

As advertised in the Journal Herald newspaper, the Packer Township Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 7, 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. John Floyd had a question about ground being cleared across the street from his house. He didn't see any permits and asked if there was something going on there. Cory asked him what he meant by clearing ground and some discussion took place about a road being opened up and equipment being used. Cory said not all work needs a permit and more information would be needed. Mr. Floyd continued that more than a road has been cleared, it is all widened out. Terry thinks they may be logging since a lot of logging has been happening in the township. Tony Caso inquired as to the cost of Zoom meetings. Stephanie responded that if there are more than 3 participants and it goes beyond 45 minutes it is \$15/month. The township is no longer holding zoom meetings for the public but Gerry Grega will be participating as an alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board via Zoom during an upcoming hearing.

Cory Gerhard made a motion to approve the minutes. Terry Davis seconded the motion and Bob Selert agreed. Vote 2-0.

**Ordinances and Resolutions** – Discussion took place regarding A RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE REMAINDER OF PINE TREE LANE TO MYERS DRIVE. After discussion, a motion to approve the request to change the remainder of Pine Tree Land to Myers Drive was made by Cory Gerhard. Terry Davis seconded the motion. Bob Selert abstained. Vote 2-0-1

#### **Reports of Officials and Committees –**

Barry Isett & Associates – Permit/Zoning & Code Enforcement officer- Absent. 11/8 - Forwarded letter for ZHB application to Stephanie for processing and scheduling of meeting. 11/12 - Legal advertisement for ZHB hearing drafted and sent to Stephanie for publication. 11/15 - Contacted applicant regarding upcoming ZHB hearing and confirmed date. 11/17 - Phone call and email sent to property owner regarding complaints (Ochre Mill) 11/29 - ZHB Public Notice posted in 2 conspicuous locations along frontage on Packer Drive.

– 250 Tower Road (Single-Family Dwelling) Awaiting scheduling for rough inspections; continuous contact with Jeff Donadi regarding building code questions. – 577 Packer Drive (Single-Family Dwelling) Application is still under review and awaiting items that were not addressed in original code review memo, dated 9/7.

Bill Brior – Sewage Enforcement Officer – Absent. -1 new application, 1 test probe, 1 site evaluation, 1 interim inspection-0 Spring Mountain Road.

**Old Business** –Ag Security Area. Bob Selert is still working on it. There are some questions on who should sign for an et al estate. It was decided to remove this from the agenda until a later date. Terry Davis made a motion to adopt the proposed 2022 budget. Bob Selert seconded the motion and Cory Gerhard agreed. Vote 3-0 Cory Gerhard made a motion to extend the pandemic Emergency Declaration to March 1, 2022. Terry Davis seconded the motion and Bob Selert agreed. Vote 3-0 Paul added information about the Emergency Declaration for the storm Ida. The County was \$50,000 short of qualifying for the grant requested for damage to Ochre Mill Road but the Township does qualify for a 0% interest loan. It was discussed whether the Township could take the loan and pay it back with CDBG that will be available for use in April. He would try to find out if that was possible. Cory asked Atty. Yurchak if he was familiar with that type of situation. Atty. Yurchak responded that it would depend on the terms of the loan and the grant.

**New Business** – Robert Selert made a motion to advertise the meeting schedule for 2022 as presented.

Cory Gerhard seconded the motion and Terry Davis agreed. Vote 3-0

Cory Gerhard made a motion to authorize Carbon Engineering to prepare specs for 2022 road project as directed by the Supervisors. Bob Selert agreed and Terry Davis agreed. Vote 3-0 Terry will contact Loren with Carbon Engineering. It is noted that this is for the roads not the Ochre Mill culvert. Bob

and Terry discussed an email regarding the engineering for the Ochre Mill culvert. Cory added that Greg with Carbon Engineering already had the specs finished for this project and Terry confirmed. It was further discussed and determined that follow up would be needed but the grant was approved. As far as the road project, the Supervisors will review what needs to be done with Carbon Engineering. Paul mentioned on Round Head a box is needed on one side and the other needs a retainer to hold the road from washing out.

Bob Selert made a motion to table the authorization to advertise for road project bids and Cory Gerhard seconded the motion. Terry Davis agreed. Vote 3-0

Terry Davis made a motion to accept Craig Reiner declining a 2 year term for Auditor. Bob Selert seconded the motion and Cory Gerhard agreed. Vote 3-0 Atty. Yurchak said that the Supervisors can appoint an auditor to the 2 year term after the first of the year or it can go to the next municipal election. Alternately, they can go to the outside and hire auditors if no one wants to do it.

Robert Selert made a motion to approve the application to the Carbon County Commissioners for grant funding to connect 3 residences on Round Head Drive with broadband service. Cory Gerhard seconded the motion and Terry Davis agreed. Vote 3-0

Letters were received from Brior Environmental and Carbon Engineering requesting consideration for re-appointment in the new year.

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

Bob Selert made a motion to sign and approve the checks drafted and Cory Gerhard seconded the motion. Terry Davis agreed. Vote 3-0

Terry thanked Cory for his 5 years of service as this is his last meeting. Bob seconds that. Cory thanked everyone, and said it's been a pleasure and he learned a lot. Atty Yurchak said he will be missed, he did a good job.

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 6:22 p.m. A total of 5 residents attended the meeting.

Respectfully submitted  
Stephanie Stolpe  
Packer Township Secretary/Treasurer