

**THURSDAY, February 2, 2017**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**  
**ROARING BROOK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

The regular meeting of the Roaring Brook Township Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 8:00pm at the Municipal Building on Blue Shutters Road. Present were Supervisors Tony Jordan, Bob Farischon and Eric Schield, Attorney Michael O'Brien, Chief Donald Hickey, Gerard Hetman from the County, Monica Scaduto, Fauve Luckey and Jeffrey Pellis of Griffin Road and Bridget LaMonica of *The Villager*.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Gerard Hetman:
  - 1.) Lackawanna County Dept. of Economic Development offering Winter Emergency Repair Services to homes such as, Electrical, Plumbing, Chimneys and Roof Patching for people in need.
  - 2.) Penn State Extension – Northeast Tree Fruit Meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 16 at 9 am at the Iron Skillet Restaurant in Avoca.
  - 3.) Penn State Extension – Strength Training Classes for adults over 40.
  - 4.) Penn State Extension – Food Safety Certification – ServSafe course on Thursday, February 23, from 9am – 4pm and on March 2 from 9am – 1pm at Penn State Worthington Campus.
  - 5.) Penn State Extension - Glenburn 4-H Sewing Club for youth to learn basic clothing construction skills.
  - 6.) Lackawanna County Parks & Recreation – Winter Golf Clinic for adults & youth.

## **MINUTES & TREASURERS REPORT**

- A **MOTION to accept the minutes of the Reorganization and Regular Meeting of January 3, 2017** as presented, was made by Farischon and seconded by Schield. Motion carried.
- A **MOTION to accept the Accounts Payable and Payroll of February 2, 2017** as presented, was made by Farischon and seconded by Schield. Motion carried.
- A **MOTION to accept the Treasurer's Report of February 2, 2017** as presented, was made by Schield, and seconded by Farischon. Motion carried.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Letters from PA DEP: Copies of water sample reports from the wells of Arthur Christianson, Clifton Walls, John Pallien, and Joseph Scaduto. All reports said there was no contamination found in any well samples.
- PSATS News Bulletin encouraging Townships to participate in Census Bureaus' 2020 Census Local Update of Census Addresses Operation (LUCA).
- Two quotes for RBT Spring Clean-Up - **County Waste** – Price for pickup and disposal of HOUSEHOLD DEBRIS, \$10,496.00 with white goods at \$10 per item and Freon items at \$30 per item.  
**Waste Management** – Price for pickup and disposal of HOUSEHOLD DEBRIS, \$12,000 with no bid for white goods and Freon items.
- Check from Commonwealth of PA – 2014 Performance Recycling Grant in the amount of \$1,157.
- Letter from John Seamans re: Theta Land Corp/Meade Drainage Permit for single family house, fourth submission. Farischon said Theta will be submitting a new drainage plan that will be for more than one acre.
- Letter from PA Dept of Transportation – public meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 22, 2017, at the Dunmore Elementary School Gymnasium for the purpose of telling people about a project regarding bridge replacement on I-84.
- Letter from Recreation Commission – Minutes of the Reorganization Meeting of January 11, 2017, with Tentative Schedule of events for 2017.
- Letter from Dept. of Elections re: Request for offices to be filled in RBT for Municipal Primary May 16, 2017.
- Letter from PA American Water re: Annual Downstream Notification of Lake Scranton Water Purification Plant.
- Letter from RBT Board of Auditors re: Wages set forth by Board of Auditors for Road master Eric Schield at \$24.24 per hour, Assistant Road master Anthony Jordan at \$13.66 per hour, and Robert Farischon Secretary/Treasurer at \$13.14 per hour.

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- An appeal from Griffin Pond Animal Shelter, Humane Society of Lackawanna County for the annual donation from all municipalities.
- Letter from PA DEP to Theta Land Corp, Louis DeNaples re: General Permit Acknowledgment Notification for Theta Land Corp temporary Crossing of UNT to Stafford Meadow Brook.
- Letter from PA DEP approving Act 101 Recycling Program Performance Grant for the RBT in the amount of \$11,57.00 for calendar year of 2014.
- Audit Report of Non-Uniformed Pension Plan for the Period January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2015.
- Audit Report for the Police Pension Plan for the period January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2015.
- Building Inspection Underwriters(BIU) Property Maintenance Code – Farischon says John Hudack from BIU will speak at the Township Work Session on February 13, 2017, at 10:30 am.

## ACTION ON CORRESPONDENCE

- Jordan clarified reports from John Seamans regarding Theta Land which is building a single family house on a large piece of land.
- Jordan asked Chief Hickey if we used the Griffin Pond Shelter lately and the chief said not in about two years.
- Jordan explained that LaBella is the Township Engineer and they are representing Theta Land so we use John Seamans, our independent engineer in instances where there are conflicts of interest.

## SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- Nothing to report.

## ROAD DEPARTMENT

- Report read.
- Schield reported he picked up 121 trees to bring to County Recycling Center in Scranton.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Report read and on file.

## RECYCLING

- 9.13 ton for January 2017, YTD for 2016 is 11.03 that is a difference of 1.90.
- Jordan explained we've had recycling for a total of 26 years. Things have changed now since a private garbage company is now taking recyclables in the Township and we have no control of the haulers like where they are taking the recyclables.

## COG

- None.

## BUILDING PERMITS

- None.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None.
- Schield said there is a course on Traffic Signs given by LTAP at no cost on February 16, 2017. Schield said he and Road Worker Bob Malpasse would like to go to it.

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## NEW BUSINESS

- We contacted three trash hauler companies and received quotes back from two companies:
  - 1.) Waste Management – quote of \$12,000 with not prices for white goods or Freon items.
  2. County Waste – quote of \$10,496 with white goods at \$10 per item and Freon items at \$30.00 per item.
  - 3.) J.P. Mascara – received no quote.
- A **MOTION** by Schield, and seconded by Farischon to **award quote from County Waste for Spring Clean-Up May 15-19, 2017 with dropping out white goods and Freon items.** Motion carried.
- Shred Day – June 3, 2017. Schield will contact Shred-All to see if date is good for them.
- New Dump Truck – Jordan explained the Township’s special account Road Equipment Account is used to purchase new trucks for the Township. Schield said Peterbuilt has a rebate of \$500 if purchase is made by end of February through Co-Stars.
- Jordan discussed the process of purchasing through Co-Stars.
- A **MOTION** by Schield, and seconded by Farischon to **authorize Schield to proceed with the pricing of a 2017 Peterbuilt truck with plow/spreader and to purchase it through Co-Stars.** Motion carried.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

- Residents of Golf Club Road had concerns of lack of road signs, especially speed limit signs on Golf Club Road. They said the speeding is out of control. They cannot walk along the road because they are so afraid. Schield explained an engineering traffic study has to be done in order to put speed limit signs on road. Residents then requested a study to be done. Jordan says we will look into doing a study. Schield said he will contact Township engineer to see what steps need to be done to start traffic study. Residents also asked about lines on roads and Schield said road markings – lines – are very expensive to be done. Schield said he will check on information when he goes to LTAP Traffic Sign Course.

## ADJOURNMENT

- A **MOTION** by Schield, and seconded by Farischon was made **to adjourn at 9:15 PM.** Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Farischon, Secretary