

MINUTES

Those in Attendance: Chairman Adam Bills, Vice-Chairman Allen Fisher, Supervisors: Ray Rice and Samuel Beiler, Township Manager David Thompson, Secretary/Treasurer Karen Farra, Zoning Officer Walter Hockensmith, Roadmaster Blaine Stoltzfus, Park Foundation Chairman Michael Hartmann, Wanda Ranck, Wendell Ranck, Jim Knosp, Joshua Knosp, Keith R. Landis, Bob Devonshire, Robert Tusing, Judith Tusing, Dylan Coleman, Ivan King, David King, Marcella Peyre-Ferry (LNP), Lavern Riehl, Jason Myer, Steven Fisher, Steve Shearer, Sam Petersheim and Clint Yonce.

CALL TO ORDER/FLAG CERMONY AT 7:00PM

PUBLIC HEARING COMMENCED AT 7:00PM:

Chairman Bills presented Ordinance No. 2023-01, An Ordinance of the Township of Paradise, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, Establishing a Speed Limit and Authorizing Placement of Warning Signs on Peach Lane Within the Township and Establishing Penalties for Violation of the Provisions of the Ordinance.

Chairman Bills called for public comment. No public comment was proffered.

Allen Fisher motioned to Adopt Ordinance No. 2023-1. Second by Ray Rice. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**

At 7:02pm, Chairman Bills adjourned public hearing portion of meeting.

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- Samuel Beiler **motioned** to approve the Board of Supervisors Workshop Meeting Minutes for September 12, 2023. Second by Allen Fisher. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**
- Allen Fisher **motioned** to approve the Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes for September 19, 2023. Second by Samuel Beiler. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**

TREASURERS REPORT/BILLS

- Samuel Beiler **motioned** to approve the September 2023 Treasurer's Report. Second by Ray Rice. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**
- Allen Fisher **motioned** to approve the October 2023 Disbursement List of Bills to be paid. Second by Samuel Beiler. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT – BRIEFING ITEMS

- Jason P. Shaner, P.E., Impacting Engineering – David P. King – 15 Girvin Road – Final Land Development Plan. Neither Mr. Shaner, nor Mr. King, appeared to provide plan briefing.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Steve Shearer: Mr. Shearer stated the Board of Supervisors should not hold meetings when a quorum is not present, and expressed his thoughts regarding Supervisor vacations and the like. He further stated that the meeting date should be changed if a quorum is not available.

Chairman Bills stated that it is rare a quorum is not present for meetings, and the last meeting at which a quorum was not available, occurred at the last minute due to an emergency situation. He explained the Sunshine Act laws requiring Township notice of any meeting date changes, and stated that, unfortunately, there was not enough time to provide the required notice of a meeting date change due to the nature of the emergency situation and when it arose.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- LCSWMA September 29, 2023 letter regarding 2024 Rate Increases.
- EPA-PA DEP Settlement Agreement Fact Sheet.

TOWNSHIP REPORTS

TOWNSHIP MANAGER

- Updates/Report by Township Manager, David Thompson.

Public Comment: David King asked about the status of the installation of a traffic light at the intersection of Route 30 and Singer Avenue. Mr. Thompson advised PennDOT was to start all improvement projects along the section of the Route 30 corridor in Paradise Township in September, but has not. He advised that he has not yet received any updates from PennDOT on the status of these improvement projects.

ROADMASTER:

- Updates/Report by Roadmaster, Blaine Stoltzfus.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

- Mr. Thompson presented the September 2023 Emergency Services Call Report. A copy was provided to Mrs. Wanda Ranck upon her request.
- Mr. Thompson presented the proposed Cost-Sharing Agreement between Paradise Township and Leacock Township setting forth the workers' compensation insurance cost-share obligations and explained its purpose to the public.

Public Comment: Wanda Ranck asked how the Workers' Compensation insurance for the fire companies works and will work going forward. Chairman Bills, Mr. Thompson, and Secretary Karen Farra explained the insurance process to Mrs. Ranck.

After public comment was had, Allen Fisher **motioned** to approve the Agreement. Second by Ray Rice. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**

- Mr. Thompson presented the proposed Township Policy for Emergency Services Funding. He stated that he had previously met with members of Paradise Leaman Place Fire Company to discuss finances, and is scheduled to meet with Pequea Valley Fire Department tomorrow, and Bart Township Fire Company next month.

Public Comment: Wanda Ranck commented that the Township needs to make sure it discusses that funding to Paradise Leaman Place Fire Company should include reimbursement of expenses of the fire company not paid by the Township.

After public comment was had, Allen Fisher **motioned** to adopt the Township Policy for Emergency Services Funding. Second by Samuel Beiler. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**

PLANNING COMMISSION:

- Updates by Vice-Chairman, Allen Fisher.

ZONING HEARING BOARD:

- Report by Zoning Officer, Walter Hockensmith. Mr. Hockensmith advised he incorrectly reported the construction cost of one permit on his report. Cost reported as \$181,575,000.00 when should have been \$181,575.00.

PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION:

- Updates by Park Foundation Chairman, Michael Hartmann.
- Mr. Thompson reported that the Township was not selected to receive funds from the DCNR Grant.
- Mr. Thompson presented three quotes for a wireless security camera system at the park and explained that all three vendors are COSTARS approved. No action was taken on the quotes at this time, though Mr. Thompson explained funding for this project is included in the proposed 2024 Budget.
- As no additional quotes for a tractor had been obtained, no discussion was had regarding approval of a quote for purchase of a tractor-mower combination. Mr. Rice advised Roadmaster Blaine Stoltzfus the Supervisors want to see at least two additional quotes for different makes/models of tractors, to include a Ford tractor. Chairman Bills concurred with and supported this request.

SEWER AUTHORITY & SEO:

- Updates by Township Manager, David Thompson.
- September 11, 2023 Minutes of Paradise Township Sewer Authority.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

- Ray Rice **motioned** to approve advertising of Notice of 2024 Public Meetings. Second by Allen Fisher. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**
- Treasurer Karen Farra presented proposed 2024 Budget and requested approval to advertise it.

Public Comment: Wanda Ranck asked if the proposed Budget included financing for the fire companies. Ms. Farra said there is a proposal before the Supervisors for distribution of Local Service Taxes to township emergency services providers; however, those proposed disbursements are not included in the proposed Budget as it calls for distribution of prior year unreserved funds.

After public comment was had, Samuel Beiler **motioned** to approve advertising of proposed 2024 Budget. Second by Ray Rice. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**

- Zoning Officer Walter Hockensmith explained contents and purpose of proposed Ordinance 2023-2, An Ordinance Amending the Paradise Township Zoning Ordinance of 2003, as Amended, by Retitling Section 1513 and Deleting the Permanent Foundation Requirement of that Section. He explained the Ordinance would remove the requirement for mobile homes not placed within a mobile home park to have a permanent foundation.

Public Comment: Sam Petersheim asked if this change applies to all mobile homes, or just those used as a granny flat. He was advised it applies to all mobile homes.

After public comment was had, Samuel Beiler **motioned** to approve advertising Ordinance 2023-2. Second by Ray Rice. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Upon Chairman Bills calling for motion to adjourn meeting, a request for additional public comment was made by Steve Shearer. Supervisor Rice granted his request. Mr. Shearer asked when Paradise Leaman Place Fire Company would be getting their first due back. He was advised this matter is still being discussed and no decisions have been made at this time.

ADJOURN:

- At 7:33p.m., Allen Fisher **motioned** to adjourn meeting. Second by Ray Rice. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**

Respectfully Submitted By:

Karen E. Farra, Secretary/Treasurer