

February 4, 2020

As advertised in the Standard Speaker newspaper, the Packer Township Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 4, 2020.

Cory Gerhard called the meeting to order and opened the meeting to the floor. Frank Shor had a question about the Packer Volunteer Fire Company. They have that building on Wetzel Run. This corporation is still active. I have a copy of the incorporation. The state shows it as an active corporation. Is there anything that the township can look into or maybe a copy of the deed to make sure there is no exclusion that says if it is sold it has to be brought back to the previous owner or does the state or anything in the addendum that says it must be maybe donated to the church, I don't know. But I'd just like to see if the township can look into if it's still deeded or if there is problems with the deed or try to obtain it because there is still two members of the corporation who are with us, three have passed on. Corey responded that he had heard about it but doesn't have much information about it but we can look into it. Mr. Shor continued that he did not know if the deed or the addendum reflects that it must be reverted back to the previous owner or his family or whatever but it's kind of an eye sore and it has some unwelcomed people coming down over there. He walked through and found hypodermic needles and a few other odds and ends. I would think it's a sellable lot, it's over 2 acres, get it back on the tax roll. They are exempt since 1973. Donny Yanac is trying to organize a pick up Pennsylvania event to keep Pennsylvania beautiful, hopefully in April. I know people have done it before. I have a little bit of information, bits and pieces. I talked to some people from the State. Township roads, we would have to take care of the garbage. State roads, they would possibly come pick it up. So maybe we can talk to County Waste if they could take care of that for us or if maybe there is not much, maybe we could all just take care of it in our own garbage. And try to get something also in the newsletter in April. I know it's always on Facebook, I think it was missed in the newsletter maybe threw out, people aren't getting it. We'll try to get more people to come out. Cory-So this date will be some date in April then? Mr. Yanac-Yes, we'll have to work with you on trying to set a date in April. April works best for me if I'm going to organize it. Maybe the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in April. Do it like on a Saturday with a rain date on Sunday. The State will supply us with vests, gloves, garbage bags. Frank Shor-PennDOT picks up the trash after we bag it and leave it by the road. Mr. Yanac said if it's on a state road. If it's on a Township road we're responsible. There are dumps that will take it sometimes for free if you get a crew for it but you have to drive there. Hegins, Pen Argyl. I know in the past we haven't got that much that's probably worth that trip. Maybe County Waste can just take care of it. That'd probably be the best.

The minutes were approved with a motion from Cory Gerhard. Terry Davis seconded the motion and Robert Selert agreed. Vote of 3-0.

**Ordinances and Resolutions** – Bob Yurchak said the following ordinance can be moved along, we have approval from the County Planning Commission and also the Township Planning Commission. We can move it on to a public hearing if you want. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PACKER, CARBON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF PACKER TOWNSHIP, KNOWN AS THE PACKER TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE, PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA FACILITIES. Cory asked if we got back any recommendation from them. Bob responded yes.

#### **Reports of Officials and Committees –**

Barry Isett & Associates – Permit/Zoning officer – Absent. 1. Tuesday 1/21/2020 – phone call with Packer resident inquiring about building and zoning permits for new modular home. Emailed him and the contractor the applications. (15 MIN) 2. Tuesday 1/28/2020 – phone call with Packer resident inquiring about permits for a fence and height restrictions and property boundaries. (15 MIN) 3. Wednesday 1/29/2020 – phone call with resident inquiring about the modular home and questions regarding the temporary use of the mobile home currently on property, septic, water, setback requirements. Emailed applicable ordinances pertaining to the inquiry and suggested again to complete the applications previously sent on 1/21/2020 so I can give an expedited and accurate response. (30 MIN) - Phillip Prout



Barry Isett & Associates, Inc.- Code Enforcement Officer – Absent, no report.

Bill Brior – Sewage Enforcement Officer – Absent, no report.

Citizens' Fire Company No. 1 – Weatherly Annual Fire Report 2019-Steph read some highlights from the report. 96 incidents were responded to. The report breaks down the incidents by type. There were 10 incidents for Packer. The report included a training report. Equipment notes: This year we will be putting a truck committee together to spec out a new Rescue Truck (2051) due to maintenance issues and outgrowing our current Rescue Truck. Maintenance of Apparatus: Regular maintenance checks are completed on all apparatus and equipment on a bi-weekly basis. Notes: Packer Township Supervisors and Citizens Fire are pleased to announce that Packer Township put (2) new hydrants into service in late December for fire protection. They are located on Station Lane and Wetzel Run Drive. This addition will, in my opinion, bring down the ISO rate even more this year. Citizens' Fire Co. #1 is contacting ISO to do audits of both coverage areas to make sure that the new hydrants are included. A copy of the new officers list is attached to the report. – Donald Weston, Fire Chief. The full 6 page report can be reviewed by contacting Stephanie or Chief Weston.

Zoning Hearing Board – The Board met January 27<sup>th</sup> to re-organize. The officers remain the same: Tony Caso - Chairman, Barbara Genetti – Vice-Chairperson, Myron Tarapchak – Member, Neil Craig – Alternate, Greg Mousseau - Solicitor and Stephanie Stolpe – Secretary. The activity for 2019 was a hearing for the Broad Mountain Wind Farm. The hearing began on April 17<sup>th</sup> and continued 20 times. The next hearing is on February 6<sup>th</sup> at the township building. – Stephanie Stolpe

**Old Business** –Cory spoke to Greg Haas (Carbon Engineering) on Monday. He will be coming in the next week or two to look at the township roads and give us a list on what roads need the most work first. He's doing some finishing touches to the Zoning Ordinance book and we should get them in the next few weeks to review it. Bob Y responded that he told him the same thing.

**New Business** – Cory Gerhard made a motion to accept the Packer Township/Carbon County Exoneration and Delinquent List for 2019 as presented by the Packer Township Tax Collector, Valerie Kane. Terry Davis seconded the motion and Robert Selert agreed. Vote 3-0 Cory Gerhard made a motion to participate in the electronic recycling events with the Borough of Weatherly on June 27<sup>nd</sup> and September 10<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$303. Terry Davis seconded the motion and Robert Selert agreed. Vote 3-0 Cory Gerhard made a motion to approve the request of the Broad Mountain Chapter of S.O.A.R. to use the activities room for the purpose of holding a Basket Bingo on April 17 &18, 2020. Terry Davis seconded the motion and Robert Selert agreed. Vote 3-0 Cory Gerhard made a motion to authorize attendance of Robert Selert to the PSATS conference. Terry Davis seconded the motion and Robert Selert agreed. Robert Selert made a motion to authorize attendance of Stephanie Stolpe to the PSATS conference. Cory Gerhard seconded the motion and Terry Davis agreed. Vote 3-0 Cory Gerhard made a motion to appoint Robert Selert as a voting delegate at the PSATS conference. Terry Davis seconded the motion and Robert Selert agreed. Vote 3-0 Robert Selert made a motion to explore options for a PA system for the township building and Cory Gerhard seconded the motion. Terry Davis agreed. Vote 3-0 Robert Selert would like to explore the options of participating in the Agility Program with PennDOT so we can possibly get some of their services that we don't have to do and specifically if we can do the mowing along the state roads they will give us so much credit towards projects. What I am looking at is if we can get them to do some tar and chipping while they are doing it at the same time with our services for mowing along the road because that would save them from putting that contract out. That needs to be done by March 31<sup>st</sup> or April 30th. Cory asked for more information on it. Bob S. said he would look into it. Bob Y. said generally the way it works is that they will do things for you but you've got to do things for them too. Terry asked if we were insured to be doing that stuff along state roads. Bob Y. said probably and Stephanie will call the insurance company. Cory would be for it but would like more information. Bob Y. said PennDOT would send an agreement. Bob S. said in Lehigh Twp they do the

road all the way around the old county home and they get the liquid fuels for that. They are not looking for services but that's just one of the things they do with regards to that. When I worked for the state we traded some services with PennDOT and then we got stuff in return. Up at the prison we got paving done and we painted some plows and we got yards and yards of material. They came in and put it down with their machines and rolled it out.

Cory Gerhard made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Terry Davis seconded the motion and Robert Selert agreed. Vote 3-0

Cory Gerhard made a motion to sign and approve the checks drafted and Terry Davis seconded the motion. Robert Selert agreed. Vote 3-0

Cory Gerhard made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Terry Davis seconded the motion. Robert Selert agreed. Vote 3-0

The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m. A total of 11 residents attended the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Stephanie Stolpe, Packer Township Secretary/Treasurer