

As advertised in the Journal Herald newspaper, the Packer Township Supervisors held a special meeting on Thursday, June 22, 2023 at the township building. Bob Selert called the meeting to order and roll call was taken. All were present.

The meeting was opened to the floor. There were no comments.

The approval of the regular meeting minutes from June 6th was waived until the July meeting.

Ordinances and Resolutions – Bob Selert asked Atty. Yurchak if the noise ordinance was properly advertised and Atty. Yurchak confirmed that, yes, it was advertised on June 8th. Susie Gerhard made a motion to adopt AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PACKER AND PROHIBITING NOISE DISTURBANCES ABRIDGING THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE RESIDENTS OF PACKER TOWNSHIP. Terry Davis seconded the motion and Bob Selert agreed. Vote 3-0

Old Business – On the Board of Assessment Appeals Hazleton City Authority's tax exempt status, Atty. Yurchak spoke with April Walters and he is getting some information for her. Bob had received a text from the newly appointed school board director, Mr. Binder who is interested to know the details as well as Mr. Connors.

Bob asked Jason Maday if he wanted us to pull some of the brush out. Jason responded that it is up to him. It is pretty thick. Bob said we will go in with a machine. Diane Maday added that there are other trees marked that you can't see from the road. Jason said he pretty much got everything marked. He said he only cares about the mature live trees. Anything dead you can take down there. Bob will get with Mike Kukles to see if he want to come up to see what Jason did or if he can do a more detailed map and we'll have Atty. Yurchak write up the new agreement.

New Business – Bob discusses an inquiry about permits for emergency generators. An emergency generator is considered a piece of equipment that you are adding to your house. To absolve the township of any liability we are going to go by what the building code says. It will cost \$75 for a permit to say yes you can put it in; you still need a proper electrical inspection. Barry Isett has the manpower to do that although you are not mandated to go with Barry Isett. You can go with a 3rd party but to absolve the township of any liability we want it properly inspected. Donny Yanac added that the utility also requires an inspection. Frank Shor asked if that is for anything that is hardwired into the house. Bob and Terry agree as long as it is not permanent, a permit would not apply. This is covered by the building code and if it is already installed it is grandfathered. Bob added anyone that puts one in is assuming the risk themselves. Terry asked how people know they have to do this. Bob asked Donny if Generac would come in without asking about a permit. Donny responded that it is not Generac, it is local electricians and we all know about that. Susie said to put it in the newsletter.

Bob asked Atty. Yurchak if there are teeth in the stand alone nuisance ordinance as far as bringing junk into the township and burning it. Susie added that if they are bringing junk in from Luzerne County that is not legal either. Bob responded that DEP does not have the manpower to go to every one of these issues. The correspondence we have is that they are saying to us that if we have an ordinance in effect and a code enforcement officer, which we do, it is probably faster to pursue it on our own then waiting for them to get here. Susie said they would be cited through our ordinance but not for transporting it across county lines. Atty. Yurchak will look through the ordinances and send an email of what he finds. Frank Shor asked what is considered junk and Bob responded that up the road from Frank, someone brought stuff to his grandfather's property, dumped a couple truckloads of construction debris to burn over the weekend. Frank confirms that they are referring to trash, lumber, plywood, roofing and tires from outside of the township. Tom Gerhard added that there are a few properties in the township that are in violation of the junkyard ordinance. When he was on the Board we cited 17 property owners and most of them complied and cleaned up and we gave those 90 days. If they needed more than 90 days, if they were making an effort to clean up, we extended that. So I don't know if there is any movement

here from the Board, I'm not going to single anybody out, but there are a couple of eye sores in this township. If you live next to that particular person it drives down your property values. You go to sell your home, guess what, you're not selling it. So I'm just throwing that out there to the Board. Bob added I know we did move on one that was pretty close to me and she is making an effort.

When Bob attended the Township Supervisors Convention, he picked up the material on the PennDOT sale in Puxatawny. He missed the municipal sale but the public sale is July 5th. There is a roller there that had a good visual and good report, no leaks. They are at \$5000 now. A 10,000 lb. machine on the used CAT site goes for \$80,000-\$95,000. I think we should go to \$12,500 on it and asked Terry to take a ride next week to look at it. He asked the Supervisors to think about it for the next meeting. Susie asked if it would have been cheaper at the municipal sale. Bob responded that it could have been but if we wait until next year's sale we don't know where the sale will be. They had 6 or 7 hotboxes too at \$500. A couple looked alright, some were fuel oil heated, some were propane heated, some had propane tanks and some didn't. One had a nice new surge hitch on it.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m. A total of 6 residents attended the meeting.

Respectfully submitted
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Packer Township Secretary/Treasurer