

As advertised in the Journal Herald newspaper, the Packer Township Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at the township building. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Thomas C. Gerhard who the township building is named after. Bob Selert called the meeting to order and roll call was taken. Terry Davis was absent.

The meeting was opened to the floor. John Floyd asked about what was written in the paper. If the recycling is contaminated is there a higher tipping fee for garbage than recyclables or vice-versa? And if so do they give a credit if they're going to dump it all in garbage once they get it down to the transfer station? Bob responded, once again, the contract was bid specifically as Packer Township is not mandated to recycle. Therefore recycling will be at the option of the contractor. It was explained that if a load of recyclables is rejected the contractor is hauling it twice. He doesn't know if the recycling center would be hauling it to the dump and then charging the contractor. John mentioned that Weatherly re-bid and got a little bit better price and they aren't doing recycling. His concern is that they are charging for the tipping fee if it is more for recycling that ends up being contaminated and ending up in the dump. Bob said the contract is at the contractor's option. They know what they have to do to meet the terms of the contract. John asked if we wouldn't have taken the recycling would it have been a lower bid. Bob responded again, that Packer Township is not a mandated recycling community and therefore, recycling will be at the option of the contractor. We are not obligated to pay more for recycling. Joe Halecky added, we all have got to pay for the trash, I get that. But the big thing is if they pick it up on time, if they take it when they are supposed to and when they dump it all over the ground, they get out of the truck and they pick it up not leave it to the homeowner to do everything and that is what they are doing. They just leave it, they throw the can, the cars already hit my can. Like I said they are not getting out and doing their job and I understand where they are out. Get out of the truck. It's your job to do that. We all have a job, do your job the right way. They are not doing their job the right way and there is nobody going after it. A lot of times you will go through and you will see the cans all over the road, you see stuff blowing everywhere. Alright, that might have been a deer, bear, whatever but they're not just doing their job. Susie said when that happens call and let us know. That is the only way we are going to know and be able to report it. Joe responded that he'd be calling every week. He will call every week because they do it every week so we'll see what happens. Atty. Yurchak said he couldn't even get them to come down his road last year. Joe added that they got stuck in his driveway and made a mess. They couldn't get up because they stopped on the hill. They dug up the front bank. I let all that go. they dug everything up.

Susie Gerhard made a motion to approve the minutes. Bob Selert seconded the motion. Vote 2-0.

Ordinances and Resolutions – Atty. Yurchak was in touch with Atty. Nanovic regarding the Emergency Recovery ordinance. Weatherly already passed the ordinance back in August and aren't interested in changing it at this point. His recommendation, to be consistent, we take what they already produced. He will have an ordinance prepared for the next meeting. Bob asked Atty. Yurchak about nuisance alarms and Atty. Yurchak explains that is a different ordinance. Bob asked Paul how many nuisance alarms happen in the Township. Paul responded that approximately 3-4 smoke detectors in a year but we don't bill the people for that. We are not turning it into their insurance. They pay a tax that goes to the Borough so we don't bill them for that. Atty. Yurchak said to leave it alone for now.

Reports of Officials and Committees –

Barry Isett & Associates – Permit/Zoning & Code Enforcement officer- Absent. No report.

Bill Brior – Sewage Enforcement Officer – Absent. One interim inspection for Josh Halecky.

Old Business – Regarding the purchasing of a new truck Bob said it will be put off until the new year. We are getting the other one repaired right now with a new body. Moving on to the appeal to the Board of Assessment, he has still not heard back from the School Board. Bob asked Atty. Yurchak if he has talked to Mr. Strickland. He has and they are waiting for us. Susie asked what needs to be done. Bob responded that once we get the

school board on board, Atty. Yurchak and Mr. Strickland will move forward with petitioning the court to challenge the exemption. Bob was at a school board meeting and they said that they were going to get back to him to attend an executive session with them.

New Business – Susie made a motion to purchase additional liability coverage at \$590/year. Bob Selert agreed. Vote 2-0

Bob Selert made a motion to advertise the proposed 2023 budget and Susie Gerhard seconded the motion. Vote 2-0

Consideration of the use of Municipay to accept credit card payments will be revisited at the December meeting after additional information regarding possible fees is gained. Stephanie will call White Haven Borough to find out what their experience has been regarding chargeback and retrieval fees.

Bob asked Atty. Yurchak about a charge of \$786 in August from Barry Isett devoted to a complaint that wasn't initiated by the Supervisors. Is there any way to recoup this money? Atty. Yurchak will look into it and make a recommendation

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

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

Bob Selert made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Susie Gerhard seconded the motion. Vote 2-0
The meeting was adjourned at 6:19 p.m. A total of 7 residents attended the meeting.

Respectfully submitted
Stephanie Stolpe
Packer Township Secretary/Treasurer