

THURSDAY, August 6, 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, August 6, 2015 at 8:00P.M.at the Municipal Building on Blue Shutters Road. Present were Supervisors Tony Jordan, Robert Farischon and Eric Schield, Chief Don Hickey, Gerard Hetman from Lackawanna County, Solicitor Joseph O'Brien, Paul Kozik, Ann Marie Scott, Eric Jordan, Lou Ferrari, Tom Ferrari, Al Magnotta, Ed Marushock, Sally Smith, Robert Smith, JR Smith, and Jim Lockwood from The Times.

An executive session was held prior to the meeting for potential litigation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Gerard Hetman from the County:
 - Tire Recycling Sept 16, 17, 18, 8:00am – 3pm and Sept 19, 8:00am – 12:00 noon.
 - Senior Health Fair Sept 18, 10:00am – 1:00pm at PNC Field.
 - Heroes Day, Sept 19, 11:00am – 2:00pm.
- Albert Magnotta addressed the Supervisors as a representative of WBD, Inc., the owner of property adjacent to Route 307. The property is located in an S-1 zone. Mr. Magnotta indicated that the property had been previously owned by the Pennsylvania American Water Company and that the PUC had allowed the sale of the property, even though it was in the water shed area, because there was a 500' buffer from the high water mark. Mr. Magnotta indicated that his clients would be seeking a zone change on the property. Mr. Magnotta indicated that there was a facility on the premises that was maintaining and servicing motor vehicles related to the permitted uses on the premises and other motor vehicles of related enterprises. He asked for a temporary permit to continue this work until such time as the zoning change would occur. Otherwise, the company would be required to shut down the facility and lay off 15 workers. Mr. Magnotta also reported that complaints about the facility had been completely cleaned up after recent stories in *The Scranton Times*, that DEP had been at the site, and that there were no violations at the facility.

James Lockwood, a reporter for the *Times*, had questions of the Supervisors, the Solicitor, and Mr. Magnotta. Mr. Lockwood questioned why no citations had been issued as a result of the violations at the facility. The Solicitor explained that, under the Township Zoning Ordinance, an individual who has been notified of a zoning violation has the opportunity to cure before a notice of violation or a citation is issued. In this case, the facility had been inspected by the Township Zoning Officer and the property had been cleaned up and, other than the matter at hand involving the repair to the facility, all zoning violations had been resolved.

Mr. Lockwood also raised questions about the ownership of the bridge. The Solicitor informed Mr. Lockwood that there was a question or dispute about the ownership of the bridge. The Township is taking the position that it owned the bridge and WBD, Inc. taking the position that it owned the bridge. The Solicitor agreed to look into the matter.

Mr. Lockwood also requested that the decision on the request for a temporary zoning permit be made at a public meeting. The Supervisors agreed and announced that they would announce their decision at their work session scheduled for August 17, 2015.

MINUTES & TREASURERS REPORT

- A **MOTION to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 2, 2015** as presented, was made by Farischon and seconded by Schield. Motion carried.
- A **MOTION to accept the Accounts Payable and Payroll of August 6, 2015** as presented, was made by Farischon and seconded by Schield. Motion carried.
- A **MOTION to accept the Treasurer's Report of August 6, 2015** as presented, was made by Schield, and seconded by Farischon. Motion carried.

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CORRESPONDENCE

- American Red Cross – use of Township building for a Shelter Facility.
- PA American Water – License Agreement dated March 11, 2015 for a Recreational Trail between PA American Water and Roaring Brook and Madison Townships.
- FEMA – Hazard Mitigation Plan Approval.
- NP COG – Ted Stout wants to meet regarding the 2015 Lackawanna County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. He would like some feedback from the NP COG before resolutions are adopted.
- Thank you from North Pocono Food Pantry for helping with their trip to CEO Weinberg in transporting food to their Pantry.
- Lackawanna County Association of Township Officials Annual Convention that will be held at Almia Amore in Dickson City on August 20, 2015.

ACTION ON CORRESPONDENCE

- Lackawanna County Association of Township Officials Convention – A **MOTION** by Farischon, and seconded by Schield to **authorize people to attend Convention on August 20**. Motion carried.
- Hazard Mitigation Plan - Jordan said spoke to Mr. Stout. The County Plan was developed over a period of time with input from municipalities.
- Red Cross – Agreement for use of Township building in emergency situations on a temporary basis has to be reviewed by Supervisors.
- Recreational Trail starts off at Yedinak Lane in Roaring Brook Township for 1.5 miles and goes through Madison Township then ends up in Moscow by the Sewer Authority Plant. Mile marker signs are needed before it will be open to the public.
- Food Pantry – Roadmaster went with Township Equipment to pick up food and delivered it to the North Pocono Food Pantry.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- Discussed earlier in meeting.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

- Report read and is on file.
- Schield reported in the middle of September paving will begin in the Phase III of Summit Woods Development.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Report read and is on file.

RECYCLING

- 13.24 ton for July 2015, 84.8 YTD, that is 2.51 ton behind last year at this time.

COG

- No meeting.

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BUILDING PERMITS

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| • Andrew Marsteller | New Home | Summit Woods |
| • Todd & Judith Santos | New Home | Summit Woods |
| • Douglas Morrissey | Inground Pool | Summit Woods |

OLD BUSINESS

- None.

NEW BUSINESS

- A **MOTION** by Farischon, and seconded by Jordan to **hire James Anglin as Part Time Grade I Officer for \$14 per hour on a six month probationary period.** Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

- A **MOTION** by Farischon, and seconded by Schield was made **to adjourn at 9:16 A.M.** Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert L. Farischon, Secretary