

**THURSDAY, December 7, 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 December 7, 2017 at 8:15 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, Pat & John Pallien, Monica & Joe Scaduto, Diane Walls, Michele Wilk, Tom Galka, Art Christianson, Paul Kozik and Tracy Kojcsza

An Executive Session was held to discuss potential legal matters.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Gerard Hetman from County was absent but sent information – Holiday Celebration December 17, 2017 at Trolley Museum and Adopt-an-Angel Program.
- Michele Wilk asked when the Meeting Minutes go on Township website. Jordan said November Minutes get approved at tonight's meeting and then will be put on website.
- Monica Scaduto thanked Eric for patching Reed Road.

### **MINUTES & TREASURERS REPORT**

- A **MOTION to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 1, 2017 and Special Meeting of November 15, 2017** as presented was made by Farischon and seconded by Schield. Motion carried.
- A **MOTION to accept the Accounts Payable and Payroll of December 7, 2017** as presented, was made by Farischon and seconded by Schield. Motion carried.
- A **MOTION to accept the Treasurer's Report of December 7, 2017** as presented, was made by Schield, and seconded by Farischon. Motion carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Well water test reports for Pallien, Scaduto, Christianson and Walls – all results were negative on presence of petroleum.
- Letter from Comcast – International channel package available.
- Lackawanna Heritage Valley asking assistance in locating historic sites in Roaring Brook Township.
- PA Department of Transportation payment of State Police fines and penalties in the amount of \$1045.41.
- Lackawanna County Conservation District letter dated November 2, 2017 - St. Eulalia's Church Addition Land Development Plan found to be not adequate.
- Lackawanna County Conservation District letter dated November 27, 2017 – St. Eulalia's Church Addition Land Development Plan found to be adequate.
- Thank you note from Beverly Trygar regarding the Township Newsletter.
- Comcast franchise fees in the amount of \$5,294.19.
- Lackawanna County Conservation District – Dan Chesik Property Logging Operation – need to permanently stabilize the landing area and monitor the effectiveness of the water bars installed on site and continue maintenance.

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### ACTION ON CORRESPONDENCE

- Jordan explained State Police Fines are for a portion of penalties for fines.
- Jordan said they will come up with something for Lackawanna Heritage Valley regarding historic sites in Township.
- Diane Walls said there used to be a paper and chair factory by the Reservoir and she has a chair that was made at the factory.

### SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- Nothing to report.

### ROAD DEPARTMENT

- Report read.
- LTAP meeting was about a Grant regarding signage upgrades for roads. Gardner Road – nothing needed, Golf Club Road needs a larger STOP sign, and Summit Woods Road needs sign for curves. Roadmaster asked if some new sign could be placed on Gardner Road.
- Schield reported Water Company paving work on roads in Olwen Heights is not sufficient. Schield would like our Engineer to review work in the spring.
- A **MOTION** by Farischon, and seconded by Schield to **have Township Engineer to inspect pave restoration of Shady and Mosswood Roads done by contractor for PA American Water.** Motion carried.
- Schield would like to add Don Richardson to the list for winter plowing work.
- Jordan reported we have applied for a grant to pave Gardner Road in Roaring Brook, Moscow and Elmhurst from local share money.
- Jordan thanked Chief Hickey for applying for a COPS Fast Grant for the past several years. Grants have been given to larger cities like Philadelphia and Pittsburgh with none going to smaller communities.

### POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Report read and on file.

### RECYCLING

- 5.99 ton for October 2017, 77.60 ton YTD.

### COG

- No meeting.

### BUILDING PERMITS

- Jason Pencek                      Front porch

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### PERSONS TO BE HEARD

- None.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Police Department Computers – Police Department would like to get computers for their vehicles.

**4 Quotes were received:**

**Bright** \$12,953.97

**L-Tron** \$14,439

**CDW Government** \$15,177.94

**Bedrock** did not reply.

CDW Government quote met all requirements. 4G Broadband for 2 cars will cost \$39.99 each. County is providing the software and installation for the 26 municipalities and is encouraging each municipality to get computers.

- A **MOTION** by Farischon, and seconded by Jordan to **go with CDW Government to purchase (3) computers at a cost of \$15,177.94 and (2) 4G Mobile Broadband connection at a cost of \$39.99 each per month.** Motion carried.
- Backhoe Lease – lease proposal for new backhoe will cost \$140.80 more per month than current payment. The current lease expires in January 2018. Payment for new lease will be in arrears.
- New Backhoe price will be \$112,038.00 with trade in for old backhoe of \$56,000 so new lease will be \$56,038.66 per year.
- A **MOTION** by Schield, and seconded by Farischon to **enter into a lease for John Deere Backhoe.** Motion carried.
- Jordan said there will no tax increase for the proposed 2018 Budget.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

- Paul Kozik gave an update on oil spill at Ross Property. Kozik has looked at pipe and it is closed up. The well on property to trap any oil will remain until the spring.
- Diane Walls – speeding cars is an ongoing problem on Wilcrest.
- Paul Kozik reported a compliant was received about Tom Galka.
- Mr. Galka responded to compliant and said he has permits for his home (around 1980's) and garage (around 1995). Permits were approved by Jim Stanton and Dan Lisecki. Septic from apartment runs through his house. He has put clean fill in back of his property and his vehicles are licensed. Jordan said that Kozik is investigating and a formal response will be received.
- Kozik said he received a call from an attorney regarding the compliant about the vehicles on the Weisel property and referred him to Attorney O'Brien. Attorney O'Brien said he told the residents' attorney that the Township does not have a specific opinion.

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- Tracy Kojcsza asked if she could clear her property before the conditional use is approved for building a home on her lot in a Conservation Zone. O'Brien said it is his opinion that the property should not be cleared until the approval for her conditional use request is granted. The Board of Supervisors agreed with O'Brien's advice and permission to clear the property was denied at this time. Application is filed under Tom Galka. Mr. Galka has given permission for his daughter Tracy Kojcsza to act as his agent.
- Schield said Tracy's engineer needs to address the cutting of the guiderail and the soil & erosion plan and then will be reviewed by Township engineer.

**ADJOURNMENT**

- A **MOTION** by Farischon and seconded by Schield was made **to adjourn at 9:21 PM**. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Farischon, Secretary