

THURSDAY, March 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, March 2, 2017 at 8:00pm at the Municipal Building on Blue Shutters Road. Present were Supervisors Anthony Jordan, Robert Farischon and Eric Schield, Attorney Michael O'Brien, Chief Donald Hickey, Gerard Hetman from the County, Monica Scaduto, Fauve Lucky, Peter Chick, Danielle Chick, Debbie Bertha, Tom Lynch and Bridget LaMonica of *The Villager*.

An Executive Session was held prior to the meeting to discuss potential legal action.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Fauve Luckey thanked Police for extra coverage on Golf Club Road and wanted to know about the speed limit study for the road. Schield said he drove the road with a representative from LTAP five times at different speeds and they will determine what speed limit can be set – 20's to 35. When recommendation is made then the Township will set the speed limit. It would be best to have the same speed limit for the entire road.
- Monica Scaduto wanted to know if there was any news about the Ross Property since last month. The Supervisors said they have heard nothing from DEP during the month. Danielle Chick said she called Datom and they did not call her back.
- Jordan said Township is not in charge DEP is in charge.
- Gerard Hetman: 1.) Photo of RBT old Township building will be the photo at the new County building. All 40 municipalities are represented.
2.) 2016 State Property Tax/Rent Rebate forms from the Lackawanna County Area Agency for people 65 years of age and older; widow and widowers age 50 and older and people with disabilities age 18 and older that qualify with income limit of \$35,000 for a homeowner and \$15,000 for renters.
3.) Parks and Recreation schedule for upcoming spring and summer activities.
4.) Lackawanna County Conservation District – 2017 seedling sale.
5.) Colts and LCTA will begin selling Inter-County Bus Passes Wednesday, March 1.
- Debbie Bertha, North Pocono Trails Association asking if Township will sponsor their grant application at no cost to Township and Trails Association would administer all details of the grant process. There is a 3 mile section from Yedinak Lane in Roaring Brook to Market Street in Moscow. Supervisors invited Debbie to come to a work session when they are ready.

MINUTES & TREASURERS REPORT

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

CORRESPONDENCE

- PA Department of Transportation notice of payment of Liquid Fuels Tax Fund in the amount of \$117,891.64 payment on March 1, 2017
- Letter from Board of Auditors regarding the completion of the 2016 audit of the Roaring Brook Township concluding that the records do accurately reflect the fiscal condition of the Township.
- Letter from Amy Kowalski saying the owner of 110 Canterbury Court has established a vacation rental business at that location and is asking the Township to address this issue because after consulting the Zoning Ordinance it is clear that the property owner is in violation of the zoning for the R-1 Low Density Residential district.
- Comcast announces channel changes and new channels added to the Limited Basic level of service effective March 16, 2017.

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- Lackawanna County Conservation District results of municipalities applications for Dirt & Gravel/Low Volume Road Projects with Roaring Brook Township Simmerson Road scoring the highest.
- U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau conducting a Boundary and Annexation Survey (BAS) to update our records regarding changes to legal boundaries, names and governmental status of all governmental units effective on or before January 1 of the survey year.
- PA American Water requesting emergency contact information in the Township.
- Comcast Franchise Fee in the amount of \$4788.97 for the period of October – December 2016.
- Lackawanna County Conservation District RE: Revised Residential Land Development Plan for Theta Land Corporation/ Meade.
- Lackawanna County RE: Public Hearing for 2017 CDBG on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 in the 6th Floor Conference Room of the County Administration Building, 200 Adams Avenue, Scranton.
- Scranton Chamber of Commerce, 2017 Business and Buyers' Guide with membership fee of \$350.

ACTION ON CORRESPONDENCE

- Amy Kowalski's letter is referred to the Township Solicitor. R-1 zone does not allow that kind of use – vacation rental does not fall in that zone.
- A **MOTION** by Farischon, and seconded by Schield to **move forward with violation of R-1 zone of vacation rental home.** Motion carried.
- Solicitor said one option would be to file a complaint in Court of Common Pleas.
- Community Block Grant (CDBG) – community with population over 4000 people are guaranteed money. Communities with less will have to apply - money is available for Senior Centers regarding disability accessibility or low income.
- Dirt & Gravel Road Project for Simmerson Road will be to replace pipes. Township has to sign contract.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- Nothing to report.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

- Report read.
- Summit Woods guiderail needed.
- April 4 – Sign Reflective Class.
- PA American Water Co. will be working on Shady Drive and Mosswood Road.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Report read and on file.

RECYCLING

- 6.29 ton for February 2017, 15.42 ton YTD that is a difference of 6.23 less than 2016.
- Spring Cleanup is scheduled for May 15 and Shred Day is June 3, 2017.

COG

- None.

BUILDING PERMITS

Theta Land Corp/Meade

New Home

Off Route 307

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 2018 Peterbilt Truck - \$94,475 for Chassis, \$61,049 for Upfitter - a total of \$155,524.
- Five year lease purchase with 3 pricing options. The 10 year old truck will be sold. New truck should come in by the end of June or beginning of July.

NEW BUSINESS

- A **MOTION** by Farischon, and seconded by Schield to **participate in purchasing 450 ton of rock salt with Co-Stars Program for 2017/2018**. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Tom Lynch introduced himself and announced he is running for District Magistrate.
- Peter Chick from Reed Road asked if any road paving is planned for this year. Jordan said no roads have been earmarked at this time.
- Gardner Road Grant Project from Rt. 690 to Rt. 435 is going to be applied for from Local Share Grant(Gambling Funds). Grant looks good because Gardner Road is in three municipalities.
- Schield said some repairs will be made on Reed Road but will not be repaved this year.

ADJOURNMENT

- A **MOTION** by Farischon, and seconded by Schield was made **to adjourn at 9:22 PM**. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Farischon, Secretary