

As advertised in the Journal Herald newspaper, the Packer Township Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at the township building. Terry Davis called the meeting to order and roll call was taken. Cory Gerhard was absent.

The meeting was opened to the floor. There were no comments. The minutes were approved from the July 13th and July 20th meetings with a motion from Terry Davis. Robert Selert seconded the motion. Vote 2-0.

Ordinances and Resolutions – RESOLUTION 02-2021 A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PACKER IN THE COUNTY OF CARBON, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO ESTABLISH AND AFFIRM THE SCHEDULE OF FEES. Robert Selert made a motion to adopt Resolution 02-2021 to establish a \$2,000 fee per request to amend the Zoning Ordinance Text or Map. Terry Davis seconded the motion. Vote 2-0

Reports of Officials and Committees –

Barry Isett & Associates – Permit/Zoning & Code Enforcement officer- Absent. Monthly report received, read and attached.

Bill Brior – Sewage Enforcement Officer – Absent. No report.

Old Business – Bob stated that the supervisors are exploring options for replacement or fixing of Alamo mower. He plans on attending Ag Process Days to see what else is available out there that might meet our needs. Terry talked about possibly renting a mower to cut brush with a 21' boom along the roads.

New Business – Robert Selert made a motion to approve Stephanie Stolpe to attend a Quickbooks Payroll training at a cost of \$135. Terry Davis seconded the motion. Vote 2-0

Bob asked Stephanie where on the treasury report does the Federal ARP funding appear, half of which has been received. Stephanie explained that it is in the General Fund total and appears at the top of the Profit & Loss report under the heading Federal Grants in the amount of \$52,125.27. Terry talked about the possibility of using the funds to connect those without cable in the Township. There was a complaint back early covid on Roundhead that they did not have cable and the kids were having problems doing stuff online for school. Bob responded that right now his suggestion is to wait to see what the state does because the state got funding too and they're looking to develop a plan to get this broadband to the areas where it's not. Atty. Yurchak added that the latest Federal legislation is looking to expand the broadband also. Terry said there are 3 houses on Roundhead affected by no internet access. Bob-So as long as we can use this money for infrastructure, I want to really see what we can use that for. Hazle Township put a pole building up and they put a little room in the corner of this building for covid supplies. Do we need another building? I don't know but if we can improve what we have here and get insulation and heat maybe that is something we can look into. Terry inquired as to how long we have to use that money. Bob responded that we have 2 years, until December 31, 2023. Terry asked if it was possible to upgrade the buildings. Atty. Yurchak responded that it is infrastructure which is one of the things they talk about. Bob said we have to take care of the water problem on the floor of the garage. It would be nice to go in there, into a heating building in the middle of winter. Terry said the ceilings need to be lowered. Bob said to put a ceiling in and in the back room of the main building.

Bob Selert made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Terry Davis seconded the motion. Vote 2-0

Bob Selert made a motion to sign and approve the checks drafted. Terry Davis seconded the motion. Vote 2-0

Bob Selert made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Terry Davis seconded the motion. Vote 2-0

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m. A total of 2 residents attended the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Stephanie Stolpe, Packer Township Secretary/Treasurer