



PARADISE TOWNSHIP

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PARADISE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES APRIL 5, 2021

Call to Order

Chair Konrath called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Roll Call

Officials Present:

Gary Konrath – Chair
Peter Gonze – Vice Chair
Reda Briglia – Supervisor

John C. Prevoznik – Solicitor
Charles Unangst – Engineer
Tina Transue – Secretary

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was waived.

Public Comment Statement

Konrath 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. A public comment period will be held at the end of the regular agenda for any other business."*

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Gonze to approve the March 15, 2021 Board of Supervisors regular meeting minutes as presented.

Motion carried 3-0.

Planning Commission Items

MCPC Review Letter/Wellhead Protection Ordinance – The Board discussed the Monroe County Planning Commission review letter of the draft Wellhead Protection Ordinance. Solicitor Prevoznik suggested sending the draft ordinance back to the Paradise Township Planning Commission for review of item #3.

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Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Gonze to send the Monroe County Planning Commission review letter to the Paradise Township Planning Commission.

Motion carried 3-0.

Unfinished Business

Red Rock Road Notice of Award/Approve – The Board discussed signing the Final Award Notice and a Notice to Proceed letter to Luciano's Excavation, Inc. for the Red Rock Road Stream Restoration (Paradise Creek) Project. Solicitor Prevoznik stated that a letter to the landowners affected by this project should be sent out to make them aware that the project will start soon.

Motion: Gonze moved and seconded by Briglia to award the bid and send the Final Award Notice to Luciano's Excavation, Inc. in the amount of \$769,764.00.

Motion carried 3-0.

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Gonze to send the Notice to Proceed to Luciano's Excavation, Inc. upon the satisfaction of the engineer.

Motion carried 3-0.

American Rescue Plan Funding/Discuss – Transue stated that she attended a webinar on the funding that Townships would receive from the American Rescue Plan. Transue stated she believed from the discussion in the webinar that the funds could not be used for roads and bridges as part of infrastructure as previously discussed but could be used for water, sewer and broadband. Konrath requested that Solicitor Prevoznik look into it further.

New Business

Municibid – 2010 Ford Escape/Award Bid – Transue stated that the highest bid on the 2010 Ford Escape listed on Municibid was \$6,900.00 received from Anton Iffrig.

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Gonze to authorize Mike Mader to sign on behalf of the Township when transferring the title to Mr. Iffrig.

Motion carried 3-0.

Motion: Gonze moved and seconded by Briglia to award the bid to Anton Iffrig in the amount of \$6,900.00 contingent upon receiving a certified check from Mr. Iffrig.

Motion carried 3-0.

Parkside Chapel Roof Celebration/ Waive Fee Request – Konrath stated that in October 2020 a letter was received from Parkside Chapel of Henryville stating that the Parkside Chapel was placed on the National Historic Registry. The organization requested that it be allowed to hold a celebration at the Roof on June 6, 2021. Konrath stated that he was requesting the Board waive the fee for the Roof rental. Gonze stated he was contacted by a representative of the Parkside Chapel of Henryville asking that the date be moved to September 18, 2021 due to Covid-19 CDC guidelines which may still be in effect in June. Transue will check with DeWitt to confirm that day is available.

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Motion: Gonze moved and seconded by Briglia to waive the fee for the rental of the Roof for the Parkside Chapel of Henryville celebration contingent upon September 18, 2021 being available.

Motion carried 3-0.

Paradise Historical Society/Waive Fee Request – Konrath stated that the Township received a request from the Paradise Historical Society to waive the fee for rental of the Roof for their June 13, 2021 which will be their first meeting of the year.

Motion: Gonze moved and seconded by Briglia to waive the fee for the rental of the Roof for the Paradise Historical Society for June 13, 2021.

Motion carried 3-0.

Road Material Paving Bid/Approve Advertising – Transue stated that the Notice to Bidders for the Road Materials Bid will be advertised in the Pocono Record on April 12, 2021 and April 19, 2021. The bids will be due on April 30, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. to be opened at 10:01 a.m. on April 30, 2021. The bid will be awarded at the May 3, 2021 Board of Supervisors meeting at approximately 6:15 p.m.

Motion: Gonze moved and seconded by Konrath to approve advertising for the Road Materials Bid in the Pocono Record on April 12 and April 19, 2021, with bids due on April 30, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Bids will be opened at 10:01 a.m. on April 30, 2021 and, if in order, awarded on May 3, 2021, at approximately 6:15 p.m. at the Board of Supervisors meeting.

Motion carried 3-0.

Municibid-List Pickup and Dump Truck/Approve Listing and Minimum bid – Konrath stated that he talked to Mike Mader regarding the dump truck to be listed on Municibid. Konrath stated that Mike Mader suggested a starting bid of \$10,000.00. Mike Mader relayed to Konrath that the dump truck would not pass inspection at this time.

Motion: Gonze moved and seconded by Briglia to approve listing the 2008 Ford F-550 dump truck on Municibid with a minimum starting bid at \$10,000.00 with a note in the description that the dump truck is being sold "AS IS, WHERE IS" and that the dump truck will not pass Pennsylvania motor vehicle inspection.

Motion carried 3-0.

The Board discussed the pickup truck that also would be listed on Municibid but did not have enough details of the pickup truck to set a minimum bid. The Board tabled the discussion on listing the pickup on Municibid until next meeting.

Reports

Roadmaster – The Board discussed the Roadmaster's report. Konrath stated Mike Mader received a quote from Cleveland Brothers CAT dealership for a wheel loader for \$154,500.00 which is \$10,910.00 less than the Komatsu quote of \$165,410.00. Cleveland Brothers participates in PA CoStars. Komatsu does not participate in PA CoStars but does participate in the Sourcewell Co-Op sponsored by the State of Minnesota. Mike Mader will

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demo the CAT wheel loader. Transue is to verify Cleveland Brothers CoStar contract number.

Motion: Gonze moved and seconded by Briglia to table the discussion on purchasing a wheel loader until Mike Mader has had the opportunity to demo the CAT wheel loader.

Motion carried 3-0.

Konrath stated that Mike Mader relayed to him that on the emergency access road due to be put in going from Wyndham Hills to Green Chapel Lane to Wood Acres Drive will need to have topsoil removed to put down larger stone as the base. Konrath asked Mr. Unangst to look into whether permits would be needed to do that work.

Solicitor – Solicitor Prevoznik suggested asking Amanda & Zachary Foehr from Pocono Towing to come into the next Board meeting to discuss the next steps in their conditional use application.

Mr. Unangst stated that Jake Schray, SEO, was in contact with DEP about the septic system for the Costanzo Property. Mr. Schray is hoping to receive a letter from DEP within the week regarding the Costanzo Property.

Gonze asked if Shawn McGlynn, Zoning Officer, contacted him regarding 432 Upper Swiftwater Road, a Short-Term Rental which was fined in the amount of \$12,000.00 for non-compliance. Mr. McGlynn had suggested putting a lien against the property until the fine is paid. The STR is non-compliant and uncooperative in fixing the issues with this property.

Motion: Gonze moved and seconded by Konrath to approve Solicitor Prevoznik to work with Zoning Officer Shawn McGlynn regarding the Short-Term Rental on 432 Upper Swiftwater Road and make a recommendation to the Board on how to proceed.

Motion carried 3-0.

Engineer – Mr. Unangst stated that Hanover Engineering sent Solicitor Prevoznik the bid package for the Traffic Calming Devices to be installed on Route 191 and he received comments back from Solicitor Prevoznik. Mr. Unangst asked whether Hanover Engineering should handle the advertising or have Transue submit the ad. Briglia stated that Hanover Engineering should handle submitting the advertising. The project will be listed on PennBid.

Motion: Gonze moved and seconded by Briglia to have Hanover Engineering prepare the advertising for the Traffic Calming Devices project to be run in the Pocono Record and to list the project on PennBid.

Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Unangst stated that once the project is out to bid, Hanover Engineering would stake the area of the signs location to inform the public.

Mr. Unangst also stated that Jason Smith was in touch with Dr. Browne, regarding Mount Airy's 2019 Greenway Monitoring report. The 2019 report has not been completed yet. Dr. Browne relayed to Mr. Smith that he would look back through the report to verify that all items have been completed and then submit hard copies of the report to the Township.

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Mr. Unangst stated that Mr. Smith will have the reports for the Township ready for the first Board meeting in May.

EAC – Konrath stated that the EAC was looking into purchasing properties in the Township for Open Space.

PARC – Briglia stated that PARC met in March at which time they ratified paying the bills and discussed the Frisbee Golf information Konrath handed out at the last Board meeting. PARC will reach out to the local Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts to inquire if they would like to put Frisbee Golf on one of the Township properties as a project.

Correspondence/Miscellaneous

Konrath reported that residents have inquired whether they would be eligible for more than one free truck/car load of trash during Spring Cleanup if they own more than one property in the Township. Konrath stated that he felt that there should be a limit of one free load per household in which the resident lives. All other loads would be charged the rate of \$20.00 per load. Konrath asked how Paradise Falls Lutheran Association was monitored for compliance when the Association performs its own senior pickup and brings the collected trash to the Township on behalf of the Association residents. Transue stated that she spoke to Russell Horn at the last meeting regarding this matter. It was discussed that the Association keep a list of each household name and address from which trash is picked up. That list would then be turned over to the Township to demonstrate compliance with the one load per household policy. The Board agreed that this was the best option for Paradise Falls Lutheran Association for senior pickups.

Motion: Gonze moved and seconded by Briglia to authorize Paradise Falls Lutheran Association to bring in more than one pickup truck/trailer load for free contingent upon them furnishing a list of homeowner's names and addresses of where they collected the items from.

Motion carried 3-0.

Other Business/Public Comment

Mr. Unangst stated that the permit application would be submitted the next day for the replacement of the Devils Hole Road Culvert.

Transue asked if the Board had changed their position on not going into the Ski Haven Lake Estates development for senior pickup due to the deteriorating condition of the bridge leading into the development. The Board stated that the Township will not go into the development until the bridge is fixed.

Adjournment

Motion: Gonze moved and seconded by Briglia to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Tina Transue
Secretary