

Board of Supervisors, Palmyra Township, Pike County, October 6, 2020

CALL TO ORDER:

The October 6, 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 September 15, 2020 meeting were approved. Bills in the amount of \$223,957.88 were approved for payment and receipts in the amount of \$171,618.42 were reported with a list of each on file.

PUBLIC:

RASHFORD– SPINLER POINT – SEPTIC WAIVER

Will Whitehead, Kiley Associates, in attendance seeking approval to have replaced a failing septic system on lands of Rashford, 108 Old Shore Road. He presented a plan showing the current system does not meet the required distance from the property's well location and the new system will not either but will be less non-conforming than the current. On a motion by Mr. Ehrhardt, seconded by Mr. Coutts and unanimously carried the septic waiver was granted. Mrs. Rose will advise SEO Martin of the approval.

POCONO LAKEFRONT, LLC

Joseph and Patricia Albanese were in attendance inquiring about the Pocono Lakefront project and the fact they were not notified of the public hearing. Solicitor Waldron advised it is not a requirement to notify the adjoining property owners, but it is required to advertise the hearing and post the property. The Supervisors told Mr. and Mrs. Albanese they could leave their contact information and Mrs. Rose would advise them when the project is scheduled to come into the township planning meeting. They thanked the board.

Gail Ponte, a property owner near the proposed Pocono Lakefront project, expressed her disappointment in the Supervisors approval of the application. She said she had filed several right to know applications with Mrs. Rose and asked that she be advised when the project next comes into the township. Mrs. Rose acknowledged she has Ms. Ponte on her list to be notified.

SALE OF TOWNSHIP EQUIPMENT

Chairman Simons asked what bids were received on some township equipment that had been duly advertised for sale. Mrs. Rose said she had two sealed bids for the Ford Escape and one for the 2006 Scag Turf Mower. Chairman Simons opened the bid for the mower submitted by Donald Hartnett in the amount of 3500.00. On a motion by Mr. Coutts, seconded by Mr. Ehrhardt and unanimously carried the bid was accepted.

Chairman Simons opened the two bids for the 2008 Ford Escape, the first received from Paul A. Beutler in the amount of \$5,500.00 and the second from Mark and Debra Enge in the amount of \$5,510.00. On a motion by Mr. Coutts, seconded by Mr. Ehrhardt and unanimously carried the bid submitted by the Enges was accepted.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

TOWNSHIP BUILDING

Mrs. Rose told the Board she had received a request for the use of the township building from a Boy Scout Troop that meets on Wednesdays from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The matter was discussed, and the Supervisors said if it were something that met during the day when the staff was present in the building it could possibly work but after hours was problematic. Chairman Simons said there is a Cub Scout Troop that meets at the Tafton Fire Company building. He suggested contacting Gary Shephard, the President, and ask his thoughts on the Boy Scouts meeting there.

DEP – PLANNING MODULE APPROVALS

The Supervisors took up the matter of pending Planning Modules being held up at DEP for inordinate amounts of time. It was SEO Martin's suggestion that pursuant to the Sewage Facilities Act an application can be deemed approved after 180 days and it was his opinion the Board may want to make that an available option when an application is taking more time than allotted for approval by DEP. On a motion by Mr. Ehrhardt, seconded by Mr. Coutts and unanimously carried the Board approved SEO Martin issuing a septic permit after 180 days when there has been no approval or extension request from DEP.

BEACH DREDGING

Mrs. Rose reported that Supervisor Coutts had received a telephone call from Joseph Regenski about the possibility of dredging his beach area next year when the lake is scheduled to be taken down. He wanted to know if the township had any plans of dredging. The Board discussed the matter and asked Mrs. Rose to contact Katie Lester at Brookfield to find out the proper procedure to initiate this permit process.

2021 MMO:

Mrs. Rose asked the Supervisors to approve the employee Minimal Municipal Obligation for 2021 which will be \$9,988.22. On a motion by Mr. Ehrhardt, seconded by Mr. Simons, an abstention by Mr. Coutts the contribution to the pension plan for 2021 was approved.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Waldron reported on the following:

SEPULVEDA LOT COMBINATION

Solicitor Waldron presented a lot combination deed for approval which he had reviewed on behalf of the township. Isabel Sepulveda wishes to combine Lots 54 and 3 in the Tafton View Development. Accordingly, on a motion by Mr. Coutts, seconded by Mr. Ehrhardt and unanimously carried the lot combination was approved forming one new lot henceforth to be known and designated as *Lot 54-R, Tafton View*.

WHITE SANDS SPRING – SEWAGE TESTING

Solicitor Waldron advised that SEO Martin had received a letter from Attorney Thomas Farley questioning the procedure he was using in re-certifying perc test results at the White Sands Spring development. Solicitor Waldron responded to Attorney Farley advising that SEO Martin was proper in the way he is handling the retesting as the old testing was completed more than thirty years ago and securing the records that would be necessary would be more difficult and time consuming. There has been no response to

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Solicitor Waldron's letter.

POCONO GAS STATIONS, INC.

Solicitor Waldron received notification from the Court of Common Pleas that a hearing on the Pocono Gas Stations, Inc. has been scheduled for October 27, 2020 at 1:30 PM.

MAINTENANCE FOREMAN'S REPORT

Maintenance Foreman Mathews reported that Mayo Striping had completed the line painting on Shiny Mt. Road, Wayco had completed the work on Old Greentown Road, he called Jim Miller to have him winterize the beach, called Paupack Fuel to arrange to have the oil burner serviced for winter, received an email that vegetation at Route 390 and Old Greentown Road was obstructing views. He said it was on property owned by the State. He presented a proposal from Mark J. Sobeck for the preparation of a bid package to replace the township building roof. The Supervisors questioned whether it was for bidding and specs or just an analysis of the roof condition. Mr. Mathews said he would check and get back to them.

2016 INTERNATIONAL DUMP TRUCK

Supervisor Coutts presented a quote for a 2016 International Dump Truck that he is proposing the Township purchase for large storms and emergencies. The truck is new, and the township can purchase it through the Co-Stars program without having to bid it out. The price for the purchase is \$89,000.00. On a motion by Mr. Coutts, seconded by Mr. Ehrhardt and unanimously carried the Board authorized the purchase.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board at 8:05 PM went to Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board reconvened their regular meeting at 8:15 PM and there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

CORRESPONDENCE:

09-15-2020	Pike County Tax Claim Bureau	Exonerations
09-17-2020	Pennsylvania DEP	Kopp Enterprises
09-21-2020	Zoning Officer Manter	Paupack Village, LLC
09-21-2020	Pike County Conservation District	PPL NPDES Permit
09-21-2020	Pike County Road Task Force	Tom Simons term
09-24-2020	Pike County Tax Claim Bureau	2020 Judicial Sale
09-25-2020	Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board	Liquor License transfer
09-28-2020	Zoning Officer Manter	Violation (Cook)
09-30-2020	Zoning Officer Manter	Violation (Bodine)
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09-28-2020	Pike County Conservation District	I-84 project