

October 6, 2020

As advertised in the Journal Herald newspaper, the Packer Township Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at the township building. Cory Gerhard called the meeting to order and roll call was taken. All were present.

There were no comments.

The minutes from the September 1st Supervisors meeting and the September 28th hearing/special meeting were approved with a motion from Robert Selert. Cory Gerhard seconded the motion and Terry Davis agreed. Vote of 3-0.

Ordinances and Resolutions – Bob Selert made a motion to adopt A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND RECIPIENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF CARBON & PACKER TOWNSHIP AND AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF THE APPLICATION AND AUTHORIZING THE INDIVIDUAL WHO SIGNS THE AGREEMENT TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF PACKER TOWNSHIP, TO ACT AS ITS REPRESENTATIVE WITH RESPECT TO THE APPLICATION, AND TO PROVIDE SUCH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS MY BE REQUIRED. Terry Davis seconded the motion and Cory Gerhard agreed. Vote 3-0

Reports of Officials and Committees –

Barry Isett & Associates – Permit/Zoning & Code Enforcement officer – Absent. 9/2/2020 - Parcel ID: 120-45-A14.05 - Received a call regarding an Ag Building possibly being used for occupancy. Courtesy email sent to Sernak's regarding pole building being built without permits. (1 HR) 9/4/2020 - Conversations with DEP regarding road bonding/waivers. Sent local design criteria to Steph for Contact Us Form. (0.5 HR) 9/8/2020 - Correspondance with DEP regarding road bond for Wetzel Run Drive. Investigated Lot 5A & documents (Wetzel Run Dr). (0.5 HR) 9/11/2020 - Continued correspondence with DEP; road bonds will be pursued. 9/14/2020 - NOV's assembled and sent to Sernak/AHS Hauling. Conference call with DEP representatives. Meeting with Packer Supervisors, Secretary, and Solicitor to discuss road bond. (2.5 HRS) 9/15/2020 - Additional correspondence with Larry Dobash - BAMR Construction Manager. (0.5 HR) 9/18/2020 - Phone call with Larry Dobash requesting a phone call with the chairman of the board. (0.5 HR) 9/23/2020 - Donadi - Questions regarding a lot consolidation/joiner. (0.5 HR) 9/29/2020 - Issued zoning permit Z20-006 (Detached Garage) Correspondance with Maurice Dembrosi regarding requirements for a pavilion and above-ground swimming pool. (1 HR) (UCC) 9/9/2020 - 343220.003 (Above-ground Pool) Final Building/Final Electric Inspection: PASSBill Brior – Sewage Enforcement Officer – Absent. One each-new application, test probes, site evaluation, malfunction inspection. Terry asked Stephanie about a check for sewage enforcement. Stephanie took it to the bank on Monday. Robert Selert asked about assigning SEOs for the township. Can any party go to a 3rd party for design and inspection? Do they have to use our SEO? Atty. Yurchak responded no, the sewage facilities act basically allows us to appoint alternate SEOs too and if there's a conflict of the SEO or he's not available then we can use the alternate. In talking to Steph, there is an alternate. Bob S.- OK so we do have an alternate. What if the alternate is not the one who was used by the property owner? Bob Y. – They would still have to, they can go to a 3rd party as long as we approve them. We would have to approve them and they'd have to be certified. Bob S. – So what do we do about the property owner that had not used Mr. Brior or the alternate. Bob Y. – I think we're going to have to check the certification first, see if there's certification for this person and if Mr. Brior doesn't want to act on it we'll have to ask the alternate if they'll review it.

Old Business – Cory Gerhard said a pipe was installed on Round Head Drive on Saturday. Bob S. said that the collection box is in on Grist Mill Drive. Terry responded that we need some back fill. Paul Bray back filled it and when Terry asked if he tamped it Paul responded that he ran over it with the tractor. Terry said that we are supposed to get more rain so we'll keep an eye on it. Cory mentioned that the newsletter going out will have

information on Hometown Hero banners if anyone would like to get new one or add one to contact Stephanie and we will get them for next year. Stephanie said she will put a form on the website too. Terry said that he saw some were getting a little shabby. Paul Bray gave a list of 3 that definitely should be replaced; he doesn't think they will make it another year.

New Business – Cory Gerhard made a motion to approve the Berger Minor Subdivision. Robert Selert seconded the motion and Terry Davis agreed. Vote 3-0 Cory Gerhard made a motion to approve the request of Broad Mountain Chapter of SOAR to use the building for a Basket Bingo/Tricky Tray Auction on October 23 and 24, 2020. Terry Davis seconded the motion and Robert Selert agreed. Vote 3-0

Correspondence was received from a resident regarding lack of internet to some homes on Round Head Drive and grant money which he heard had been given to local governments and municipalities for this. Cory confirmed the email was received a couple weeks ago. Bob S. said a few days after the email circulated there was an article in the Times News about the county had put out a request for proposals to upgrade in the areas that were not sufficiently covered and the bids that came in were too high. One of the commissioner's comment was he couldn't believe that Atlantic Broadband did not submit a proposal for those improvements. That being said, I don't know if anybody's looked at their cable bill since we go that letter but my wife informed me that our Atlantic Broadband went up \$40 a month, so multiply that by the number of residents that do have Atlantic Broadband and it doesn't take them long to make up their \$18,000. The other thing is, I did not bring the paperwork with me, there is legislation right now that has passed the senate, is going back to the house with regards to upgrading the broadband and funding and it's supposed be done through tax incentives and tax credits to the companies like Atlantic Broadband. So my suggestion is, first of all there is no county money right now. This is all, they're sitting on some money but they haven't decided what to do with it, where to aim it and of course with Atlantic Broadband not even submitting a proposal to the county that puts them in a bad light plus putting our fees up every month. I think we should wait and see what the state legislature does with their package in front of them, if they approve it. I'm sure that then Atlantic Broadband, Comcast and everyone else with jump on the band wagon to get some tax credits. Bob Y. said that's exactly what I told Steph when she read me the letter. The legislature is working on it and it's primarily related to the remote learning and schools. There are lots of areas in the state that don't have any internet connection. They are trying to extend the broadband coverage. Steph – So in response to the resident, we can respond that there is legislation, there is no grant money. Bob S. – Grant money at the county level has not been appropriated yet or disbursed to municipalities and the county is going to deal with this. We are not going to actually see the money here. It's not going to pass through us. Bob Y. – Their connection should either be the county commissioners or state representative. Steph-Ok.

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m. A total of 4 residents attended the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Stolpe
Packer Township Secretary/Treasurer