

THURSDAY, March 7, 2024
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
ROARING BROOK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The regular meeting of the Roaring Brook Township Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday, March 7, 2024, at 8:00 pm at the Municipal Building on Blue Shutters Road. Present were Supervisors Anthony Jordan and Robert Farischon, Attorney Jack Price, Chief Donald Hickey, Mike Conigliaro, Ed Jennings, Kevin Strausser and Kara Frances. Supervisor Schield was absent from meeting.

A moment of silence for two veteran Elmhurst Roaring Brook Fire Co members – Merle Lyon and Wayne Smith who passed away this week

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Kara Frances asked if Roaring Brook Township has an Emergency Management Coordinator. Jordan said Joe Antosh is our Coordinator. Mrs. Frances asked if there is any emergency plan. Jordan said the Fire Co is relied upon and the state has PEMA. The Township building is approved by the American Red Cross for some use such as internet, small kitchen and an emergency generator. Frances asked what would happen if the grid goes down. Jordan said the Township does not have the funds to provide service on a large scale. PEMA and PEMA would be looked to for guidance.
- Mrs. Frances asked the Supervisors if she got information to provide to residents and put it on our website via a link. She also asked if there is a list of open positions in the Township. Jordan said in 2025 a Supervisor and Auditor positions will be on the ballot. Frances asked if the drop off ballot box could be removed. Jordan said he is in favor of having the box.

MINUTES & TREASURERS REPORT

- A **MOTION to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting February 1, 2024**, as presented was made by Farischon and seconded by Jordan. Motion carried.
- A **MOTION to accept the Accounts Payable and Payroll for the report of March 7, 2024**, as presented was made by Farischon and seconded by Jordan. Motion carried.
- A **MOTION to accept the Treasurer's Report for the report of March 7, 2024**, as presented, was made by Farsichon, and seconded by Jordan. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- RBT Planning Commission – approval of Lot Improvement of Lands of Shane & Morgan Walton.
- Lackawanna County Planning Commission – approval of Lands of Shane & Morgan Walton.
- Email from Brian Walsh of NP Dandy Lion Little League requesting use of Baseball Field for both practices and games beginning in mid to late March to around July 4 and also in the fall.
- PennDot – Traffic counting of municipally owned roads starting March 4, 2024 – November 21, 2024.
- Colleen Watt of Jefferson Township RE: Solicitor for NP COG UCC Appeals Board – Current Solicitor Robert Sayers is closing his practice and will no longer be able to serve.
- PSATS – 2023 Disclosure Statement of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Pension Trust – Act 44 requires the disclosure Statement to be posted on Township website.
- Letter to Supervisors from Mary Lou Butler of ESC Design, Inc. stating they are under contract with John Perry owner of Marjon Golf Course to prepare an Erosion & Sedimentation Control Plan.
- Email from Brian Walsh concerned with dog waste in the ballfield and owners aren't cleaning up after their dogs.
- Comcast franchise fee in the amount of \$9,199.78.
- PennDot – Notice of Liquid Fuels Tax Fund payment in the amount of \$123,438.34.

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- Commonwealth of PA Department of the Auditor General - Pension Plan Compliance Audit for Police and Non-Uniform for the period January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2022.

ACTION ON CORRESPONDENCE

- Jordan explained the UCC Appeals Board.
- Use of Ballfield – A **MOTION** by Jordan and Farischon to **approve the use of the field by North Pocono Dandy Lion Little League**. Motion carried.
- Jordan explained the traffic study by PennDot is to study that the listed roads have enough traffic to see if these roads meet the minimum traffic.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- Nothing new to report. Two ongoing cases – nothing new to report, both are pending.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

- Report read.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Report read and on file.

RECYCLING

- No recycling in January. February's totals are .55 Commingle and .41 Cardboard.

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- Nothing.

BUILDING PERMITS

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| • Donald Preate | Charging Station | Windsor Hill |
| • John Evanish | Kitchen Addition | Casetta Lago Place |
| • Michael Nardella | New Home | Yedinak Lane |
| • Patrick Curcura | Inground Pool | Summit Woods |

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Spring Clean Up out for bid and bids are due March 20.
- Electronic Recycling – June 12, 3:30 – 5:30 pm with a fee of \$695 plus \$155 fee.
- A **MOTION** by Farischon and seconded by Jordan to **approve the Electronic Recycling event**. Motion carried.

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NEW BUSINESS

- Salt Bid for 2024-205 –
A **MOTION** by Farischon and seconded by Jordan to **enter into a contract with CoStars for salt purchase for the 2024-2025 year for 500 tons and must purchase 60%**. Motion carried.
- A **MOTION** by Farischon and seconded by Jordan to **make the Work Session of March 20, 2024 as a Special Meeting to open Clean Up bids**. Motion carried.
- Truck Financing –
A **MOTION** by Farischon and seconded by Jordan to **enter into a lease/purchase contract for financing of a new Peterbilt truck with FNB for a yearly fee of \$47,437.09 plus \$650 document fee subject to adjustment of final bill**.
- A **MOTION** by Farischon and seconded by Jordan to **approve Mike Conigliaro to fill the unexpired term of Joe Filipkowski on the Sewer Authority**. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Kevin Strausser of ESC Design presented the final lot consolidation plan for Lands of Walton in Summit Woods. Supervisors will place it on the agenda for Special Meeting on March 20, 2024.
- Jordan said in February residents of Roaring Brook Estates held a meeting regarding the possible takeover of the residential run Water Company in Roaring Brook Estates.
- Mike Conigliaro said there will be a meeting with a few of the residents and PA American Water Co. on March 20th for the possibility of PA American Water taking over the water system.
- Kara Francis asked about the lawsuit over the Township building. Jordan explained the terms of the lease from 1974 with the Girl Scouts. The Girl Scouts sold property to RGM Hardwoods about 10 years ago. RGM Hardwoods sold the land to a person from New Jersey. The current owner said the Township violated the lease since the terms of the lease was the Township building was to house a fire truck or be a community center. The Fire Company moved the fire truck in 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

- A **MOTION** by Jordan and seconded by Farischon was made **to adjourn at 9:33 pm**. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Farischon, Secretary