

THURSDAY, December 7, 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, December 7, 2023, at 8:00 pm at the Municipal Building on Blue Shutters Road. Present were Supervisors Anthony Jordan, Robert Farischon and Eric Schield, Solicitor Jack Price, Chief Don Hickey, Paul Kozik, Tia and Kevin Spangenberg and Andrew Beck.

An executive session was held with Solicitor prior to the meeting to discuss current & potential legal issues.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Kevin Spangenberg asked if it ok to put a domed structure for storing equipment on his land on Rte 348.
- Jordan said the Board would like to know what their future plans are for their property and was the property going to be used for storing equipment for their business. Mr. Spangenberg said they are going to build a tiny house and eventually build a permanent house. Equipment is for putting in a driveway.
- Jordan said Zoning does not allow an accessory structure without a residence.
- Schield explained the process when a new house is built and if more than one acre of land is disturbed then an E&S plan is required.
- It was asked if the equipment Spangenberg explained he reviewed what is allowed in R-3 & R-U zones and a business is not allowed in either zone. A variance would be required. Spangenberg said the equipment is for his land and not his business.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- None

MINUTES & TREASURERS REPORT

- A **MOTION to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 2, 2023**, as presented was made by Farischon and seconded by Schield. Motion carried.
- A **MOTION to accept the Accounts Payable and Payroll for the report of December 7, 2023**, as presented was made by Farischon and seconded by Schield. Motion carried.
- A **MOTION to accept the Treasurer's Report for the report of December 7, 2023**, as presented, was made by Schield, and seconded by Farischon. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A Happy Thanksgiving card with thank you note for all workers and volunteers in Roaring Brook Township from residents Michael and Ann Ratchford.
- Letter from Seth Hoch of the American Red Cross introducing himself as the new Disaster Program Manager for American Red Cross for Lackawanna County and updating the shelter location at the Roaring Brook Township building and contacts.
- Inspection Report from DEP and Lackawanna County Conservation District for Marjon Golf Course – Conservation Plan has not been approved.
- Notice of payment of State Police Fines and Penalties in the amount of \$901.33.
- Comcast – notice of fees increasing.
- North Pocono COG RE: Heating Fuel COG Quote – rack price is \$3.108 and plus profit .04.
- A check from Comcast with our franchise fee payment of \$9,381.93 for the third quarter of the year.

ACTION ON CORRESPONDENCE

- Red Cross reviewed our building as a shelter for a small group of people.
- Jordan explained the franchise fee payment from Comcast.

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- Jordan said COG gets figures from the local municipalities for their usage. Plociniak's fee has a small profit for them.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- Atty Price said the short term rental case is before the state and waiting for a decision.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

- Report read.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Report read and on file.

RECYCLING

- 1.81 ton for October; .74 ton for November; 14.16 YTD – that is 1.45 ton behind last year.

COG

- No meeting.

BUILDING PERMITS

- None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Resolution 3-2023 – Authorizing an Application to the Pennsylvania Municipal Assistance Program.
- Jordan explained what regional comprehension plans are.

NEW BUSINESS

- Schield said 2016 truck was advertised on Muncibid and it received over 100 bids. The highest bid was \$17,600.
- A **MOTION** by Schield and seconded by Farischon to **accept the winning bid on Muncibid by username of Hoeman for \$17,600 for F250 pickup with plow.** Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Paul Kozik asked about the County Club amusement tax. Jordan said the Country Club has not paid the amusement tax for 3 years. Supervisors met with a representative of the Country Club a couple of months ago.
- Country Club claims tax is illegal but the Township is grandfathered in since the law changed.

ADJOURNMENT

- A **MOTION** by Schield and seconded by Farischon was made **to adjourn at 8:55pm.** Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Farischon, Secretary