

As advertised in the Journal Herald newspaper, the Packer Township Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at the township building. Bob Selert called the meeting to order and roll call was taken. Terry Davis was absent.

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

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

Ordinances and Resolutions – None.

Reports of Officials and Committees –

Barry Isett & Associates – Permit/Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer- Absent. ZONING: August 1, 2023:

Email response to Attorney Seach regarding submission procedures of ZP application and relative fees.

August 2, 2023: Final zoning inspection of 3511 Quakake Rd (Pole Building). Site visit 1867 Wetzel Run Drive and 374 Packer Drive; Closed both cases.

August 3, 2023: Phone call and email correspondence with property owner regarding construction of a pole building along Railroad Drive; application form provided. Updated permit and code enforcement records.

August 8, 2023: Site visits performed: 1857 Wetzel Run Drive, 207 Spring Mountain Road, 1297 Quakake Road. Follow-up visits will be required for 207 Spring Mountain Road and 1297 Quakake Road.

August 29, 2023: Zoning permit approval for Pole Building at 1063 Railroad Drive.

Upcoming Court Hearings: October 3, 2023 at 1:30 PM: 2006 Quakake Road – Change of Use prior to Zoning Permit approval.

PA UCC: August 29, 2023: PA UCC permit approval for 1,280 (sf) Pole Building at 1063 Railroad Drive.

Bill Brior – Sewage Enforcement Officer – Absent. Kamila Farms repair application received and repair permit issued.

Old Business – On the Board of Assessment Appeals Hazleton City Authority’s tax exempt status, a draft letter to the school board has been prepared by Atty. Yurchak. It will be reviewed for any needed changes and presented to the School Board at its meeting Bob was expecting at least one school board member to attend this meeting. Two school board members reached out to Bob because they thought we had dropped the issue. He thinks we have enough support right now.

Regarding the status of the authorization to use property for the Ochre Mill bridge replacement, Bob asked owner Jason Maday if they have seen surveyors at all. Mr. Maday responded that there are painted lines but he doesn’t know what they are. It’s close to JC Small Engine and it comes off of Rt. 93.

A fire protection agreement proposal with the Weatherly Borough was received at a meeting on August 21st. It is being reviewed. Bob said they want an increase and they want to extend it out 10 years to take advantage of some grants that will be available to them if we enter into a 10 year agreement. We will get back to them. Susie added that it was a good meeting. We had a good discussion.

For the LSA grants Bob says we plan on getting the pipes marked this week. Susie added that the deadline is September 30th.

New Business – Robert Selert made a motion to approve a letter to Truist to close the tax collector checking account. The tax collector moved the account to another bank due to the Weatherly Truist branch closure. Susie Gerhard seconded the motion. Vote 2-0

A Minor Subdivision/Lot Consolidation for Little Leaf PA, LLC-Owner/Developer and Freya Land Company & Pagnotti Enterprises, Inc.-Owners was reviewed by Carbon County Planning Commission. Bob explained that there is a small piece of property in Packer Township. It is from 0 to 50 feet wide. They can't build on it. Bob Selert made a motion that we absolve the property owners of our Subdivision & Land Development requirements. Susie Gerhard seconded the motion. Vote 2-0.

Stephanie has contacted the insurance company to open a claim for the August 12th storm damage at the park. A quote is needed for repair of the fence and removal of the trees. Bob asked if we could remove the trees ourselves. Stephanie responded that you can. Susie has already called to have the trees removed professionally. She is not sure where the fence came from and the last time it was damaged there was difficulty finding it. Susie continued to say that Tom Gerhard had inquired about it today and she believes Service Team in Leighton installed the fence.

Bob talked about looking at a lawn mower at JC Small Engine. The 0% interest offer expires on September 30th. If we are going to opt for that, rather than taking the 0% interest, he suggests to buy it out right with half being paid from the General Fund and half from the Park Fund since it is used half the time up there and the other half here. Paul Bray commented that it would not cost any more to go with the 0% loan. You can make a monthly payment instead of taking \$10,000 out of the bank accounts. Take and buy a \$10,000 CD and make a monthly payment on the mower because CDs are 5%. Bob said it is \$12,000 and we may be able to buy the American made one on the state contract rather than the German made one. Paul responded that the Stihl is \$1000-\$2000 less. It is not on the state contract. Bob said the Exmark mower is a better machine. It's heavier. It's 5/16th steel around the whole deck. It's not rolled like the Stihl. Bob asked if we can purchase it on the state contract without going through the bidding process and doing it at a meeting or do we have to have a meeting to approve that. Atty. Yurchak answered if it is COSTARS you can purchase it without bidding. Sure. Bob said the 3 of us need to get over there.

Bob Selert made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Susie Gerhard 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 6:14 p.m. A total of 3 residents attended the meeting.

Respectfully submitted
Stephanie Stolpe
Packer Township Secretary/Treasurer