

Board of Supervisors, Palmyra Township, Pike County, May 19, 2020

CALL TO ORDER:

The May 19, 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 May 5, 2020 meeting were approved. Bills in the amount of \$7,493.62 were approved for payment and receipts in the amount of \$67,977.88 were reported with a list of each on file.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

KOPP ENTERPRISES

Mrs. Rose told the Board and Solicitor that Zoning Officer Manter had sent a stop work order on the Kopp Enterprises project because they are going ahead without sewage, zoning and building permits. The problem stems from the Planning Modules being at DEP for review and approval and DEP is closed due to the pandemic. The contractors are continuing to work despite Mr. Manter's notice. Solicitor Waldron said he would contact Mr. Kopp's attorney, Jack Spall and see what can be resolved to bring the matter into compliance.

CLEAN UP DAY 2020

Mrs. Rose asked the Supervisors if she could start getting ready for the Clean Up Day June 27. The Supervisors and Solicitor discussed the matter and it is not much different than having the recycling and trash open with safety measures. Accordingly, Mrs. Rose said she would get everyone scheduled and prepare the flyers to start distributing them.

ELECTION DAY:

Supervisor Coutts discussed the June 2 Primary and suggested opening the garage and using that for voting since it is a much larger area and the space would allow for better safe distancing. Solicitor Waldron thought there would be no problem changing the area the township provides for the voting if the location does not change. Mr. Coutts said he would work on getting the garage ready for voting.

TOWNSHIP BEACH

The matter of opening the Township Beach was discussed. They acknowledged that not knowing what phase Pike County will be in towards the end of June it was difficult to make any concrete plans. It was tentatively decided to try for opening June 26 if lifeguards can be available, providing no swim lessons for this year and keeping the concession stand closed. Mrs. Rose will contact Mr. and Mrs. Gelderman to see if they have been able to get commitments from any lifeguards to work this summer. It was decided it would be discussed again at the next meeting.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Waldron reported on the following:

OUTDOOR SEATING

Solicitor Waldron addressed the matter of outdoor seating for local restaurants during the Covid-19 crisis. There had been two requests for local restaurants to offer outdoor seating when they can open with a 50% capacity. The Supervisors and Solicitor discussed the matter and it was decided that if the restaurateurs

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agree to offer this seating only during the crisis period. Once the State opens up completely, the outdoor seating would cease and if the owners wanted to continue with that use they would need to apply to the township for all necessary approvals. Letters will be sent confirming that arrangement to both restaurant owners. On a motion by Mr. Coutts, seconded by Mr. Ehrhardt and unanimously carried temporary outdoor seating was approved with conditions.

FOOD TRUCKS

Solicitor Waldron brought up the matter of food trucks in parking lots of restaurants being allowed during the Covid-19 crisis. It had been discussed and approved at the May 5 meeting with the Supervisors asking Solicitor Waldron to send a letter confirming the food truck would only be allowed during these unusual times in an effort to assist restaurant owners some way to serve food. Solicitor Waldron provided a copy of the letter he had drafted and advised he will send to The Dock at Silver Birches for their signature confirming the terms under which they will be allowed the food truck.

WOODMONT TOWNHOUSES

Attorney Waldron, representing the Lake Region Development, owner of the former Woodmont Townhouses, presented a letter to the Supervisors asking for clarification on how the sixteen units were going to be treated. The matter was discussed and since all the units are owned by one entity which is a commercial use short-term rental permits would not be applicable to these units. They would be considered commercial the same as motels or lodging facilities. Attorney Waldron suggested to the Supervisors that a Certificate of Non-Conformance be issued since it is currently a non-conforming use and sometime in the future the matter may come up so there should be something in the township records to clarify that.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, on a motion by Mr. Coutts, seconded by Mr. Ehrhardt and unanimously carried the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

CORRESPONDENCE:

04-29-2020	DEP	Hawley Gulf Facility
05-04-2020	Penn E&R	Pocono line rebuild
05-04-2020	Pike County Recorder of Deeds	Realty Transfer Tax
05-07-2020	Keith Gunuskey, WASD	Letter of Support
05-07-2020	PennDOT	Letter of Support
05-11-2020	Michael Bisignani	Checking in
05-15-2020	Zoning Officer Manter	Kopp Enterprises