

**PARADISE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 21, 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

John C. Prevoznik – Solicitor (Absent)

Charles Unangst – Engineer (Absent)

Tina Transue – Secretary

Executive Session

Gonze stated that an Executive Session was held on Thursday, August 10, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. and all three Supervisors and Solicitor Prevoznik were present. Gonze stated that legal matters regarding JSPA Realty, LLC were discussed.

The Executive Session ended at 4:30 p.m. No decisions were made.

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Approval of Minutes

Motion: Briglia moved and Stein seconded to table the approval of the August 7, 2023, Board of Supervisors regular meeting minutes to the September 6, 2023 meeting.

Motion carried 3-0.

Treasurer's Report

Transue read the Treasurer's Report.

Motion: Briglia moved and Stein seconded to accept the August 21, 2023, Treasurer's Report.

Motion carried 3-0.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Monroe County United Way/Any Action – Todd Nemura, from Monroe County United Way, was present to request that the Board consider an appropriation to the United Way in the upcoming budget year. Mr. Nemura gave a brief background of the charitable works of the United Way. Mr. Nemura stated that the United Way was asking each of the Monroe County Municipalities to contribute \$2.00 per household in its municipality. Paradise Township is estimated to have 1,011 households in the Township, which would equal \$2,022.00. The Board stated that it would discuss an appropriation during the budget process.

PMREMS Audit Letter/Any Action – Gonze stated that the accounting firm that Pocono Mountain Regional EMS (PMREMS) uses to complete their yearly audit was acquired by a larger firm and it caused unavoidable delays in getting the annual audit completed, as explained in the letter received.

Reports

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

EAC – Stein stated that the EAC met on August 16, 2023. Stein summarized the meeting for the Board. The Board discussed digitizing the trail maps and making them available on the website and also adding a QR Code to the maps at the trailheads for hikers to download.

Other Business/Public Comment

Russell Horn was present and updated the Board on a meeting with Senator Brown's office, PennDOT, and the Pennsylvania State Troopers regarding speeding and reckless driving on Route 191/940. Mr. Horn stated that there are three potential dates for a public meeting with the above agencies.

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Correspondence/Miscellaneous

None.

Adjournment

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

Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Transue

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Secretary