

**PARADISE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 15, 2023**

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Briglia led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Public Comment Statement

Briglia 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*".

Briglia stated that the meeting is being recorded for the limited purpose of preparing the official minutes.

Special Note

Briglia 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 (Absent)

Reda Briglia – Vice Chair

Michael Stein – Supervisor

John C. Prevoznik – Solicitor (Absent)

Charles Unangst – Engineer

Tina Transue – Secretary

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Stein moved and Briglia seconded to approve the April 17, 2023, 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 Briglia seconded to accept the May 15, 2023, Treasurer's Report.

Motion carried 2-0.

Unfinished Business

Sale of Tractor/Any Action - Roadmaster Mader submitted to the Board an estimated retail value of the 2012 John Deere 5058M utility tractor with a side mount boom mower, received from Douglas Stinnard of John Deere. The Board discussed listing the tractor on Municibid for sale with a starting bid of \$25,000.00.

Motion: Briglia moved and Stein seconded to list the 2012 John Deere 5058M utility tractor and side mount boom mower on Municibid with a starting price of \$25,000.00 with a reserve. Transue is to also advertise the Municibid auction information in the *Pocono Record*.

Motion carried 2-0.

New Business

Heller (114 Whispering Hills) Conditional Use Hearing/Schedule -Transue stated that Zoning Officer Shawn McGlynn received an application for a Conditional Use hearing from Donald Heller, owner of DEND Properties of Monroe, LLC, for 114 Whispering Hills Drive. The Board discussed dates for the hearing. Transue reported that Attorney Tranter stated by email, that due to a scheduling conflict, the applicant would not be able to attend a hearing on June 19, 2023, however, they have not yet submitted a formal agreement to grant a waiver of time. Transue also reported that Mr. McGlynn reached out to Attorney Tranter to let him know that if a waiver was not submitted the hearing would be scheduled for June 19, 2023, as the 60-day deadline to hold a hearing is on June 24, 2023. The Board discussed scheduling the hearing for June 19, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. unless a waiver of time is received before the advertising requirements set in. Should a waiver be received the Board will set a new date at the June 5, 2023 meeting.

Motion: Stein moved and seconded by Briglia to schedule the 114 Whispering Hills Conditional Use Hearing for June 19, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. unless a waiver of time is received before the advertising requirements set in. Should a waiver be received by the Board will set a new date at the June 5, 2023 meeting.

Motion carried 2-0.

Seasonal Laborer Application/Any Action – Transue stated that no applications were received. Transue stated that it was advertised in the *Pocono Record*, on the Township's website, posted on Savvy Citizen, and also posted on the Paradise Township Neighborhood page on Facebook. The Board discussed advertising again in the *Pocono Record* and Transue will send the advertisement again on Savvy Citizen.

Motion: Stein moved and Briglia seconded to approve advertising again in the *Pocono Record*, post on the website, and send another Savvy Citizen notice out.

Motion carried 2-0.

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Mile A Minute Weed in VanBuskirk/Any Action – The Board discussed contracting Absolutely Lawns again this year to treat the Mile A Minute weed in the VanBuskirk Preserve.

Motion: Stein moved and Briglia seconded to approve contracting Absolutely Lawns to treat the Mile A Minute weed in the VanBuskirk Preserve with a cost not to exceed \$3,000.00 to be paid from the Open Space Funds.

Motion carried 2-0.

Purchase Wright Mower and Bagger/Any Action - Transue stated that a new mower was allocated in this year's budget. Mader received a quote from Marshall's Machinery in the amount of \$15,632.48, through the CoStars program. Transue stated that Mader did not receive a quote on the bagger.

Motion: Stein moved and Briglia seconded to approve the purchase of the Wright Zero Turn Mower (157735QZ) for \$15,632.48, through the CoStars program, as allocated in the 2023 Budget.

Motion carried 2-0.

The Board will approve the purchase of the bagger when a quote is received.

Reports

Solicitor – Solicitor Prevoznik was not present.

Engineer – Mr. Unangst reported on the progress of the Browns Hill Road Emergency Culvert Repair.

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

Award Bids

Road Paving Project (6:15) – Briglia publicly read the bids (See Exhibit 1). Four 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 24 and May 1, 2023. Transue stated that alternate bid items were also submitted. The alternate bid item is replacing Item #6 with #6A and Item #10 with #10A. Item 6A replaces 24" Yellow Waterborne Markings with Glass Beads with 24" Yellow Thermoplastic Pavement Markings with Glass Beads. Item 10A replaces White Waterborne Markings with Glass Beads with 24" White Thermoplastic Pavement Markings with Glass Beads. Mader relayed to Transue that he would prefer using the alternate bid items because the Thermoplastic Markings would last longer than the Waterborne Markings.

Motion: Stein moved and seconded by Briglia to award the alternate bid to Northeast Site Contractors in the amount of \$627,566.55 contingent upon receipt of all required

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contractual documents and bonds. The listing of bids received shall be attached to the Minutes.

Motion carried 2-0.

Other Business/Public Comment

A resident was in attendance to bring to the Board's attention a property located on Fern Road which has a lot of junk and garbage on the property. The resident also stated that there is a Short-Term Rental property on Blackberry Drive that consistently has loud music disrupting the neighborhood. Transue stated that she would forward to the Zoning Office the pictures of Fern Road that the resident submitted and will also let the Zoning Officer know about the noise complaint. The Board suggested that the resident fill out complaint forms for both properties.

Russ Horn, from Paradise Falls Lutheran Association, asked the Board if anything could be done about the motorcycles driving at a high rate of speed up and down Route 191. Briglia stated that Transue will call the State Police and make them aware of the issue and ask them to patrol the area.

Correspondence/Miscellaneous

None.

Executive Session

Motion: Briglia moved and Stein seconded to recess the regular meeting and go into an Executive Session at 6:31 p.m.

Motion carried 2-0.

Motion: Briglia moved and Stein seconded to reconvene the regular meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Motion carried 2-0.

Stein stated that an Executive Session was held and Stein, Briglia, and Transue were present. Stein stated that the sale of a Township vehicle was discussed. No decisions were made.

Adjournment

Motion: Stein moved and seconded Briglia to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

Motion carried 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Transue

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Secretary