

## Board of Supervisors, Palmyra Township, Pike County, January 21, 2020

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### **CALL TO ORDER:**

The January 21, 2020 meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Palmyra Township, Pike County, PA was called to order at 7:00 PM at the Township Building, Paupack, PA with the following members present Simons, Ehrhardt and Coutts. Also present for the Township was Solicitor Waldron and Administrator Rose.

### **MINUTES/BILLS/RECEIPTS:**

On motion by Mr. Coutts, seconded by Mr. Ehrhardt, and unanimously carried, the minutes from the Reorganization Meeting held January 6, 2020 and the minutes from the first regular meeting of the year held the same evening were approved. Bills in the amount of \$28,633.84 were approved for payment and receipts in the amount of \$7,601.47 were reported with a list of each on file.

### **PUBLIC:**

### **IRISH – ZONING HEARING/ZONING VIOLATION**

Scot Brown, Chairman of the Zoning Hearing Board was in attendance asking what the next procedural step is regarding the Irish zoning violation and subsequent Zoning Board of Appeals hearing held regarding the matter. Solicitor Waldron addressed the question and explained that he will be sending notification to Mr. and Mrs. Irish that their zoning appeal was denied, and they failed to appeal that to the Court of Common Pleas in a timely manner. He said accordingly they will be given a certain number of days to remove both structures. He also addressed the hearing that took place at the Magistrate's which they were also found guilty and fined. Solicitor Waldron said he would be able to have attorneys' fees and court costs added. Mr. Brown thanked the Board and Solicitor.

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

### **HOMETOWN HEROES**

Mrs. Rose said she had received a message from the committee working on having banners hung with regard to the Hometown Heroes project. They were asking if the Zoning Ordinance needed to be amended or could they go ahead and order the banners. The Solicitor and Supervisors reviewed a section of the Zoning Ordinance that Township Planner Helfrich had advised would allow for such a use. Accordingly, the Supervisors told Mrs. Rose to tell the committee they can go ahead with the project.

### **AUDITOR MARY ALICE TRUNZO**

Mrs. Rose told the Board she had received notification from Alice Trunzo that she would be retiring from her position as Township Auditor. The Supervisors accepted her resignation with regret. Chairman Simons read into the minutes a resolution thanking her for her years of service. On a motion by Mr. Coutts, seconded by Mr. Ehrhardt and unanimously carried **RESOLUTION 01-21-2020** was adopted by and will become a permanent part of the records of the township.

### **AUDITOR VACANCY**

The Supervisors took up the matter of the vacancy. Supervisor Coutts reported that he had spoken with LuAnn Newcomer and she expressed interest in being appointed to the position. Accordingly, on a motion by Coutts, seconded by Mr. Ehrhardt and unanimously carried Lu Ann Newcomer was appointed to fulfill the unexpired term of Mary Alice Trunzo.

**EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION**

Mrs. Rose said she had received an employment application from Cody McCord who was seeking full or part-time work. His application indicated he has plowed snow and was working on obtaining his CDL license. Accordingly, on a motion by Mr. Coutts, seconded by Mr. Ehrhardt and unanimously carried Mr. McCord was hired on a part time basis. The Supervisors then took the matter of compensation up and on a motion by Mr. Coutts, seconded by Mr. Ehrhardt and unanimously carried set is hourly rate at \$20.00.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Mr. Waldron reported on the following:

**SHORT TERM RENTAL HEARING**

Solicitor Waldron reported to the Supervisors that the matter of the Pradeep Ravinda short term rental violation has been settled. The hearing scheduled for Wednesday, January 22 will not be needed in that Mr. Ravinda has plead guilty and a fine of \$250.00 plus court costs was imposed.

**WALLENPAUPACK GORGE TRAIL**

Solicitor Waldron reported he had secured an updated application to be submitted to the Scenic Rural Preservation Board requesting consideration of a \$25,000.00 mini grant. The application was prepared for Mrs. Rose's signature because the township is the applicant on the project. Accordingly, Mrs. Rose will sign it and submit it to the County.

**STEERING COMMITTEE RAILS AND TRAILS**

Solicitor Waldron asked the Supervisors if they would consider appointing Grant Genzlinger representative for Palmyra Township on a new steering committee being formed to complete a feasibility study for a rail and trails system. Pike County was awarded a grant from DCNR to perform this study and the committee will be made up a diverse group to work on it. Accordingly, on a motion by Mr. Coutts, seconded by Mr. Ehrhardt and unanimously carried Grant Genzlinger was appointed to represent Palmyra Township on the steering committee.

**HAWLEY BOROUGH AMBULANCE**

Solicitor Waldron reported to the Supervisors he had received two letters regarding Hawley Borough Ambulance due to the fact Palmyra Township borders their municipality. Hawley Borough Council has issued a cease operation notice to the organization in that they did not have the Council's consent in operating. Solicitor Waldron added he received a second letter from Attorney Ronald Bugaj, Solicitor for Paupack Township advising their township would not allow Hawley Borough Ambulance to operate within their township. The Supervisors took no position on the matter.

**MAINTENANCE FOREMAN'S REPORT**

Maintenance Foreman Mathews reported on activity in the Maintenance Department including but not limited to a salt delivery, maintenance on the snowplows, Escape was inspected, new road signs were ordered and had been delivered and several storms that required cinderling.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

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**CORRESPONDENCE:**

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