

PENN FOREST TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
2010 STATE ROUTE 903
JIM THORPE, PA 18229

AGENDA

March 1, 2021

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Penn Forest Township Board of Supervisors is being held at Penn Forest Township Municipal Building, 2010 State Route 903, Jim Thorpe, PA.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairman Meckes asked that all in attendance stand and recite the "Pledge of Allegiance".

CALL TO ORDER:

Supervisor Meckes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m; Roll Call by Township Secretary.

Members: Roger Meckes, Chairman
Christian Bartulovich, Vice Chairman
Judith Knappenberger, Supervisor
Scott Lignore, Supervisor
Thomas Cross, Supervisor

Office Staff: Dana Vitale, Secretary
Solicitor: Thomas S. Nanovic

A. EXECUTIVE SESSION: To be held at 6:00 p.m. to discuss personnel & other items.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS : (3 Minute Limit)

C. MEETING MINUTES:

(1) REGULAR BOS MEETING ON FEBRUARY 1, 2021

MOTION made by Supervisor _____, Second by Supervisor _____ to approve the BOS Meeting Minutes from FEBRUARY 1, 2021.

ROLL CALL: JK____; SL____; CB ____; TC____; RM____ **MOTION**_____

D. SECRETARY: ACKNOWLEDGE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

(1) CARBON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVAL LETTER

Carbon County Planning Commission recommends approval of the Zoning Ordinance Amendments.

E. TREASURER'S REPORT:

(a) MAUCH CHUNK TRUST COMPANY (Statement balance as of 2/28/2021)

Township General Fund:	\$ 1,957,244.31	State Liquid Fuels Fund:	\$ 111,094.50
Sanitation Fund:	\$ 198,092.69	Park/Recreation:	\$ 0.00
Septic Fund:	\$ 272,578.44	Payroll:	\$ 24,137.62
SALDO:	\$ 85,049.68	Debit Card:	\$ 2,684.27
Rent :	\$ 4,047.38	Fire Escrow	\$ 23,349.00
TOTAL:			\$ 2,678,277.89

(b) MAUCH CHUNK TRUST COMPANY – Certificates of Deposit (as of 2/28/2021)

Account Ending: #1841 -	\$ 3,498,635.34	(3 month CD)
#5851 -	\$ 258,778.85	(6 month CD)
#1301 -	\$ 2,046,688.88	(13 month CD)
TOTAL:	\$ 5,804,103.07	

(c) JIM THORPE NEIGHBORHOOD BANK – Certificates of Deposit (as of 2/28/2021)

Account Ending:		
#0064 -	\$ 105,520.64	
TOTAL:	\$ 105,520.64	

TOTAL FUNDS ON DEPOSIT: \$ 8,587,901.60

1) **MOTION** made by Supervisor_____, Second by Supervisor_____ to accept Treasurer's Report for FEBRUARY 2021 (Subject to Audit).

ROLL CALL: JK____; SL____; CB ____; TC____; RM____ **MOTION**_____

2) **PAYMENT OF THE BILLS FOR FEBRUARY 2021**

MOTION made by Supervisor _____, Second by Supervisor _____ to pay the bills for FEBRUARY 2021.

ROLL CALL: JK____; SL____; CB ____; TC____; RM____ **MOTION**_____

F. NEW BUSINESS:

ROGER MECKES, CHAIRMAN

1) ELECTRONIC RECYCLING PROGRAM FOR 2021

Dates and Information received for 2021 Electronic Recycling (see enclosed pricing).

**Available Saturday's: June 26th, July 17th, 24th, 31st, August 7th, 21st, 28th
October 16th, November 6th, 13th, 20th**

RESERVED JULY 17th and NOVEMBER 20TH

MOTION made by Supervisor ____, Second by Supervisor ____, to schedule _____ for the 2021 Electronic Recycling Event for (6) hours, 9am - 3pm (or until trucks are full) at the Transfer Station.

ROLL CALL: JK____; SL____; CB ____; TC____; RM____ **MOTION** _____

2) VOLUNTEER TAX CREDIT PROGRAM

PFT Volunteer Fire Co. #1 & #2 submitted their notarized list and Volunteer Credit Application for the 2020 tax year.

MOTION made by Supervisor ____, Second by Supervisor ____, to _____ the applications for refund of Municipal Earned Income Tax for year 2020.

ROLL CALL: JK____; SL____; CB ____; TC____; RM____ **MOTION** _____

3) MUNICIPAL BUILDING ROOF REPLACEMENT- QUOTE RECEIVED

Family Restoration Home Imp. & Murphy Lumber (see attached)

MOTION made by Supervisor ____, Second by Supervisor ____, to _____

ROLL CALL: JK____; SL____; CB ____; TC____; RM____ **MOTION** _____

4) DISCUSSION: WORKERS COMPENSATION ACT – FIRE CO. VOLUNTEERS

Recent changes affecting fire company volunteers.

MOTION made by Supervisor ____, Second by Supervisor ____, to _____

ROLL CALL: JK____; SL____; CB ____; TC____; RM____ **MOTION** _____

CHRISTIAN BARTULOVICH, VICE CHAIRMAN

1) RESOLUTION NO. 8 OF 2021- ESTABLISH TRANSFER STATION PERMITS AND FEES-

MOTION made by Supervisor ____, Second by Supervisor ____, to _____ **RESOLUTION NO. 8 OF 2021-** Establish Transfer Station Permits and Fees.

ROLL CALL: JK___; SL___; CB ___; TC___; RM___ MOTION_____

2) RATIFY THE MOTION - RESOLUTION NO. 9 OF 2021- DECLARATION OF DISASTER OF EMERGENCY Extend Resolution 60 days.

MOTION made by Supervisor _____ Second by Supervisor _____, to _____ **RESOLUTION NO. 9 OF 2021- DECLARATION OF DISASTER OF EMERGENCY.**

ROLL CALL: JK___; SL___; CB ___; TC___; RM___ MOTION_____

3) RESOLUTION NO. 10 OF 2021- CCCOG AFFILIATION AGREEMENT-

MOTION made by Supervisor _____ Second by Supervisor _____, to _____ **RESOLUTION NO. 10 OF 2021- CCCOG AFFILIATION AGREEMENT.**

ROLL CALL: JK___; SL___; CB ___; TC___; RM___ MOTION_____

4) TOWNSHIP BUILDING AUDIO & VISUAL EQUIPMENT

Greg Mousseau, ZHB Solicitor, is recommending that the Board consider installing a professional audio and visual system for Zoom meetings. Items required: Logitech Large Room Solution \$5,150.00; (2) VIZIO 65" Smart TV \$468.00/each; \$500.00 buffer for cabling and labor. See attached.

MOTION made by Supervisor _____, Second by Supervisor _____, to

ROLL CALL: JK___; SL___; CB ___; TC___; RM___ MOTION_____

G. PFT PARK AND RECREATION

H. REPORTS:

ROGER MECKES, ROADMASTER

ROADMASTER REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2021

TRANSFER STATION

1) BULK AMOUNT for FEBRUARY 2021---\$ 333.00 Year to Date Total: \$ 1,102.00

2020-2021 Residential Permits	(3)	116.67
2020-2021 Commercial Permits	(0)	0.00
2020-2021 Pro-Rated Permits	(4)	73.92
TOTAL DEPOSITS		\$523.59

2) ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS –

A) RIGHT-TO-KNOW REQUESTS FOR FEBRUARY 2021-

Administrative & Financial Requests: (See Attached Lists)

Submitted: 29 / Responded: 29/ Total Hours: 29 hrs.

Zoning & Septic Requests: Submitted: 24 / Responded: 24

I. ZONING DEPARTMENT - Kathryn Forry submitted Zoning Report for FEBRUARY 2021.

1) DOLLAR GENERAL LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN- 90 DAY EXTENSION

We are in receipt of a Land Development Plan and a Minor Subdivision Plan prepared by Livic Civil, LLC. The developer is currently applying for a zoning variance that would affect the proposed land development, and therefore requires more time to satisfy our comments. They are requesting a 90 day extension. The Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of this extension request at their, January 25, 2021 meeting.

a) **MOTION** made by Supervisor _____, Second by Supervisor _____, to _____ the 90 day extension.

ROLL CALL: JK____; SL____; CB ____; TC____; RM____ **MOTION** _____

2) INDIAN MOUNTAIN LAKE CIVIC ASSOCIATION LAND DEVELOPMENT – 90 DAY EXTENSION

We are in receipt of a Land Development Plan prepared by Keystone Consulting Engineers. The developer is currently making revisions affect the proposed land development, and therefore requires more time to satisfy our comments. They are requesting a 90-day extension. The Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of this extension request at their, January 25, 2021 meeting.

a) **MOTION** made by Supervisor _____, Second by Supervisor _____, to _____ the 90 day extension and table the land development plan until items in the last review letter have been satisfied.

ROLL CALL: JK____; SL____; CB ____; TC____; RM____ **MOTION** _____

3) **KIRKPARTICK PRELIMINARY/FINAL LOT JOINDER PLAN**

We are in receipt of a Lot Joinder Plan for timothy & Betsy Kirkpatrick prepared by Jonathan Shupp, PLS, SEO. As part of the review process, we have identified the certain sections from the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO) with which the plans provided are not in compliance. The developer has requested the below waiver from the SALDO.

Sections 230 – Submission of Preliminary Plan

This section requires submission of a separate preliminary plan prior to final plan submission. This waiver request would allow the lot joinder to be reviewed for preliminary and final approvals simultaneously.

Section 331.31 – Showing of Significant Natural Features on Plan

This section requires the developer to show significant natural features on the plan, including floodplains, ponds, lakes, streams, natural drainage swales, wooded areas and all trees with a diameter of 8 inches or greater. The applicant wishes partial relief from this section; specifically, having to show all trees with greater than an 8-inch diameter.

Section 334.8 – Requiring Copy of Opinion of Title

This section requires submission of an Opinion of Title for all projects. The surveyor has requested a waiver of this requirement for the following reasons:

- Simplicity of the project (lot joinder)
- The recorded deeds indicate ownership of the two lots involved; and
- No construction is being proposed

The Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of the first two above waivers at their December 28, 2020 meeting and the third waiver at their January 25, 2021 meeting. The Planning Commission also voted to recommend approval of the plan subject to approval of the above waiver request and submission of the required signed/sealed/notarized plans.

a) MOTION made by Supervisor _____, Second by Supervisor _____, to grant the waivers for **SALDO Section 230; 331.31; 334.8** as recommended by the PC, conditioned upon the final payment of any outstanding fees.

ROLL CALL: JK____; SL____; CB ____; TC____; RM____ **MOTION** _____

b) MOTION made by Supervisor _____, Second by Supervisor _____, to approve and accept the **plan** as recommended by the Planning Commission, conditioned upon the final payment of any outstanding fees.

ROLL CALL: JK____; SL____; CB ____; TC____; RM____ **MOTION** _____

J. PUBLIC COMMENTS – (3 Minute Limit)

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT _____ P.M.

MOTION to adjourn meeting by Supervisor _____, Second by Supervisor _____

ROLL CALL: JK____; SL____; CB _____; TC____; RM____ **MOTION** _____

REMINDERS:

- 1) The Next Regular Board of Supervisors Meeting will be held Monday, April 5th, at 7:00 p.m.***
- 2) The Park and Recreation will hold their monthly meeting on Thursday, March 18th, at 6:30 p.m. (via Zoom).***
- 3) The Planning Commission will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, March 22nd, at 6:00 p.m. (if needed).***

DANA VITALE
TOWNSHIP SECRETARY

ROGER MECKES
CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS