

THURSDAY, August 4, 2022

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 4, 2022, 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-Tuzzi, Paul Kozik, Chief Don Hickey, Ed Jennings, Tom Galka, Frank Henry and Paul Mizerak.

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

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA – add paint Township office and install new carpet, eliminate appoint Planning Commission member.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Frank Henry says he is waiting for approvals from state and local officials regarding property in Jefferson Township before they can move their equipment.
- Solicitor Tuzze responded that it has been indicated by Don Julian, the engineer handling the plan, that this will not be final for at least two months. Also as indicated by Solicitor Magnotta of Jefferson Twp, the application for property was not submitted by Frank Henry and he does not own the land.
- Mr. Henry stated, following Jefferson Twp regulations, had to apply as “auto repair” since they would be doing work on their equipment.
- Supervisors said they want Henry to remove the equipment in Roaring Brook by September.

MINUTES & TREASURERS REPORT

- A **MOTION to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 7, 2022** as presented was made by Farischon and seconded by Schield. Motion carried.
- A **MOTION to accept the Accounts Payable and Payroll of August 4, 2022**, as presented was made by Farischon and seconded by Schield. Motion carried.
- A **MOTION to accept the Treasurer’s Report of August 4, 2022**, as presented, was made by Schield, and seconded by Farischon. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Commonwealth of PA, Community & Economic Development check for the American Rescue Plan in the amount of \$327.70. Total received to date \$104,002.64.
- Email from Brian Walsh and the North Pocono Dandy Lion League Board complimenting the work Township did on the baseball field. They are very appreciated.
- Lackawanna County Planning Commission rezoning request for Marjon Golf Course was reviewed with no comments.

ACTION ON CORRESPONDENCE

- None.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

- Public hearing scheduled on August 10, 2022 for the Marjon Zoning change. The next hearing for the Ruocco is August 22, 2022.

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ROAD DEPARTMENT

- Report read.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Report read and on file.

RECYCLING

- 2.02 ton for June, 8.75 YTD. .38 ton for July, 9.13 YTD.
- Electronic recycling was 3.97 ton.

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- Nothing new.

BUILDING PERMITS

- None.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

- None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mark Costello received the letter sent from Solicitor regarding condition of his property - high grass and weeds, garage door up for some time, has been vacant for several years. Mr. Costello did sign that he received the green card at his Nebraska address. Kozik suggested contacting the bank about the conditions and maybe the bank will do something. Solicitor will send another letter asking Costello of his intentions with follow up by September.
- A **MOTION** by Schield and seconded by Farischon to **deem Costello property as a dangerous structure.** Motion carried.
- A **MOTION** by Schield and seconded by Farischon to **send letter to Mr. Costello to repair his property within 40 days.** Motion carried.
- Received quotes for new oil & propane furnace for Township building. Propane is the best option.
- A **MOTION** by Farischon and seconded by Schield to **accept quote from Hannabery for a new propane furnace and removal of old furnace for \$7,488.** Motion carried.
- Part time road worker Mark Lamberti has been working part time for twenty years and is available for full time work.
- A **MOTION** by Jordan and seconded by Farischon to **appoint Mark Lamberti for full time road work at \$21 an hour, health insurance for himself and family, and time off as per policy effective August 1, 2022.** Motion carried.
- Township Building Painting – A **MOTION** by Farischon and seconded by Schield to **accept bid from American Painters at a cost of \$2650 to paint meeting room, office, police office and kitchen.**

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- New Carpeting – A **MOTION** by Farischon and seconded by Jordan to **accept bid for new carpet in Township building from BTM Flooring for \$9,000 with option of \$700 for vestibule if we choose to do it.** Motion carried.
- Speed Buggy – table until another meeting.
- New long gun locker for Police Department that will store all the guns – A **MOTION** by Farischon and seconded by Schield to **authorize Police Department to purchase a new gun locker not to exceed \$2500.** Motion carried.
- Property tax extension of discount period for property purchase of August 14, 2021 to December 31, 2022. The County is behind in updating their records and has extended the discount period to those individuals.
- A **MOTION** by Jordan and seconded by Farischon to **extend discount period of property purchase from August 14, 2021 to December 31, 2021. If property tax has been paid no problem – extend until the end of August 2022.** Motion carried.
- Roadside mower has been at shop since April. Some of the parts are not available. This tractor is a 1983.
- A **MOTION** by Jordan and seconded by Farischon to **purchase a 2006 New Holland tractor at a cost not to exceed \$19,500 at the discretion of the Roadmaster after inspection.** Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None.

ADJOURNMENT

- A **MOTION** by Farischon and seconded by Schield was made **to adjourn at 9:10 PM.** Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Farischon, Secretary