

**PARADISE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 20, 2023**

Call to Order

Chair Gonze called the meeting to order at 6:05 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

John C. Prevoznik – Solicitor

Charles Unangst – Engineer

Tina Transue – Secretary

Executive Session

Solicitor Prevoznik stated that an Executive Session was held at 5:55 p.m. and all three Supervisors were present. Solicitor Prevoznik stated that a legal discussion was held regarding the Conservation Easement and contract requirements. Solicitor Prevoznik

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stated that a brief discussion was held regarding the requirements of the Sewage Act. The Executive Session ended at 6:04 p.m. No decisions were made.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Briglia moved and Stein seconded to approve the March 6, 2023 Board of Supervisors regular meeting minutes as presented.

Motion carried 3-0.

Motion: Briglia moved and Stein seconded to approve the March 9, 2023 Board of Supervisors special meeting minutes as presented.

Motion carried 3-0.

Treasurer's Report

Transue read the Treasurer's Report.

Motion: Briglia moved and Stein seconded to accept the March 20, 2023, 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 27, 2023 and March 6, 2023. Transue stated that five quotes were received for Spring Clean Up.

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

\$50.00 for trash per cubic yard and \$45.00 for metal per cubic yard.

Waste Management submitted a quote, as follows:

\$49.16 for trash per cubic yard and \$49.16 for metal per cubic yard.

That's Gotta Go Dumpsters submitted a quote, as follows:

\$30.00 for trash per cubic yard and \$30.00 for metal per cubic yard.

CCI Waste & Recycling submitted a quote, as follows:

\$49.83 for trash per cubic yard and \$19.83 for metal per cubic yard.

G & S Containers submitted a quote, as follows:

\$29.93 for trash per cubic yard and \$29.93 for metal per cubic yard.

The Board discussed the quotes.

Motion: Gonze moved and Briglia seconded to award the Spring Clean Up quote to G & S Containers in the amount of \$29.93 for trash per cubic yard and \$29.93 for metal per cubic yard.

Motion carried 3-0.

Work Session Items

Gonze stated that a Work Session was held with representatives from Mount Airy to discuss the Timber Harvest Remediation and Forest Management Plan for 2023.

Motion: Stein moved and Briglia seconded to accept the Timber Harvest Remediation/Forest Management Plan for 2023 contingent on the final form of the report being adopted in a mutually agreeable Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

Motion carried 3-0.

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Motion: Stein moved and Briglia seconded to forward the contingently approved Timber Harvest Remediation/Forest Management Plan for 2023 to the Environmental Advisory Council and ask that comments be returned by email to the Board no later than April 2, 2023.

Motion carried 3-0.

Motion: Stein moved and Briglia seconded to schedule a Work Session on April 3, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. to discuss any further requests or revisions in the format of the Mount Airy Memorandum of Understanding.

Motion carried 3-0.

Unfinished Business

Verizon Wireless Tower Inquiry - Proposal/Any Action – The Board discussed the proposal from NB&C regarding putting a Verizon Tower on the EMS property located on Woodland Road.

Motion: Gonze moved and Briglia seconded to authorize a site visit by an NB&C representative to determine the feasibility of installing a tower on the EMS property located on Woodland Road.

Motion carried 3-0.

M&M Realty Partners, LP Lot Consolidation/Any Action – Solicitor Prevoznik stated that he received a letter from Attorney Marc Wolfe on behalf of M&M Realty Partners, LP requesting an extension of time to complete a Township approved Lot Consolidation Plan and Joinder Deed as set forth in the Stipulated Condition No. 4 of the Conditional Use Decision dated August 22, 2022.

Motion: Stein moved and Briglia seconded extending the deadline to have an approved Lot Consolidation Plan and Joinder Deed to August 31, 2023. The Supervisors authorized the Solicitor to inform Attorney Wolfe and his clients that this is the final extension to have the Plan approved. Good faith was found based upon applicant finding and retaining a surveyor to complete the process.

Motion carried 3-0.

New Business

Appoint Mike Stein as Delegate for PSATS Conference/Appoint – Stein stated that Transue is not attending the PSATS conference this year and that he will attend in her stead. It was also discussed that Stein should be appointed the voting delegate for Paradise Township.

Motion: Gonze moved and Briglia seconded to appoint Stein as the voting delegate at the PSATS conference for 2023.

Motion carried 2-0 (Stein abstained)

Approve Advertising for Road Materials Bid/Approve – Transue stated that the Road Materials bid ad is to be advertised in the *Pocono Record* on Monday, March 27, 2023, and Monday, April 3, 2023.

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Motion: Briglia moved and Stein seconded to approve placing the ad for the Road Materials bid ad to be advertised in the *Pocono Record* on Monday, March 27, 2023, and Monday, April 3, 2023.

Motion carried 3-0.

Hawthorne Traffic Study - Intersections/Discuss/Any Action – Mr. Unangst stated that Hanover Engineering's Traffic Engineer Jim Milot talked with the Traffic Specialist from Hawthorne Mount Pocono Resort about the intersections to be studied as part of Hawthorne's traffic study and asked if the Board had any other intersections they would like to have included in the study. Additionally, the Board stated that they would like the intersection of Route 314 and Route 611 to be part of the traffic study. The Board is also requesting that the entrance to the proposed commercial site with ingress and egress from Route 611 be studied to determine how that would affect the traffic flow at the Woodland Road and Route 611 traffic-lighted intersection.

PennDOT Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement (Rt 940 & Carlton)/Discuss/Any Action – Transue reported that she received an email from PennDOT stating that it is upgrading the crosswalk located at Carlton Road and Route 940 and is requesting a Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement (TSMA) to be executed between PennDOT and Paradise Township and a resolution to authorize the submission of the TSMA also be passed. The email asked if the municipality requires the use of an Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS) push button (audible tone or voice message to assist the visually impaired). Solicitor Prevoznik stated that the resolution should be put on the agenda for the April 3, 2023 meeting. The Board discussed having Mr. Unangst research whether Hanover Engineering could determine whether there was a need for the use of an Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS) push buttons (audible tone or voice message to assist the visually impaired) at that location.

Motion: Stein moved and Briglia seconded to approve Mr. Unangst to research and then give his recommendation on whether there was a need for the use of an Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS) push buttons (audible tone or voice message to assist the visually impaired).

Motion carried 3-0.

Reports

Solicitor – Solicitor Prevoznik stated that he had not heard back from Attorney German regarding the time extension of the license agreement with Cranberry Associates of Pennsylvania, LLC, and asked if the Board wanted him to draft a letter to Attorney German. The Board indicated that the Solicitor should draft a letter.

Solicitor Prevoznik stated that he is still waiting to meet with Zoning Officer Shawn McGlynn regarding the recodification.

The Board discussed alternative dates for the continuation of the Hawthorne Conditional Use hearings. The Board agreed on the following possible 2023 dates for the hearings: May 23, May 24, June 7, June 8, June 21, and June 22. Solicitor Prevoznik will forward

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the dates to Attorney Don Karpowich, Hawthorne's counsel, Donna Kenderdine, C.R., and Paradise Township Professionals for concurrence on follow-up hearing dates.

Engineer – Mr. Unangst stated that Jason Smith renewed the permit to complete the bank restoration on Browns Hill Road to August 31, 2023.

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

PMREMS - Gonze stated that PMREMS has initiated a search for a Chief Operating Officer.

EAC – Stein stated that the EAC met on Wednesday, March 15, 2023. Stein stated that EAC members were continuing their review of the Paradise Township Open Space Priorities report.

Other Business/Public Comment

None.

Correspondence/Miscellaneous

None.

Adjournment

Motion: Stein moved and seconded Briglia to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m.
Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Transue

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Secretary