

**PARADISE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 6, 2023**

Call to Order

Chair Gonze called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

John C. Prevoznik – Solicitor

Charles Unangst – Engineer

Tina Transue – Secretary

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Briglia moved and Stein seconded to approve the February 22, 2023, Board of Supervisors regular meeting minutes as presented.

Motion carried 3-0.

Motion: Briglia moved and Stein seconded to approve the February 23, 2023, Board of Supervisors special meeting minutes as presented.

Motion carried 3-0.

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Work Session

Short-Term Rental Building Code Standards/Any Action – Gonze stated that the Board had a brief discussion about the Short-Term Rental Building Code Standards with a follow-up conversation to be had by Solicitor Prevoznik and Zoning Officer Shawn McGlynn.

Rezoning Route 390/Any Action – Gonze stated that the Board discussed with Steve Dellinger of Hanover Engineering, the proposed redistricting of Route 390. Gonze stated that it would take further discussion by the Board before it would act.

Unfinished Business

Timber Hill Emergency Road Access/Update – Transue stated that she spoke to Christine Meinhart-Fritz at the Monroe County Planning Commission about the prospect of putting an emergency road on Open Space property purchased with grant monies. Transue was told that that would not be allowed either by the Monroe County Planning Commission or DCNR. Mr. Unangst stated that he and the Roadmaster briefly looked at the site of the bridge that had previously washed out and stated that the banks appeared to be unstable and not suitable for a bridge replacement. Gonze stated that he believed that contacting both Maureen Madden, a PA House of Representatives member, and Senator Rosemary Brown, is the best option to receive a viable solution to the issue of only one form of ingress and egress to the Timber Hill and Paradise Pointe Communities. Resident Dagmara Debrowska suggested taking a property owned by Tom and Christine Wilkins bordering the cul-de-sac on Alpine Road by eminent domain to create an access road. The Board explained to Ms. Debrowska that the area she suggested is environmentally sensitive and therefore unusable to build a road. Mr. Unangst also stated that there was still another piece of property between the Wilkins property and Cranberry Creek Road so obtaining the Wilkins property would not resolve the issue. Gonze stated that at this time the best option for a second entrance to the Timber Hill and Paradise Pointe is to contact the state representatives to request assistance in reopening the Route 447 entrance. Ms. Debrowska also asked about contacting PennDOT to request a traffic light at the Route 191 and Browns Hill Road intersection. Gonze stated that this was already discussed with PennDOT and PennDOT determined that a traffic light was not warranted at that intersection.

New Business

Game Cameras for Open Space/Parks/Any Action – Transue stated that one of the maintenance/laborers suggested getting game cameras for Open Space properties and Township parks to combat graffiti and damage to the properties. No action was taken.

2023 Appropriations/Approve – Briglia stated that approval was needed to disburse the appropriations previously agreed upon for the 2023 Budget. The total appropriations to be paid are \$12,400.00 with a future appropriation to be paid to the Friendly Community

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Center in the amount of \$7,500.00.

Motion: Briglia moved and Stein seconded to approve paying the budgeted appropriations of \$12,400.00.

Motion carried 3-0.

Reports

Roadmaster – Mader summarized his report. The Board asked Mader to get a written appraisal of the John Deere Tractor that the Township is selling to present to Mount Pocono Borough if they are still interested in buying the tractor. Mader informed the Board that he received a quote for a 2024 Peterbilt. The quote from Hunter Truck for the truck is \$134,907.00 and the quote for the accessory package from E.M. Kutz is \$99,560.00.

Motion: Stein moved and Briglia seconded to approve ordering the 2024 Peterbilt 548 for the quoted price of \$134,907.00 from Hunter Truck, subject to verification of their CoStars contract.

Motion carried 3-0.

Motion: Stein moved and Briglia seconded to approve ordering the accessory package for the 2024 Peterbilt 548 for the quoted price of \$99,560.00 from E.M. Kutz, subject to verification of their CoStars contract.

Motion carried 3-0.

Solicitor – Solicitor Prevoznik stated that he reached out a second time to the attorney for Cranberry Associates of Pennsylvania, LLC regarding a time extension on the license agreement to allow work to be performed on the property owner's property to remediate stormwater erosion by establishing protection facilities. Solicitor Prevoznik will ask for a time extension to the end of 2023. Solicitor Prevoznik has not received a response to his email.

Solicitor Prevoznik stated that he forwarded the file regarding the Nothstein issue to Attorney McManus.

Engineer – Mr. Unangst stated that he had nothing further.

PARC – Briglia stated that the February PARC meeting was canceled.

Correspondence/Miscellaneous

None.

Other Business/Public Comment

None.

Executive Session

Motion: Briglia moved and Stein seconded to recess the regular meeting and go into an Executive Session at 6:44 p.m.

Motion carried 3-0.

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Motion: Briglia moved and Gonze seconded to reconvene the regular meeting at 6:46 p.m.

Motion carried 3-0.

Solicitor Prevoznik stated that an Executive Session was held and all three Supervisors were present. Solicitor Prevoznik stated that a litigation settlement proposal was discussed.

No decisions were made.

Gonze stated that he spoke to David Johns regarding the Verizon proposal to put up a wireless tower on the EMS property on Woodland Road. Mr. Johns stated that he verified with Mount Airy's Attorney Belardi that Mount Airy would not object to a wireless tower on the EMS property.

Adjournment

Motion: Stein moved and Briglia seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Transue

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Secretary