

December 1, 2020

As advertised in the Journal Herald newspaper, the Packer Township Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at the township building. Cory Gerhard called the meeting to order and roll call was taken. All were present.

The meeting was opened to the floor. John Floyd asked if the Supervisors got a price on putting a reducer on the plug. Carbon Engineering gave a price of \$23,500. Mr. Floyd asked if that was a permanent reduction valve. Bob Selert explained how a PRV works. John confirmed that it would be in the ground. Terry said it requires getting permission from the land owners. Bob said he is not sure if we can stay within our right-of-way. John said originally they hit the wrong line the first time and had to move it because the hydrant was supposed to be down the road 50 feet. He continued to say that there are two lines and they got the wrong one the first time. He doesn't know if they got the return line, because Hazleton City Authority takes the water up and processes it and ships it back down here. Bob said the return line is the larger of the old ones, it's treated water coming back. John said right, we don't need treated water. Bob continued to explain that they abandoned one line, a 6 or an 8. The newer one of the older two was 12. That's the one that we're looking for. So they abandoned the oldest line.

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

Ordinances and Resolutions – Cory Gerhard made a motion to adopt and ratify the ZONING ORDINANCE OF 2020 FOR PACKER TOWNSHIP. Terry Davis seconded the motion and Robert Selert agreed. Vote 3-0
The fee schedule is updated to change the fee for a Variance or Special Exception to \$500 for residential projects. Cory Gerhard made a motion to adopt A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PACKER IN THE COUNTY OF CARBON, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO ESTABLISH AND AFFIRM THE SCHEDULE OF FEES. Bob Selert seconded the motion and Terry Davis agreed. Vote 3-0

Reports of Officials and Committees –

Barry Isett & Associates – Permit/Zoning & Code Enforcement officer – Absent. 11/2/2020 - Issued zoning permit Z20-007 - Sidewalk Replacement. (0.5 HR) 11/4/2020 - Met with resident inquiring about a pole building installation. A variance will be required if the intention is to place in the front yard. (1 HR) 11/9/2020 - 1st Draft document for variances required for the Sernak Ag Building. (0.5 HR) 11/10/2020 - Conversation with Kevin O'Donnell, Penn DOT - permits have been returned for revisions; no H.O.P's have been issued at this time. (0.25 HR) 11/13/2020 - Information regarding well placement with resident and distance requirements from drain field. (0.25 HR) 11/17/2020 - Information requested regarding variance procedure for residential accessory building. 577 Packer Drive - resident requests his garage be built prior to the primary structure; advised that this would not be permitted. Request for final inspection - Provizzi accessory building (0.5 HR) 11/18/2020 - Final Inspection - Z20-006; location is as proposed. Documentation of Woodridge Conservation Club, Inc (access roads off SR93); begin draft letter advising that Forestry is a defined and regulated use within Packer Twp. Documentation of 1859 Quakake Rd; follow up on 1586 Grist Mill (no active work being performed). (1 HR) 11/20/2020 - Continued correspondence with property owner regarding why he cannot build his detached garage prior to the primary structure. Spoke with Karen Sernak regarding the variances needed for the Ag Storage Building. (0.5 HR) 11/23/2020 - Letter sent to Hazleton City Authority pertaining to the timber harvest near 3727 Hudson Drive. Zoning approval requested. (0.5 HR) TOTAL HOURS: (5 HRS)
(UCC) 11/20/2020 - 343219.003 (RESIDENTIAL ADDITION) ROUGH ELECTRIC: PASS (specific penetrations must be sealed)

Bill Brior – Sewage Enforcement Officer – Absent. Bill reports one each: new application received, perc test, site evaluation, verification of prior testing, design review, new permit issued. Two interim inspections and 1 malfunction inspections.

Old Business –Cory Gerhard made a motion to adopt the proposed 2021 Budget and Terry Davis seconded the motion. Bob Selert agreed. Vote 3-0 Action on the fire agreement with the Borough of Weatherly and the Citizens Fire Company No. 1 was tabled.

New Business –Bob S. talked about an inquiry that had actually come through Lehigh Township about Metrocast wanting to bore under one of the roads. It ended up being a state road so he told them they had to call PennDOT so that being said, quite a few years ago while I was the zoning officer, we had an issue with Wallace Way as you know most of the stuff up there is underground. Since we didn't have anything on the books and it happened so fast I couldn't even get up there to say you can't do this, they cut the road and installed lines to one of the residences. We need to put something in place to regulate this. I don't want any of our roads dug up for installation of any utilities of any kind if they are going to bore under a PennDOT they can bore under our roads. He then asked Bob Y. how we can move forward with that. Bob Y. responded that he will research an ordinance and have something for the next meeting. Terry said we should start looking at getting Carbon Engineering out, figuring out what roads we want to do. Bob said this time he's not going by himself. One or all of the supervisors will go. Cory asked if they want to call and schedule an appointment. Terry said yes to get a roll on it early.

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. Bob Selert agreed. Vote 3-0

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:16p.m. A total of 3 residents attended the meeting in person and there were two Zoom attendees.

Respectfully submitted, Stephanie Stolpe, Packer Township Secretary/Treasurer