

As advertised in the Journal Herald newspaper, the Packer Township Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 2, 2024 at the township building. Bob Selert called the meeting to order and roll call was taken. All were present.

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

The minutes were approved with a motion from Susie Gerhard and Terry Davis seconded the motion. Bob Selert agreed. Vote 3--0.

## **Ordinances and Resolutions – None**

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

Barry Isett & Associates – Permit/Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer- Zoning: **June 3, 2024:** Prepared monthly activity report for May 2024.

**June 4, 2024:** Patrolled the Township via Spring Mountain Road and Quakake road. Took photos of what appears in my opinion to be an unsafe removal of the porch structure at 795 Quakake Road. I was told by my supervisor to avoid the property and that the Building Inspectors will provide oversight.

**June 5, 2024:** Review and approval of zoning permit for an above ground pool (3011 Wetzel Run Drive); phone call and follow up email to property owner regarding permitting requirements for sheds.

**June 7, 2024:** Received a phone call from Leanna Williams, from Carbon County Children and Youth, concerning the property conditions at 795 Quakake Road.

**June 11, 2024:** Received notification of Appeal to the Court of Common Pleas regarding Zoning Hearing Board Decision (1206 Quakake Road – Use Variance)

**June 19, 2024:** Multiple phone conversations with Pride Homes regarding permitting requirements for new construction along Railroad Drive. Advised applicant of driveway permit requirement from Township Roadmaster for new access from Grist Mill Road.

**June 26, 2024:** Received application for agricultural storage building at 1509 Round Head Drive.

PA UCC: **June 4, 2024:** Application received for an above-ground pool. (3011 Wetzel Run Drive)

**June 5, 2024:** Permits issued and delivered to Township: • 101 Tower Access Road (Cell Tower Equipment Upgrades) • 686 Brenkman Drive (Partial Demolition of Dwelling) • 3011 Wetzel Run Drive (Above-Ground Pool)

**June 26, 2024:** Application received for an Agricultural Storage Building. (1509 Round Head Drive)

Terry questioned entry on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Bob responded that they are looking at line-of-sight of 500 feet. Location of the property was discussed. Terry is going to call Chip to find out where it is at.

Bob Selert made a motion to enter the report into the minutes and Susie Gerhard seconded the motion. Terry Davis agreed. Vote 3-0

Bill Brior – Sewage Enforcement Officer – Absent. No report.

**Old Business** – The temporary bridge on Ochre Mill Drive was removed. The Supervisors briefly discussed the timeline and Paul Bray mentioned that a hole had to be drilled for every bolt. Bob said no and explained that there was a couple that had to be reamed because they didn't line up. Terry agreed and Paul repeated that they had to drill every one of them. Bob clarified for Jim Dino that the temporary bridge has been removed and the new bridge is in use. The next step of construction is to finish the north side because it was under the temporary bridge. Terry said it looks like the wing walls are in and backfill is needed. Susie asked about water coming off of the driveway at the business that may be an issue to be addressed before the project is finished. Bob said they will probably remove four to six inches of the stone that they put in to put the macadam down.

Fire Protection Agreement negotiations are ongoing. Bob needs to get the Supervisors proposal to the mayor. That is where it stands right now.

Bob continued that Buck Mountain Landscape was busy but that the tree trimming on township roads is on their schedule. Terry confirms this and says it needs to be done before school starts.

**New Business** – Bob asked Susie if she has applied for the loan for the PA Infrastructure for \$100,000. She has and has not heard anything back yet. Bob asked if the paperwork for the culvert work on Grist Mill Drive was submitted. Susie responded that it had been signed by her and Bob and submitted. Regarding the engineering estimates, Bob explains that the Supervisors will review which culverts on Grist Mill Drive need to be done and paid for with the \$100,000. He mentions the one by Bobby Kester's definitely needs to be replaced because it is collapsing. If the paving goes from the water plant, we are not going to pave over something we will have to dig up. He believes the rest, from the water plant out, will require boxes. Terry agrees. Bob continued that we will look at boxes from the west end in. The only one that probably won't be done is below Larry Gerhard's because there is not going to be any disturbance there in the roadway. It is going out into the field a little bit but he doesn't know if it will need additional engineering because of the size of the water shed there and at the other end at Wallace Way where it comes off of Jim Dietrich's farm. That one needs extra engineering too. We need to look at these engineering estimates and pick out the ones we will use the \$100,000 on and then we'll look at getting the boxes in on the other end and pave from the water plant out. That is the worst part that needs to be done. Bob said if it costs \$20,000 per 1/10<sup>th</sup> of a mile we should get a half a mile from the water plant, past the ground cellar. Terry and Susie agreed and Terry and Bob mention that the rest is not bad. The Supervisors will discuss this next week.

Terry discusses Act 10 of 2024 which authorizes the supervisors to increase the compensation for auditors from \$10/hour up to \$18/hour. He mentions that any increase will take effect at the beginning of an auditor's new term. Bob said that only applies if it affects the supervisors' salary and we can pass a resolution to cover next year's fees. Atty. Yurchak mentions that the House passed an increase on supervisors' salaries as well and the cap is going up to approximately \$3,300.

Bob Selert made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Susie Gerhard seconded the motion. Terry Davis agreed. Vote 3-0

Bob Selert made a motion to sign and approve the checks drafted except for an invoice from Carbon Engineering regarding Bridge 4 maintenance. The issue is still being worked out. Susie Gerhard seconded the motion and Terry Davis agreed. Vote 3-0

An executive meeting was held to discuss pending litigation.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m. A total of 3 residents attended the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephanie Stolpe  
Packer Township Secretary/Treasurer