

June 1, 2020

As advertised in the Standard Speaker newspaper, the Packer Township Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, June 1, 2020 at the township building and via <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83968803337>. Cory Gerhard called the meeting to order and roll call was taken. All were present.

The meeting was opened to the floor. There were no comments.

The minutes from May 5th and May 18th were approved with a motion from Cory Gerhard. Terry Davis seconded the motion and Robert Selert agreed. Vote of 3-0.

Ordinances and Resolutions – None

Reports of Officials and Committees –

Barry Isett & Associates – Permit/Zoning officer – Absent. 5/1/2020 – Inquiry regarding TCO (temporary certificate of occupancy) of new dwelling until mobile home is removed. (.5 HRS) 5/8/2020 – Zoning final observation, issued CO (1 HR) 5/13/2020 – Emailed resident regarding the process to apply for a variance. Sent documents (.5 HR) 5/18/2020 – Inquiry regarding a new single family dwelling and detached accessory structure, Tax Parcel ID: 111-45-C1.07) (.5 HR) 5/21/2020 – Inquiry with multiple residents/applicant regarding Highway Occupancy Permits/911 Addressing. (.5 HR) 5/22/2020 – Inquiry regarding above ground swimming pool. Emailed applications/requirements memo (.5 HR) 5/24/2020 – Inquiry from Glenn Hoffman regarding a prebuilt Amish shed. Emailed requirements and application (.5 HR) 5/28/2020 – Correspondence with applicant and issued permit Z20 – 003 (Above ground swimming pool) (.5 HR) 5/29/2020 – 1408 Wetzels – Footer Inspection pre – Superior Walls (1 HR)

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

Bill Brior – Sewage Enforcement Officer – Absent. One new permit application. Two test probes, 2 perc tests and 2 site evaluations.

Old Business –Bids for paving reconstruction on Wetzels Run Drive from Station 74+68 to house # 1979 mailbox were opened. The following bids were received: H&K Group, Inc. \$85,825.20, Franzosa Trucking Co. Inc. \$87,768.00, Barletta Materials & Construction, Inc. \$90,564.00, Shiffer Bituminous Service Co. \$99,176.64, M & J Excavation Inc. \$99,930.00 and Don E. Bower, Inc. \$102,646.50. Robert Selert made a motion to conditionally accept the lowest bidder, H&K Group, pending review of bid by Carbon Engineering. Cory Gerhard seconded the motion and Terry Davis agreed. Vote 3-0

New Business –Cory – The transmission needs to be replaced in the F450. It is currently at Barber Ford to get a new rebuilt transmission. Bob S. confirmed it will be rebuilt with a 3 year unlimited mileage warranty.

Bob S.-With regards to Mr. Prout's comments to addressing, Bob S. reached out to him and told him what we had done in the past and he copied Cory and Terry on the email. Bob S. did give two addresses out already. Prout was always under the impression you didn't give out an address until the home was built. Then you get everybody in a catch-22, the power and everything else. There is no sense in this. We get a driveway location from PennDOT and measure the driveway from the nearest mailbox. There is one on Packer Drive for Jason Lenhart, 577 Packer Drive and on Saturday I did for Jeff Donadi on Tower Road. They are going to replace the existing pipe, their pipe that is underneath the father-in-law's house. I told them they have to slope away from the township right-of-way and whatever they needed to do on their side but that will alleviate any future water problems that are out there. Gerry Grega called today and so I'll take care of that this week.

A proposal from Carbon County Music and More for a sound system was received. Bob asked Stephanie if a proposal had been received from the man who has been providing audio for the hearings, Jesse Portanova.

Stephanie informed that he has not been able to get information from his suppliers because of the shutdown but he did provide an estimate of \$1800-\$2200 and she had asked him about adding a 3rd speaker which would increase the quote by \$400 but she doesn't think we need it. Bob S. asked the other supervisors if they had looked at Carbon County Music and More from Leighton for a sound system at \$719, six microphones at \$23 each, 5 table top stands and 1 floor stand. The system includes the speakers with stands, amplifier and cables. Bob said the quote states a week to 10 days for delivery which gets us to the next hearing so we won't have to rent again. Robert Selert made a motion to purchase the system from Carbon County Music and More. Cory confirmed that the quote included the cables and asked about installation. The quote does not include installation but Carbon County Music and More will provide online and phone support for set-up at no cost. Cory Gerhard seconded the motion and Terry Davis agreed. Vote 3-0

Terry said repairs of Round Head Road will take place on Wednesday at 3 p.m. to repair erosion underneath a pipe. This is at the bridges. There are no houses there that will be blocked from getting in or out. A concrete truck will be there so the road will be blocked for maybe an hour until we get things poured and get out of there. Stephanie will put a notice on the website. Cory Gerhard made a motion to ratify the pre-application to the Carbon County Community Development Block Grant for Ochre Mill Road (T-470) Culvert Replacement & Drainage Improvements. Terry Davis seconded the motion and Robert Selert agreed. Vote 3-0

Cory Gerhard made a motion to approve the request of Mahoning Valley Ambulance for the township address list to conduct a membership drive. Robert Selert seconded the motion and Terry Davis agreed. Vote 3-0

Correspondence-Cory Gerhard made a motion to ratify the comments request by Wildland Conservancy. Terry Davis seconded the motion and Robert Selert agreed. Vote 3-0

Information from Grant Township regarding House Bill 1813 was received which said DEP was suing Grant Township for trying to protect the environment in regards to hazardous radioactive fracking waste injection well. Bob S. said it was to put us on alert that DEP was suing Grant Township at one point and then they reversed the decision and withdrew the fracking permit and agreed with the township. They are looking for support and offering to send more information on the situation. More information will be requested for review.

Cory Gerhard made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Robert Selert seconded the motion Terry Davis 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

Robert Selert said that the Tax Collection Committee canceled its May 20th meeting but Berkheimer had sent a year-to-date comparison. Even through the pandemic Packer Township is ahead in 2020 for Earned Income Taxes.

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 6:20 p.m. A total of 2 residents attended the meeting. Six residents and other members of the public joined online via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Stolpe
Packer Township Secretary/Treasurer