

January 4, 2021

As advertised in the Journal Herald newspaper, the Packer Township Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, January 4, 2021 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. Tony Caso questioned if Gerry Grega, newly appointed alternate member to the zoning hearing board, would be attending by phone or in person. Terry responded that he can attend on Zoom. Tony said he's been on the school board attending by phone for years and wants to know if he will come to zoning hearing meetings, we may not use zoom all the time. Terry said that according to his email... Stephanie responded that at this time he would have to via zoom. Tony asked for how long. Stephanie responded that he did not say. Terry said it is a one year appointment. Robert Yurchak said if it doesn't work out it could be changed. Tony was just wondering because he knows that Weatherly is thinking about dropping him from the school board because he's not showing up for meetings, it's by phone, how is he going to do this? Terry reiterated that he mentioned he'd do it by zoom. Tony-Alright. Terry-We'll play it by ear. Bob Y- He's an alternate anyway. Tony-That's what I mean, suppose he has to come to a hearing. Bob Y.-We'll cross that bridge when we get to it.

There were no questions from the zoom attendees.

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

Ordinances and Resolutions – Bob Selert mentioned that Bob Yurchak supplied sample ordinances pertaining to utilities installing equipment under township roads to look over for next month.

Reports of Officials and Committees –

Barry Isett & Associates – Permit/Zoning & Code Enforcement officer- (ZONING) 11/30/2020- Rental Registration Applications - 3 options formatted for BOS meeting. 1859 Quakake Rd - Valley Construction & Remodeling, Inc: -Evidence has been collected and reviewed. -1st Draft complete (1 HR) 12/2/2020 - Correspondence received from Hazleton City Authority regarding the Timber Harvest along SR93. 12/4/2020 - Final Draft - Denial letter sent to Sernak; Multiple variances needed. 12/8/2020 - 2358 Wetzel Run Dr - Z20-008; initial review of application. 12/10/2020 - 528 Quakake Rd - initial review of application indicates proposed structure in the front yard. A Variance will be needed to construct as proposed. Denial letter to be mailed to property owner. 12/16/2020 - Specific requirements outlined for Hazleton City Authority to include with their zoning permit application. 12/17/2020 - Denial letter composed for Freed pole building application. 12/21/2020 - Z20-008 - 2358 Wetzel Run Drive - Detached Garage -Accessory structure meets all ordinance requirements. -Zoning Permit issued; CO Issued. 12/28/2020 - Contact made with Bill Sacco, owner of AWS Hauling Services. Scheduled with inspectors available to accommodate an inspection for 12/31/2020. (UCC) 12/31/2020 - 343218.007 - POLE BUILDING; (LIVESTOCK & AGRICULTURAL STORAGE) Inspector: Keith Fenstermacher, BCO Field Observation Report: A portion of the "Pole Building" has been converted to a residential dwelling unit. The structure does not comply with the PA UCC because they did not get the required permits or inspections for the work performed. Zoning / Building Code enforcement to follow.

Bill Brior – Sewage Enforcement Officer – Absent. Bill reports 2 interim inspections and 1 subdivision review.

Old Business –Cory Gerhard made a motion extend the Declaration of Disaster Emergency 60 days from January 17th and Terry Davis seconded the motion. Bob Selert agreed. Vote 3-0 Bob S. asked Bob Y. if the purchase of a new fire truck gives us any liability. Bob Y. felt that depending on the agreement they produce, if you're buying into the truck you are buying into their liability too. There should be another meeting to clarify

this, at the very least. Bob S.- That being said we'll table the agreement with the fire company again. We are sending them the check for the month from the old agreement. Stephanie confirms. Bob S. will set up a meeting with Harold Pudliner to find out if they can produce some kind of agreement that we can look at to see where our liability is going to stand. Action on the fire agreement with the Borough of Weatherly and the Citizens Fire Company No. 1 was tabled with a motion from Bob Selert. Cory Gerhard seconded the motion and Terry Davis agreed. Vote 3-0

New Business – Bob S. commented on the Donadi Subdivision that 3 lots that were non-conforming were made into 1 lot, a conforming lot so the Donadis can build and not have zoning issues. It's probably the first re-combination or subdivision that I've seen come through where there was actually no comments or revisions from our engineer or the county planning. With that being said the Planning Commission recommended approval of the reverse subdivision of the Donadis. Bob Selert made a motion to approve the Donadi Reverse Subdivision and Terry Davis seconded the motion. Cory Gerhard agreed. Vote 3-0

Cory Gerhard made a motion to appoint Robert Selert as delegate to the Carbon County Tax Collection Committee. Terry Davis seconded the motion and Robert Selert agreed. Vote 3-0

Correspondence was reviewed from the Carbon County Commissioners regarding the CARES Act application. Due to limited funds and requests, round one recipients were determined to be ineligible for the second round of funding. A \$10,000 check was received from the Joseph Andreuzzi Family Foundation for the park. Stephanie explained that she will call the fund to have it reissued in the correct name like last year. Terry inquired as to what the money is to be used for and if it can be used for upkeep. Bob Y. –As long as it's used for within the park he would imagine that it can be used for upkeep. Bob S. told Paul Bray to keep track of his hours.

Bob S. asked Bob Y. to write a letter to the owners at the old Leber's bar. They are pushing the snow from the front of their parking lot, pushing it across the street and it's making it difficult at times for snow removal. Especially that large storm. The visibility of the intersection. Bob Y. said they are not the only ones, he has seen other do it too. Bob S.-That's the one main problem that we have, really the only problem we have. Bob Y. – Asked if it's on the township road or 93? Paul-Township Road. I spent an hour up there with the loader. I moved at least 15 bucket loads of snow. I took 5 over, 5 or 6 over on the park property, across the street. I took 5 or 6 down the street where they pushed it and I took 5 or 6 and dumped it in their backyard. And then Bob S. had to come up with the plow truck and clean the road up after I got done.

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

Terry Davis made a motion to sign and approve the checks drafted and Bob Selert seconded the motion. Cory Gerhard 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 6:24p.m. A total of 4 residents attended the meeting in person and there were three Zoom attendees.

Respectfully submitted
Stephanie Stolpe
Packer Township Secretary/Treasurer