

WEDNESDAY, January 18, 2023
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
ROARING BROOK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The regular meeting of the Roaring Brook Township Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, at 10:45 am at the Municipal Building on Blue Shutters Road. Present were Supervisors Anthony Jordan, Robert Farischon and Eric Schield, Attorney Jenna Kraycer Tuzze, Attorney Joseph O'Brien, Paul Kozik, Ed Jennings, Charles Pompey, David Ogonosky, Marc Bowen and George Bokrosh.

Jordan apologized for the late start. An executive session was held prior to the meeting with the solicitors to discuss current litigation and potential litigation.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA - None

PUBLIC COMMENT

- George Bokrosh, Larkspur Road, stated he was told there is a complaint about the chickens he owns. Mr. Bokrosh received the chickens from his neighbor who could no longer keep them. The neighbor had the chickens for several years and Mr. Bokrosh believes his chickens are grandfathered in. Zoning Officer, Paul Kozik said no farm animals are allowed in a Residential Zone. Mr. Kozik received two complaints from neighbors say Mr. Bokrosh's chickens were in their yards. Mr. Bokrosh said someone opened the door to the coop and his gate had been opened and the chickens got out. Mr. Bokrosh said he is aware of 10 homes in Roaring Brook that have chickens. Supervisors Jordan said he would like to review the zoning ordinance.
- Charles Pompey, Golf Club Road, asked about a follow up on the MarJon Golf Course. Jordan said the solicitor will give an update in the solicitor's report.

MINUTES & TREASURERS REPORT

- A **MOTION to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 1, 2022, Special Meeting of December 21, 2022 and the Reorganization Meeting of January 3, 2023**, as presented was made by Schield and seconded by Farischon. Motion carried.
- A **MOTION to accept the Accounts Payable and Payroll for the period ending December 31, 2022**, as presented was made by Schield and seconded by Farischon. Motion carried.
- A **MOTION to accept the Treasurer's Report for the period ending December 31, 2022**, as presented, was made by Farischon, and seconded by Schield. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from Lackawanna County Conservation District regarding a site inspection of January 9, 2023, at H&P Partnership(MarJon Golf Course) earth disturbance. The inspection revealed that earth disturbance are in violation of the Rules and Regulations of the Department and the Clean Streams Law. A written reply to the letter detailing the corrective measures taken or planned to the correct the violations referenced.

- Letter from the Roaring Brook Township Board of Auditors stating the following wages that have been set forth:
 - Eric Schield – Roadmaster at \$30.84 per hour; and to be paid overtime for any hours worked over forty per week at the rate of time and one half, and to be paid at double the regular rate for work done on any of the holidays designated by the Board of Supervisors and entitled to full time benefits.

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- Anthony Jordan – Assistant Roadmaster at \$16.48 per hour.
 - Robert Farischon – Secretary/Treasurer at \$16.48 per hour.
 - Treasurers bond set to \$350,000 and the mileage will be set at the IRS standard travel guidelines for mileage reimbursement for 2023.
- An email from George Bokrosh saying he is interested in volunteer for the Recreation Commission.
 - State Police Fines received \$898.29.

ACTION ON CORRESPONDENCE

- None.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- Solicitor Kraycer Tuzze reported Judge Munley ruled in favor of the Township regarding the Ruocco short term rental case. The Ruoccos can no longer rent the property as short term rental.
- The Township will send a letter to Mr. Parry (MarJon Golf Course) a Land Development plan must be prepared and go before the Township Planning Commission. The Conservation District will do a follow up inspection. Mr. Parry will have 30 days to come up with a plan.

Mr. Bowen said the water pumping seems to have stopped but is concerned it will start up with the weather is better. Tuzze said the Township will keep an on of that.

Mr. Pompey asked will there be any enforcement if the work continues without going through the proper procedures. The solicitor said yes, if activity continues contact the Township

ROAD DEPARTMENT

- Report read.
- Schield said he would like a letter sent to PennDot about the condition of Summit Woods Road under the I84 bridge regarding run-off.
- Schield reported major work is need to the 2012 Peterbilt dump and would like a motion to approve the work.
- Since it was not previously added to Solicitor Tuzze asked those in attendance if they minded if action was taken on this issue. No one objected.
- A **MOTION** by Schield was seconded by Farischon to **authorize the major repair and expense for the 2012 Peterbilt dump truck.** Motion carried.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Report read and on file.

RECYCLING

- 1.41 ton for December 2022, and the YTD collection 17.02 ton. This figure is 1.78 ton less than 2021.

COG

- Meeting held and the discussion was about spring clean -up and the possibility of a regional approach. There is a new garbage contractor in the area and it is hoped the will take an interested in bidding. Additional subject was property tax breaks for volunteer firefighters. The next meeting is in April.

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BUILDING PERMITS

Crown Castle Towers
Roaring Brook Township
Eric & Allison Veloso

Antenna Installment
LED Sign
Solar Panel System

Rts. 348 & 435
Blue Shutters Road
Golf Club Road

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The sign at the Township Building should be installed in the next two weeks. The sign will be paid from the American Rescue Fund.

NEW BUSINESS

- Jordan said the IRS rate that stated at the Reorganization was 62.5 cents however, the current rate is 65.5 cents.
- Jordan said January is usually when Spring Clean up is discussed and the Supervisors will see if any bids are received and what the cost will be.
- A MOTION by Farischon was seconded by Schield to **put out for bids for Spring Clean up.** Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ed Jennings, Klee Development commented the contractor replacing the sewer work has don a nice job. For the time being, they have finished the work until paving of the roads in the spring.

ADJOURNMENT

- A MOTION by Schield and seconded by Farischon was made **to adjourn at 11:37 am.** Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Farischon, Secretary