

THURSDAY, May 3, 2018
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
ROARING BROOK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The regular meeting of the Roaring Brook Township Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday, May 5, 2018 at 8:00 pm 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, Paul Kozik, Dr. Donald Preate Jr., Tom and Will Enkulenko, Joe Nayda, Craig and Devon Winters, Michele Wilk, Alexandra & Dawn Johnson, Nancy Weisel, Attorney Weed, Diane Walls and Patricia Pallien .

Snowman Contest: Will Enkulenko, Dr. Preate and Tom Enkulenko from the Recreation Commission presented Prizes and Certificates to Snowman Contest participants. The participants were: Alexandra Johnson, Devon Winters, James and Nathan Sorensen, Emma Budnovitch and Bryn and Kevin Palmer, Jr.

Gerard Hetman was not able to attend the meeting however, he left flyers with information on Fishing Derby on May 5th, SKYWARN Spotter Course, Lackawanna County Heritage Fair May 29-June2, Job Fair May 24th, Armed Forces Luncheon May 17th and Armed Forces Parade May 19th.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Joseph Nayda had a question about the Township policy for violations and complaints. He wanted to know if the only time enforcement of zoning violations/complaints is addressed is when a written complaint has been submitted.

Mr. Jordan said for clarity they request complaints to be in writing. Complaints are given to the appropriate department and are reviewed at the monthly work session to see if the complaint has been resolved.

Mr. Nayda said this did not answer his question.

Attorney O'Brien said if Zoning Officer Paul Kozik sees a violation that does not have a complaint filed he does address the issue.

Mr. Kozik said several properties with complaints have a list and putting them in writing makes it easier to address.

- Mrs. Pallien asked about the wire that is down on Blue Shutters Road. Mr. Jordan said it is a Verizon wire. Verizon was notified. In general, Verizon takes a long time to make the necessary repair.
- In regards to the oil leak that was on the Ross property, Mrs. Walls said she talked to Will Craft of DEP to find out what was going to be done about the retention area on the Ross property. Mr. Craft said he will talk to Datom to find out what the plan is.
- Attorney Weed said he represents David and Nancy Weisel. He sent a letter to the Supervisors about the complaints filed about the Weisel's property. They would like to avoid any litigation and if there is any further communication for them it can be sent to him.

MINUTES & TREASURERS REPORT

- A **MOTION to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 1, 2018** as presented, was made by Farischon and seconded by Schield. Motion carried.
- A **MOTION to accept the Accounts Payable and Payroll of May 3, 2018** as presented, was made by Farischon and seconded by Schield. Motion carried.
- A **MOTION to accept the Treasurer's Report of March 3, 2018** as presented, was made by Schield, and seconded by Farischon. Motion carried.

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CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter from AECOM – They are the contractor for the Interstate 84 bridge replacement. The letter included a description of the work and a form asking if the Township has a municipal comprehensive plan and contact information for the Township. Farischon said the Township does not have a comprehensive plan.
- Letter from FEMA about the preliminary copies of the revised Flood Insurance Rate Map and the appeal process..
- A letter from PA DEP – Jones driveway for a stream crossing permit on Gardner Road. DEP has reviewed the application package for completeness and will proceed to the technical review state of the permit review process.
- Letter from LaBella – Shiffer property lot improvement subdivision plan for property in Windsor Hill. LaBella recommends approval.
- A letter from Lackwanna County reporting the Bureau of Forestry will be spraying a portion of Roaring Brook for gypsy moths.
- Comcast – channel lineup changes.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- O'Brien presented the Supervisors with a new agreement with Elmhurst Country Club paying \$10,000 a year to the Township in lieu Amusement Tax. The agreement extends to 2022.
- A **MOTION** was made by Eric and seconded by Farischon to **extend the agreement with Elmhurst Country Club for a payment of \$10,000 per year in lieu of Amusement Tax to 2022.** Motion carried

ROAD DEPARTMENT

- Report read.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Report read and on file. The police were trained on the new in-car computers.

RECYCLING

- Jordan said the report was not available at the March meeting. March collection was 5.63 ton and April tonnage was 8.31. Year to date collection is 27.02 that is a difference of 2.95 tons less than 2017.

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- None.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

- None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Jordan attended a meeting for the Community Block Grant Program. Jordan explained the grant requirements and process. The Township will come up with a project and apply.
- Schield and Jordan attend the PSATS convention in Hershey in April. They attended classes and said it is a worthwhile experience.

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NEW BUSINESS

New Police Officer

- A **MOTION** by Farischon was seconded by Jordan **to hire Cory Sohns as a Part-time Police Officer as a casual employee at a rate of \$14.70 per hour and to increase Brandon Long from \$ 14.50 to \$14.70.** Motion carried.

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Electronic Recycling

- Township received notice from Lackawanna County about an Electronic Recycling for residents this summer. The Township will participate the date and time will be announced at the June meeting.

Jordan announced prior to the June meeting there will be a hearing at 7:00 PM for zoning changes.

Paving of Gardner Road will take place over the next couple of months. The contractor has not given a date they will start but road closing will be posted on the Township's website and Facebook page.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None.

ADJOURNMENT

- A **MOTION** by Farischon, and seconded by Schield was made **to adjourn at 9:30 PM.** Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Farischon, Secretary