

THURSDAY, October 1, 2020

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

ROARING BROOK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The regular meeting of the Roaring Brook Township Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday October 1, 2020 at 8:00 pm at the Municipal Building on Blue Shutters Road. Present were Supervisors Anthony Jordan, Robert Farischon and Eric Schield, Solicitor Jenna Kraycer Tuzze, Paul Kozik, Justine Yeager, Christopher Kelly, Michelle Wilk and Joe Nayda.

An executive session was held prior to the meeting to discuss ongoing and potential litigation.

Supervisor Eric Schield congratulated Supervisors Bob Farischon and Tony Jordan for being selected to the Supervisor Hall of Fame.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Michele Wilk asked about the Ruocco lawsuit and what the difference is from the Wiesel property and the fact no one has been at a meeting. Solicitor said she has gotten calls outside meetings and she understands residents came to meetings several years ago. The law changed within the past year. Jordan stated the difference is that this is an Air B&B business in Windsor Hill which is in a Residential Zone.. The house is in a Residential zone.
- Representatives from North Pocono Public Library - Justine Yeager, Library Director and Christopher Kelly, Development Director reported the Library is open to the public with COVID-19 precautions.

MINUTES & TREASURERS REPORT

- A **MOTION to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 3, 2020** as presented was made by Farischon and seconded by Schield. Motion carried.
- A **MOTION to accept the Accounts Payable and Payroll of October 1, 2020** as presented was made by Farischon and seconded by Schield. Motion carried.
- A **MOTION to accept the Treasurer's Report of October 1, 2020** as presented, was made by Schield, and seconded by Farischon. Motion carried.

COVID-19 Action

- A **MOTION** by Schield and seconded by Farischon to **extend the state of emergency for another month.** Motion carried.
- A **MOTION** by Jordan and seconded by Farischon to **extend for another month the additional pay of \$2.00 per hour for employees.** Motion carried. Schield abstained.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter from Department of Auditor General Re: Notice of 2020 Distress Determination – results for RBT municipality are: Total Distress Score: 0. The funded ratio for RBT municipality's pension plans combined is 92 percent. In the past the Police Pension was underfunded and the Township has been paying an extra \$15,000 per year to raise distress level to 0.
- North Pocono Cultural Society is sponsoring a virtual event for all the communities – a Scarecrow Contest.
- PA Department of Environmental Protection Re: Approval letter of Sames Subdivision Sewage Planning Module.

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- North Pocono COG – received two quotes for fuel oil - Plociniak Fuel was the rack price plus \$0.03 and Santarelli & Sons \$0.50 over rack. COG will be going with Plociniak Fuel the bid was market price plus \$0.10. Santarelli did not bid on propane.
- Email from PA Auditor General announcing the 2020 Commonwealth state aid allocation in the amount of \$12,472.74 supporting the Volunteer Fire Relief Association of the fire companies in the communities.
- Email from PA Auditor General announcing the 2020 Commonwealth General Municipal Pension System State Aid allocation in the amount of \$29,542.99.

ACTION ON CORRESPONDENCE

- None.

SOLICITOR

- Reported on litigations at the beginning of the meeting. Solicitor will be reviewing and working on the North Pocono Trails Association agreement with Water Co. and Madison Township.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

- Report read.
- Schield has been working with Moscow to work on a grant to pave the rest of McAndrew Road.
- A **MOTION** by Schield and seconded by Farischon to **apply with Moscow Borough for a grant to pave the rest of McAndrew Road with Moscow Borough taking the lead for Local Share Grant.** Motion carried.
- Schield got site distance figures for potential sign at Township building.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Read and on file.

RECYCLING

- 2.64 ton for September.

COG

-

BUILDING PERMITS

- Richard Serrenti Deck Roaring Brook Estates

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None.

NEW BUSINESS

- A **MOTION** by Farischon and seconded by Jordan to **appoint Bill Jordan as a part time casual police officer at a rate of \$17.51.** Motion carried.
- Budget – A **MOTION** by Jordan and seconded by Farischon to **adopt the tentative 2021 Budget Timetable as budget work session on October 21, 2020 at 10:30 am, full budget review on Monday, November 9, 2020 at 7:00pm, special meeting on November 28, 2020 at 10:30 am and a special meeting on December 16, 2020 at 10:30 am..** Motion carried.

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PUBLIC

- None.

ADJOURNMENT

- A **MOTION** by Schield and seconded by Farischon was made **to adjourn at 9:35 PM.** Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Farischon, Secretary