

Board of Supervisors, Palmyra Township, Pike County, February 4, 2020

CALL TO ORDER:

The February 4, 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 of the January 21, 2020 meeting were approved. Bills in the amount of \$11,368.66 were approved for payment and receipts in the amount of \$21,479.35 were reported with a list of each on file.

PUBLIC:

TAFTON FIRE COMPANY

Members and Officers of the Tafton Fire Company were in attendance to thank the Supervisors for their continued support. Gary Shephard, President gave the Supervisors the profit and loss statements for the past two years. The Supervisors reviewed and told the representatives they were in a much better position than they had been. The Supervisors thanked them all for their continued service to the community. A group picture was taken.

ORDINANCE NO. 135-2020 – WEIGHT RESTRICTION ON TOWNSHIP ROADS

At 7:30 PM Chairman Simons opened the public hearing to adopt an ordinance restricting the weight limit on Township Roads: Shiny Mt. Road, Old Greentown Road, Kimble Road and Gumbletown Road to 10 tons. There was no public comment. Chairman Simons closed the hearing at 7:35 PM.

The Supervisors took up the matter after the close of the hearing. On a motion by Mr. Coutts, seconded by Mr. Ehrhardt and unanimously carried Ordinance No. 86-2000 was repealed and Ordinance No. 135-2020 was adopted.

GHD – SEWAGE STUDY PROPOSAL

Mrs. Rose had received a proposal for engineering fees from GHD to revisit the service area adding additional properties extending down Route 507. The fee quoted was \$17,000.00. On a motion by Mr. Ehrhardt, seconded by Mr. Coutts and unanimously carried the Supervisors approved the expenditure.

TAFTON AMBULANCE EP, INC. – HEALTH INSURANCE

Mrs. Rose had received some quotes on health insurance for the three full-time Tafton Ambulance employees. The Supervisors reviewed the quotes and advised Mrs. Rose which plan to enroll the employees into. They asked that it be set up to have Tafton Ambulance billed directly with reimbursement coming from the township on a monthly basis. Tafton Ambulance will need to show proof of the premium being paid each month.,

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Waldron reported on the following:

SCHRAEGEN ZONING VIOLATION

Solicitor Waldron reported that he and Zoning Officer Manter attended a hearing at the Magistrate regard Eric Schraegen and his on-going zoning violation for junk at his property in Al-Wa-Da. Mr. Schraegen did not show up and because this had already been through a hearing with time to correct the situation a per

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diem fine was imposed. Mr. Schraegen was fined \$12,000.00 plus costs. Solicitor Waldron will keep the Supervisors updated.

PPL POLE ATTACHMENTS – KATAPULT SERVICES

Solicitor Waldron had reviewed the email the township received regarding poles within the township that are the responsibility of the township. There are four poles that violate code used by Palmyra Township. Two are for traffic signals and the other two need to be identified. The proposal is PPL moves the poles, but the township is billed. Once that happens the township will be billed annually for a “user fee.” The Supervisors asked Mrs. Rose to contact Alana Roberts at PPL to find out if this is correct.

SEWAGE AGREEMENT – SAMAYAM

Mrs. Rose said a revised agreement concerning the sewage retaining tank at property of Samayam had been reviewed by Alternate Solicitor Henry and he found same to be in accordance to what DEP is requesting. He suggested adding Rita Marek as a signee on the agreement given the fact, she is the owner of the property. Attorney Waldron, on behalf of his client, made that change. Accordingly, on a motion by Mr. Coutts, seconded by Mr. Ehrhardt and unanimously carried the Maintenance Agreement was executed.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY-REGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICES

Solicitor Waldron prepared for the Supervisors a “Memo on Creating a Municipal Authority for Regional Ambulance Services.” He did this on behalf of the committee that has been formed to investigate the possibility of a regional ambulance service and not on behalf of the township. He also advised Supervisor Coutts, who will be the representative on the committee, where to find some more information of the DCED website.

MAINTENANCE FOREMAN’S REPORT:

Mr. Mathews asked permission to attend a training seminar in March regarding the Dirt and Gravel Road program. It is necessary for one person from the township to take the course. The Supervisors approved sending Maintenance Foreman Mathews to the training.

PENNDOT CONNECTS:

Mr. Mathews reported he had been contacted to arrange a meeting with the township, emergency services and someone from his department to discuss TIPS projects. He suggested March 3 but Roadmaster Simons said he was unavailable on that date. Mr. Mathews will reach out and get some other dates from the representative at PennDOT.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

CORRESPONDENCE:

01-10-2020	DCNR	Grant opportunity
01-16-2020	PCCD	K-84 Section 450
01-22-2020	LR Kimball	I-84 Section 495
01-23-2020	R. Anthony Waldron, Esq.	Irish
01-23-2020	DEP	147 Shiny Mt. Rd.
01-24-2020	Zoning Officer Manter	RMKE LLC violation
01-29-2020	Board of Assessment Appeals	Kailszuk appeal
01-29-2020	Zoning Officer Manter	Troppmann violation

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