

**THURSDAY, March 5, 2015**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**  
**ROARING BROOK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

The regular meeting of the Roaring Brook Township Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday, March 5, 2015 at 8:15P.M. at the Municipal Building on Blue Shutters Road. Present were Supervisors Tony Jordan and Eric Schield, Chief Don Hickey, Gerard Hetman from Lackawanna County, Frank Huff, Mark Bowen, Joe and Joey Antosh, and Solicitor Joseph O'Brien. Supervisor Bob Farischon was absent.

Meeting started fifteen minutes late due to the Conditional Use Hearing for Elmhurst/Roaring Brook Fire Co.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Gerard Hetman from the County: Upcoming events sponsored by Lackawanna County – **Bike Safety Fair** ; contest to design own helmet & win a bike along with free bike helmets, fingerprinting by DA's office, bike check-ups, bike rodeo, free hot dogs and more at PNC Field, Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 11am – 1pm ; **County Parks & Recreation's 2015 County Clinics & Events, Turkish Coffee Night**, March 18, 6pm at the Trolley Museum.
- Jordan said Merle Lyon from Elmhurst Township regarding Elmhurst and Roaring Brook Township's joint application for the Lackawanna County Arts Grant to be used for entertainment at the Elmhurst/Roaring Brook Fire Company's picnic in June.

### **MINUTES & TREASURERS REPORT**

- A **MOTION to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 5, 2015** as presented, was made by Schield and seconded by Jordan. Motion carried.
- A **MOTION to accept the Accounts Payable and Payroll of March 5, 2015** as presented, was made by Schield and seconded by Jordan. Motion carried.
- A **MOTION to accept the Treasurer's Report of March 5, 2015** as presented, was made by Schield, and seconded by Jordan. Motion carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Roaring Brook Township Auditor's letter regarding completion of the 2014 audit of Township's financial records that the records do accurately reflect the fiscal condition of the Township.
- Crestwood Townhouse Association request for use of Township meeting room on Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.
- Notice of Liquid Fuels Tax Fund payment in the amount of \$91,185.75 and will be paid on 3/2/2015.
- ShopRite Partners in Caring – celebration at Bill's ShopRite store on March 16, 2015 at 11am.
- Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board - Notice of Liquor License fee distribution for Elmhurst Country Club in the amount of \$200.
- PennDOT – conducting a traffic count on Beechwood Drive starting in March – June 2015.
- Lackawanna Conservation District RE: Permit authorization for General NPDES Permit for stormwater discharges associated with construction activities for the Summit Woods Residential Development project site.
- Notification from Comcast effective March 30, 2015 that their Payment Center in Duryea will close.
- Letter from PA American Water of an upgrade in their water system for Fern Drive, Larkspur Road, and Edgebrook Drive in the near future.
- PSATS, David Sanko – 2015-2016 Policy Statement.
- Training Course for Roadmaster– Managing Floodplain Development through the National flood Insurance Program.
- Franchise fee check from Comcast in the amount of \$4075.96
- Paul Kozik's letter to Thomas Best regarding his moving into his new home in Summit Woods without getting an Occupancy Permit.
- Lackawanna County Department of Elections requesting use of Township building for the Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2015.

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Jordan explained the letter sent to Mr. Best moving into his home without getting final inspection for Occupancy Permit.

### SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Township Solicitor, Joseph O'Brien, reported that a conditional use hearing was held by the Supervisors at 7:30 P.M. on Thursday, March 5, 2015 on the application of the Elmhurst Roaring Brook Township Volunteer Fire Department (the "Department") for a conditional use to use property on Blue Shutters Road as a fire house.

The Department is required to obtain two (2) permits. They must obtain a conditional use permit to use the property for the purpose established. They must also obtain a land development permit for the actual construction of the fire house. Both applications have been previously submitted to the Township, the Planning Commission and the Regional Planning Commission. Required utility services are available for the structure. The Township and the Regional Planning Commission reported favorably on both the conditional use and the land development. The property is located in an R-2 Zone. Detailed written comments from the Township Engineer indicated compliance with the provisions of the Township Zoning Ordinance and the Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.

The evidence at the conditional use hearing established that the use of the property by the Department for a fire house would not be detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of the community and, therefore, the granting of the conditional use application is appropriate.

At the conditional use hearing, the Department indicated that the final building plans have not yet been prepared or submitted. Therefore, it is not appropriate at this time to grant final land development approval. Rather, the Supervisors should condition the grant of final land development approval upon approval of the final building plans by the Township Code Enforcement Officials and Township Supervisors.

Based on the above, the following two (2) motions were made by Mr. Jordan, seconded by Mr. Shield, and passed unanimously:

1. Be it resolved that the application of the Elmhurst Roaring Brook Township Volunteer Fire Department for a conditional use authorizing the use of property on Blue Shutters Road for a fire house is approved.
2. Be it resolved that the application of the Elmhurst Roaring Brook Township Volunteer Fire Department for final land development approval for the construction of a fire house on property on Blue Shutters Road is approved subject to and conditioned upon final review and approval of the building plans by Township Code Enforcement Officials and the Township Supervisors.

### ROAD DEPARTMENT

- Report read and is on file.
- A **MOTION** by Schield, and seconded by Jordan to **enter into the Co-Star contract for road salt for 2015-2016 for 450 ton of salt.** Motion carried.

### POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Report read and is on file.

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**RECYCLING**

- 15.34 ton for February, 24.31 YTD that is 2.37 behind last year at this time.

**COG**

- North Pocono Trails Association meeting regarding hiking trail that goes to end of Yedinak Lane through Madison Township to Moscow Borough. Township entered into agreement with PA American Water Company and a maintenance agreement with Trail Association.

**BUILDING PERMITS**

- Verizon Wireless                      Cell Tower Alterations                      Spencer Road

**OLD BUSINESS**

- None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Schield said a new pressure washer is needed because the cost to repair is estimated at \$1700. Pressure washer at A.J.'s Outdoor Power Equipment at a cost of \$3708.15.
- A **MOTION** by Schield, and seconded by Jordan to **purchase a Hotp Pressure Washer 795SS for \$3708.** Motion carried.

**PERSON TO BE HEARD**

- None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

- A **MOTION** by Schield, and seconded by Jordan was made **to adjourn at 9:00 P.M.** Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert L. Farischon, Secretary