

**PARADISE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 16, 2023**

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 is 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

Michael Stein – Supervisor (Absent)

John C. Prevoznik – Solicitor

Charles Unangst – Engineer (Absent)

Tina Transue – Secretary

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Briglia moved and Gonze seconded to approve the January 3, 2023, Board of Supervisors organizational meeting minutes as presented.

Motion carried 2-0.

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Motion: Briglia moved and Gonze seconded to approve the January 3, 2023 Board of Supervisors regular meeting minutes as presented.

Motion carried 2-0.

Treasurer's Report

Transue read the Treasurer's Report.

Motion: Briglia moved and Gonze seconded to accept the January 16, 2023, Treasurer's Report.

Motion carried 2-0.

Planning Commission Items

Jan. 10 Meeting Recommendations/Any Action – The Board discussed the Planning Commission's January 10, 2023, draft meeting minutes regarding the Conditional Use Hearing application submitted by JSPA Realty, LLC for the Hawthorne Mount Pocono Resort Project.

Motion: Briglia moved and Gonze seconded to acknowledge receipt of the Planning Commission's January 10, 2023 draft meeting minutes regarding the Conditional Use Hearing application submitted by JSPA Realty, LLC for the Hawthorne Mount Pocono Resort Project.

Motion carried 2-0.

Unfinished Business

Monroe County Historical Society/Discuss/Any Action – The Board continued the discussion of a donation request from the Monroe County Historical Society discussed previously at the December 19, 2022, Board of Supervisors' meeting. The request for a donation was received after the 2023 Budget was approved.

Motion: Briglia moved and Gonze seconded to acknowledge the request and table the discussion of donating monies to the Monroe County Historical Society to the 2024 Budget meeting.

Motion carried 2-0.

New Business

Fee for Roadside Garbage Pick UP/Waste Authority/Discuss/Any Action – Transue stated that the Road Crew has picked up garbage bags/items dumped on the side of the road. If they are able to find names and addresses in the items dumped, the Road Crew forwards the information to the Monroe County Waste Authority's Police Department for investigation/prosecution. The Waste Authority has asked if the Township wants restitution for the time/resources spent to clean up the garbage. Transue asked if the Board wanted to set a fee for restitution. The Board discussed creating a rate schedule of itemized costs to submit a restitution request to the Waste Authority Police Department when this occurs.

Motion: Gonze moved and Briglia seconded to table the discussion. Transue will create a rate schedule of itemized costs for discussion at a future Board meeting.

Motion carried 2-0.

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Appoint SEO James Haklar/Appoint – Hanover Engineering submitted a letter requesting that the Board appoint James Haklar, SEO Certification Number 04081, as an additional Paradise Township Sewage Enforcement Officer.

Motion: Briglia moved and Gonze seconded to appoint James Haklar, SEO Certification Number 04081, as an additional Paradise Township Sewage Enforcement Officer.

Motion carried 2-0.

MC Tax Claim Bureau/2023 Judicial Sale/Discuss/Any Action – The Board briefly discussed the Monroe County Tax Claim Bureau notification of a property listed for the 2023 Judicial Sale. Paradise Township has no outstanding claims against the property so no further action was taken.

Other Business/Public Comment

Russell Horn was present and asked the Board if the Paradise Falls Lutheran Association (PFLA) would be notified if the bordering property on Bush Road that is currently for sale were to be sold. Mr. Horn stated that the residents of PFLA were concerned about the future development of the property. The Board informed Mr. Horn that the Township does not receive a notification when properties go up for sale or the intentions of a potential buyer.

Reports

Solicitor - Solicitor Prevoznik asked if the Browns Hill Road Culvert project has been started. Gonze stated that it has not. Solicitor Prevoznik stated that the Township may need to request a time extension on the License Agreement with Cranberry Associates of Pennsylvania, as the License Agreement was for six months. Transue will add this to the agenda for the February 6, 2023 meeting. Solicitor Prevoznik asked if the Campbell/Fulmer subdivision was completed. Transue stated that the Campbells have not yet applied for a Zoning Hearing Board hearing as required by the Board. Transue will also put this on the agenda for the February 6, 2023 meeting. Solicitor Prevoznik stated that he reached out to Zoning Officer Shawn McGlynn to discuss the ordinance recodification but has not heard back from him. Transue will touch base with Mr. McGlynn. Solicitor Prevoznik stated that Mr. Unangst relayed to him that the Hawthorne Mount Pocono Resort's Attorney Karpowich requested a meeting with the Township's professionals on January 25, 2023, to discuss the roads to be used as ingress/egress for the resort. The Board discussed that a Work Session is already scheduled for that purpose on February 6, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., so an additional meeting was not needed. Solicitor Prevoznik suggested that the Township's professionals meet prior to the Hawthorne Mount Pocono Resort Conditional Use Hearing to prepare for the hearing on January 30, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Motion: Briglia moved and Gonze seconded to approve Solicitor Prevoznik to meet with Mr. Unangst, Shawn McGlynn, and Jake Schray to prepare for the Hawthorne Mount Pocono Resort Conditional Use Hearing on January 30, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Motion carried 2-0.

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Solicitor Prevoznik stated that all the relevant Township Professionals have been notified of the M & M Realty Partners, LP Board of Supervisors Hearing on February 22, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

Solicitor Prevoznik stated that he recommends that a settlement agreement with Mount Airy is drawn up concerning the Conservation Easement.

Motion: Gonze moved and Briglia seconded to approve Solicitor Prevoznik to contact Attorney Belardi to let him know that the Township is drawing up a settlement agreement regarding the Mount Airy Conservation Easement.

Motion carried 2-0.

Solicitor Prevoznik stated that he had an item to be discussed in Executive Session.

Engineer – Mr. Unangst was not present.

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

PMREMS - Gonze stated that seven new employees have been hired in the position of either EMT or Paramedic.

Correspondence/Miscellaneous

MCPC Environment Study/Discuss/Any Action – The Board discussed the letter received from the Monroe County Planning Commission regarding the ROE Environment Study. Briglia stated that she would read the 2022 Return on Environment Study for Monroe County to report back to the Board for discussion as to whether the Board should appoint someone to the project committee.

Executive Session

Motion: Briglia moved and Gonze seconded to recess the regular meeting and go into an Executive Session at 6:42 p.m.

Motion carried 2-0.

Motion: Briglia moved and Gonze seconded to reconvene the regular meeting at 6:44 p.m.

Motion carried 2-0.

Solicitor Prevoznik stated that an Executive Session was held and all three Supervisors were present. Solicitor Prevoznik stated that a litigation matter regarding a Short-Term Rental property was discussed.

No decisions were made.

Adjournment

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded Gonze to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Motion carried 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Transue

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Secretary