

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2023

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

ROARING BROOK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The regular meeting of the Roaring Brook Township Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday, February 2, 2023, at 8:00 pm at the Municipal Building on Blue Shutters Road. Present were Supervisors Anthony Jordan, Robert Farischon and Eric Schield, Paul Kozik, Chief Donald Hickey and Marc Bowen. Attorney Kraycer Tuzze attended via telephone.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- **A MOTION** by Jordan was seconded by Farischon **to add to the agenda purchase for Elmhurst Roaring Brook Volunteer Fire Company a dryer for turn out gear not to exceed \$10,000.** Motion carried.

MINUTES & TREASURERS REPORT

- **A MOTION** to **accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 18, 2023**, as presented was made by Farischon and seconded by Schield. Motion carried.
- **A MOTION** to **accept the Accounts Payable and Payroll for the period ending January 31, 2023**, as presented was made by Farischon and seconded by Schield. Motion carried.
- **A MOTION** to **accept the Treasurer's Report for the period ending January 31, 2023**, as presented, was made by Schield, and seconded by Farischon. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A post card from Responsible Recycling Service offering electronic recycling services.
- A letter from the Lackawanna County Assessor's Office notifying the Supervisors the county is starting an interim billing for new buildings, an addition to a building, razing a building or property split or combination beginning January 1, 2023. The yearly taxes will be prorated the month after the assessment has been made. A tax bill will be sent out the month following the assessment. Under the old method tax bills were not sent out until the following year. Municipalities and school district may switch to this system.
- A letter from Lackawanna County Regional Planning Commission planning for 2026 updated Hazard Mitigation will be beginning and municipalities who agree to participate in the planning process and pass resolutions adopting the plan need to complete a Memorandum of Agreement and return to the LCRPC by March 31, 2023.
- A letter from John Andrzejewski, Vice President, Elmhurst Roaring Brook Volunteer Fire Company listing their fundraising events for 2023 as per requirements from the insurance company.
- An email from Municipal Pension Reporting Program stating the Township's pension plans distress score is 0.
- American Water Company notifying the Township the above ground storage tank facility holds 40,000 gallons of aluminum sulfate.

ACTION ON CORRESPONDENCE

Jordan explained that the pension had to be fully funded and 10 years ago the pension plan was distressed. The Township started putting an addition \$15,000 per year into the Police Pension. Finally, the plan is fully funded.

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Jordan said the Fire Department is required to notify the Township of events for the year and get approval from the Board as required by our insurance company.

- A **MOTION** by Farischon, seconded by Schield to **add approval of the Fire Company's list of events to the agenda.** Motion carried.

Jordan said he would volunteer to represent the Township in the planning of the new Mitigation Plan.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- Nothing to report.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

- Report read.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Report read and on file.

RECYCLING

- 1.01 ton for January 2023. This figure is .13 ton less than 2022.

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- Meeting information was reported at the January 18th meeting.

BUILDING PERMITS

Crown Castle Towers	Antenna Installment & Ancillary Towner	Rts. 348 & 435
Gordon Debra Dawson	New Home	Summit Woods
Matt Roller	Finish Basement	Summit Woods

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Clean up & Shred Day – Schield will write the advertisement bids for this year's clean-up. May seems to be a good month.

- A **MOTION** by Farischon was seconded by Jordan to **advertise for curbside spring clean-up with a date to be determined sometime in May.** Motion carried

Jordan said he will contact Shred All to see if they are available for the recycling day in June.

- A **MOTION** by Farischon and seconded by Schield to **schedule Shredding Day on June 17th pending availability of Shred All.** Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- A **MOTION** by Farischon was seconded by Schield to **accept and approve the letter from the Elmhurst Roaring Brook Volunteer Fire Company outlining their activities for the current year.** Motion carried

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- A **MOTION** by Farischon, seconded by Schield **to purchase a gear dryer for the Fire Company using COVID funds not exceed \$10,000.** Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marc Bowen asked about zoning regarding solar panels. Kozik said solar panels are covered in the ordinance. Schield said he spoke to our building inspector and said when panels are installed on the roofs a building permit is required. If the panels are on the ground, then it would have to go through zoning regulations.

ADJOURNMENT

- A **MOTION** by Schield and seconded by Farischon was made **to adjourn at 8:45 pm.** Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Farischon, Secretary