

As advertised in the Journal Herald newspaper, the Packer Township Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at the township building. Bob Selert called the meeting to order and roll call was taken. Susie Gerhard was absent.

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

The minutes were approved with a motion from Bob Selert and Terry Davis seconded the motion. Vote 2--0.

Ordinances and Resolutions – None

Reports of Officials and Committees –

Barry Isett & Associates – Permit/Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer- Zoning: May 3, 2024: Phone call with property owner regarding demolition and rebuild of residential garage and zoning regulations.

May 6, 2024: Prepared monthly activity report for April 2024.

May 7, 2024: Site visit 795 Quakake Road. The roof has gotten worse. I spoke with a neighbor and stopped by and spoke with the Solicitor. The issue is the property is in the tenant's deceased parents' name. I will email Mary Jo Minich and get the name and age of the occupants.

May 8, 2024: Sent an email to Mary Jo Minich requesting the names of all people who are residing at 795 Quakake Road. Received a response to my email. Paul & Terry Lech (53 years old) and a minor.

May 9, 2024: Composed a notice to vacate under the UCC. Forwarded to the Solicitor and Phil Prout for review. Issued Zoning permit for 269 Tower Road (pole building) and forwarded to Phil Prout to issue when the UCC is approved.

May 13, 2024: Phone call with property owner of Parcel: 125-45-B10 (Wetzel Run Drive) regarding recreational cabin and accessory pavilion. Follow up review and email will be prepared.

May 14, 2024: I went to 795 Quakake Road and was met by Paul Lech who started the conversation with “Not now, Children and Youth are here.” I told him to have them come out and talk to me. I tried to explain that they need to vacate the property as it’s unsafe. They started arguing that it is only the porch, and the rest of the house is safe. I told them that I have been giving them since March to get it repaired and they argued that contractors can’t do repairs because of rain. I then asked to see an estimate and was told contractors won’t come out because of the rain. Mr. Lech stated that Bob told him that he didn’t need permits and called him, when Bob came, he stated that he thought that permits weren’t required for less than a 35% rebuild. I explained that this is much more than a roof replacement as it is over an egress. Mr. Lech began screaming at me and ordered me off the property. The lady from Children and Youth expressed concern over mold, but I have not talked to her yet. I told Mr. Lech that they can stay, but I need to see progress within the next week or vacate the property.

May 15, 2024: Phone call with representative from Burget Associates Inc. regarding potential solar array as principal use at property addressed 1119 Packer Drive; phone call with Paul Lech regarding the permitting requirements to resolve unsafe condition at 795 Quakake Road.

May 17, 2024: Uploaded Notice to Vacate for 795 Quakake Road and spoke with Christie from Children and Youth Services. I told her that they have put in the building permit to remove the porch from the house. She told me that she is attempting to put them in contact with someone for grant assistance, but the issue is the house is still in the deceased parents' name. Issued Zoning Variance Approval packet for 2006 Quakake Road and sent to Stephanie.

May 21, 2024: Site visit to 795 Quakake Road, noted what appeared to be a contractor looking at the porch. I will not change the house from being condemned until the porch is removed. Porch looks worse.

May 22, 2024: Permit review and approval for above ground pool (503 Spring Mountain Road); phone call and follow up email to property owner regarding permitting for a pole building.

May 28, 2024: Patrolled Township and did site visit to Wetzel Run Road and 795 Quakake Road. The front porch appears to be stabilized and the roof is in the process of being removed; noted what appears to be a potential burn pile across from 2006 Quakake Road.

April 23, 2024: Site visit to 702 Spring Mountain Road to verify removal of debris; case closed. No change to 795 Quakake Road.

PA UCC: May 13, 2024: Permits issued/delivered to Township – 269 Tower Road (Pole Building)

May 21, 2024: Permits issued/emailed to Township and applicant – 795 Quakake Road (Porch Removal/Roof Repairs)

May 22, 2024: Permits issued/emailed to Township and applicant – 503 Spring Mountain Road (Above-Ground Swimming Pool)

May 29, 2024: Received revised plans for 101 Tower Access Road (Antenna Upgrades & Generator)

Bob Selert made a motion to enter the report into the minutes and Terry Davis seconded the motion. Vote 2-0

Bill Brior – Sewage Enforcement Officer – Absent. May report: Site evaluation, test probe for office building, existing garage for Affiliated Asset Administration. Repair, new application and permit issued for Walt McPeak. Bob Selert made a motion to enter the report into the minutes. Terry Davis seconded the motion. Vote 2-0

Old Business – An email was received from Jason Skrimcovsky from Carbon County Planning and Development that the culvert for Ochre Mill would be delivered on June 10th. Bob explained that once the components are received it can be assembled. Jason Maday and Terry discussed water seeping into the temporary culvert. A pump will probably be needed. Bob confirmed they were pumping one day when he was there. Bob added that the paperwork is almost ready for the loan from the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority.

The supervisors have been in touch with the Weatherly Borough Mayor regarding the fire protection agreement. That is moving forward with preliminary discussions per Bob.

Stephanie received notice from the insurance company that a check is in the mail for the additional park pavilion storm damage.

New Business – Atty. Yurchak explains that the cost of \$1500 offered to have the Weatherly Area School District transfer property back to the Township is to cover the engineer, title search and attorney fees. Bob Selert made a motion to accept the offer of property from the Weatherly Area School District at a cost of not more than \$1500 and Terry Davis seconded the motion. Vote 2-0

Bob explains that delinquent garbage fees were discussed at an executive meeting. He added that two judgements had been made and Atty. Yurchak said two more were made last week. There is a 30 day appeal period before the Township can move forward with collection if not paid.

Bob Selert made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Terry Davis seconded the motion. Vote 2-0

Bob Selert made a motion to sign and approve the checks drafted except for an invoice from Carbon Engineering regarding Bridge 4 maintenance. This will be discussed with Ron Tirpak. Terry Davis seconded the motion Vote 2-0

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m. A total of 4 residents attended the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Stolpe
Packer Township Secretary/Treasurer