonze and Stein. Tina Transue was also in attendance. Solicitor Prevoznik stated that a possible litigation matter was discussed regarding a lapse in a payment agreement with a resident.

No decisions were made.

Solicitor Prevoznik stated that there is a payment agreement that resulted from actions taken by the Township against Mr. DePue and a judgement was received. There has been a lapse in payment from Mr. DePue. Solicitor Prevoznik suggested that before taking legal action against Mr. DePue, he will be invited to a work session to discuss the lapse in payments and his current situation.

Motion: Stein moved and seconded by Gonze to send a letter to Mr. Walter DePue inviting him to a work session to discuss his lapse in payments and the terms of his agreement with the Township Supervisors.

Motion carried 2-0.

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Correspondence/Miscellaneous

Gonze asked Solicitor Prevoznik if he was working with Shawn McGlynn on the Short-Term-Rental ordinance enhancements addressed in an email from Steve Dellinger, from Hanover Engineering. Solicitor Prevoznik stated he would follow up with Mr. McGlynn.

Adjournment

Motion: Stein moved and seconded by Gonze to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Motion carried 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Transue

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Secretary