

# PULASKI TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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November 7, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Pulaski Township Board of Supervisors was held on November 4, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Township Municipal Building 1172 State Route 208, Pulaski, PA 16143.

Members present were Keith Stowe, Kelly Smith and Virginia Zinza.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and called to order by Keith Stowe.

This meeting is being recorded for the purpose of transcribing minutes.

Public comment regarding items listed on the agenda - Dan Abramson had a question about allocating money for the purchase of a wood chipper, what is the cost of the chipper? Chairman Stowe stated he didn't know the exact number but the quotes were around \$50,000. A lengthy discussion was held regarding how many days it'd be used and the option to just rent one. The Solicitor advised that the money is proposed to come from American Rescue Plan funds and those funds must be allocated before the end of the year and any funds that aren't allocated will have to be returned. The Supervisors are trying to find options to spend those funds to benefit the Township instead of losing the money. Mr. Abramson stated to the Solicitor that when he asks a question let the Supervisors respond unless they ask him to respond.

A motion was made by Kelly Smith and second by Virginia Zinza to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 7, 2024, with all Board members present, and as presented to the Board on October 10, 2024. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

A motion was made by Virginia Zinza and second by Kelly Smith to approve the minutes of the budget work session held on October 30, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. with all Board members present and as presented to the Board on October 31, 2024. The 2025 budget was concluded at the meeting. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

A motion was made by Kelly Smith and second by Virginia Zinza to approve the payment of bills:  
General Fund – \$28,069.14 (\$7,211.39 to be reimbursed by County Aid); State Fund – \$1,994.26; Fire Fund – \$897.25 and Light Fund – \$408.62. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

Motion was made by Virginia Zinza and second by Kelly Smith to approve park rentals for October 27th (received after October meeting), November 28th and December 21st. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

A motion was made by Kelly Smith and second by Virginia Zinza to adopt Resolution No. 14-2024 as advertised in the legal section of the New Castle News on September 23, 2024, appointing William M. Hauser, CPA, LLC to audit all Township accounts for the year ending December 31, 2024. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

A motion was made by Virginia Zinza and second by Kelly Smith to advertise the proposed 2025 budget is available for public inspection for a period of twenty (20) days. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

The Board reviewed and considered allocating money from American Rescue Plan funds for Comcast broadband expansion proposals for un-served areas of Coffee Run Road, High Hill Road and State Route 551 and purchase of a wood chipper. Comcast submitted a proposal for the un-served areas in the total amount of \$74,827 which will provide internet to 28 homes. The Board also received quotes for the purchase of a new wood chipper - 1st quote from Vermeer in the amount of \$43,560.38; 2nd quote from Stephenson Equipment in the amount of \$45,310.50 and MoBark Equipment gave a verbal quote of \$50,000. There are a lot of safety features on the Vermeer machine.

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A motion was made by Virginia Zinza and second by Kelly Smith to adopt Resolution No. 15-2024 approving allocation of funds from the American Rescue Plan fund to Comcast in the amount of \$74,827 for broadband expansion to un-served areas of Coffee Run Road, High Hill Road and State Route 551; and to Vermeer for purchase of a wood chipper in the amount of \$43,560.38. All voted in favor; motion carried.

The Board reviewed and considered the Memorandum of Understanding with Teamster's #261. Teamster's drafted the Memorandum of Understanding the Solicitor had a few minor changes that were approved by Teamster's and needed Board approval. A motion was made by Kelly Smith and second by Virginia Zinza to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Teamster's #261. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

The Board reviewed and considered the Richard and Sarah McBride Subdivision Plan with Non-Building Waiver and Right-Of-Way Agreement. The Planning Commission gave a favorable review at their October 24, 2024 meeting. This is to subdivide a new 20.5647 acre vacant parcel (Parcel 2) and convey said parcel to the west adjoiner Steve and Molly Slick. This will leave the McBride's with 5.8446 acres with improvements (Parcel 1). The on-lot septic for the existing home on the property was inspected and it passed. Under the Township SALDO because the property doesn't have access to the public road an agreement was required and a Right of Way Agreement was prepared and signed by Steve and Molly Slick. The Township will require something in writing that the Township will not be responsible for any maintenance on Richards Lane. Steve and Molly Slick who were in attendance advised that they would agree that get included in the Right-Of-Way Agreement and they will initial the change. A motion was made by Kelly Smith and second by Virginia Zinza to approve the McBride Subdivision and Non-Building Waiver and Right-Of-Way Agreement with maintenance agreement revision to be added. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

The Board reviewed and considered the Sewage Facilities Planning Module and Sewage System Maintenance Agreement for the Arias Small Flow Treatment Facility located at 295 Cherriwood Road. Megan explained the individual just purchased the home and found the septic malfunction so they hired an engineer and they came up with a small flow treatment facility for the property. This will have to be sent to the DEP upon Township approval for their review and approval. A motion was made by Kelly Smith and second by Virginia Zinza to approve the Sewage Facilities Planning Module and Sewage System Maintenance Agreement for Raul Arias at 295 Cherriwood Road. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

A motion was made by Virginia Zinza and second by Kelly Smith to adopt Resolution No. 16-2024 for Plan Revision for New Land Development relative to the Arias Small Flow Treatment Facility located at 295 Cherriwood Road. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

A motion was made by Kelly Smith and second by Virginia Zinza to donate \$300 to Shop with a Cop for 2024. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION: None.

Fire Department Report for month of October, 2024 given by Fire Chief Guy Morse: Structure Fires – 1, MVA – 4, Auto alarms – 2, Service calls – 0, Trees/Lines down – 0, brush fires - 1, Mutual Aid - 2. Totals calls – 10 (Fire) and 8 (EMS), man power hours for Fire was 55.09, Truck hours for Fire was 12. Man hours for EMS - 8; Truck Hours for EMS - 4. The Department held a pasta dinner on October 27th. The County is discussing a possible burn ban. Department did detail for Trunk or Treat at Family Dollar and had several vehicles out for Trick or Treating. Station 2 was also opened up to the public for trick or treat.

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Road Department Report for the month of October, 2024 given by Vice Chairman Smith: Patching on Heather Heights, Deer Creek, Liberty Street and Nashua Road; Replaced large culvert on Marr Road; Replaced driveway culvert on Willowbrook; Tree cleanup on Evergreen Road; Continue fall mowing; General Maintenance and repair on equipment.

Police Report - Criminal Mischief (other) - 1; Traffic Offenses (court cases not DUI) - 1; Motor vehicle accident - 3; Domestic Violent - 1; Alarm - 1, Suspicious Auto - 2; House Check - 7; Assist Fire Department -1; Assist Other Policy Agency - 1; Administrative Duty - 6; 911 Hang up -1; Citation (traffic) - 4; Patrol Check Residence - 1; Request to Speak to an Officer - 1; Traffic Warning - 10. Total calls 41.

Park Committee Report - Discussed Mr. Sheehan's intention to donate a parcel of land to the Township. Plans to consult with him regarding his preference for border containment along the entrance to prevent visitors from parking on his property. Reviewed the first quote received from King Swings for the new playground and compiled a list of additional companies to obtain more quotes and job specifications. Discussed the need for outdoor restrooms, lighting, and security cameras to enhance park safety and convenience. Considered options for parking expansion to accommodate increased visitor traffic. Discussed updating the existing pavilion and plans to add additional pavilions in the future to improve park amenities. The Township Solicitor is reviewing the paperwork from the previous park committee and the 501(c)(3) from Dominic Johnjulio. Updates will be provided regarding the consolidation. Plans to secure at least three quotes for the new playground, in accordance with township procedures with an aim to present the quotes for a vote at the December Supervisor meeting, with hopes of being under contract by the end of December for spring installation. Grant writing is scheduled to begin in January at both county and state levels. The park committee is requesting funds from the township to help cover the total cost. Quotes will include product, delivery, ground preparation, installation, and rubber mulch with border. Met with Playground Etc. Representative at the Park on Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> to go over specifications and took photos for quotes. Next Meeting is Scheduled for Monday, November 25, 2024, at 6:00 PM.

A motion was made by Kelly Smith and second by Virginia Zinza to amend the agenda to add an item for consideration, the resignation of Joseph Hora as a part-time police officer. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

A motion was made by Kelly Smith and second by Virginia Zinza to accept the resignation of Joseph Hora as part-time police officer effective October 25, 2024. The Board voted all in favor motion carried.

## Following is the report of taxes collected during the month of October, 2024:

Elected Tax Collector, Bradley Marshall:	Berkheimer:
Real Estate Taxes: \$798.43	Per Capita Tax : \$1,281.60
Fire Taxes: \$798.43	
Wage Taxes received from Berkheimer October, 2024:	\$16,070.72
Local Services Tax received from Berkheimer October, 2024 :	\$1,119.84

Following is the report of zoning permits issued by the Zoning Administrator, Mourice Waltz and building permits issued by the Building Code Official, Pennsylvania Construction Inspection, Inc. during October, 2024:

	<u>COST OF CONSTRUCTION</u>	<u>COST OF PERMITS</u>
Detached Garage	\$18,000.00	\$104.50

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Pole Building/Shop	\$50,000.00	\$721.00
Total Cost of Construction	\$68,000.00	
Total Cost of Permits:	\$825.50	
Total Amount Collected:	\$975.00	

\*Difference in the total cost of permits and total amount collected is one permit was issued in September, 2024 but not picked up and paid for until October, 2024.

**Following is the Treasurer's Report. All balances are as of November 4, 2024.**

	<u>Checking Accts.</u>	<u>Savings Accts.</u>	<u>PLGIT Accts.</u>	<u>CD's</u>
General Fund	\$100,472.52	\$200,288.33	\$163,148.72	\$116,978.51
State Fund	\$164,702.61			
Fire Fund	\$7,921.11	\$624,987.75		
Light Fund	\$21,322.27			
Equipment Fund		\$31,318.97	\$31,320.37	
Gas Lease Funds		\$524,660.77	\$414,437.45	
Park Fund	\$1,580.14			
Police Fund	\$1,050.87			
ARPA Fund		\$192,127.43		

**NOTE:** Balances do not reflect taxes collected from elected tax collector as they have not yet been deposited.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Nick Vercilla - Is there a tax increase in the budget for next year? No.

Dan Abramson - How many police officers do we have now? The Board advised we currently have three officers. Mr. Abramson asked if we were going to hire more officers? Chairman Stowe responded there was discussion about disbanding the department. Mr. Abramson asked if that was the Board's intent? Chairman Stowe responded no, it was just a discussion. It's hard to get officers and right now we're in the middle of negotiations. Mr. Abramson stated this Township deserves police protection. Other residents in the audience expressed the fact that they don't want their taxes to be raised. Mr. Abramson stated the Township road tax hasn't been raised in 50 years.

Vern Eppinger - Thanks for painting the handicap spots outside.

Sam Varano - Asked a question about insurance with purchase of wood chipper. Board advised with all the safety features it shouldn't change much other than insuring it as any other piece of equipment. Mr. Varano asked if the dumpster contract got resolved? Yes, it was approved last month. Mr. Varano asked what the Township plans to do with the old playground equipment if a new playground is put in at the Park? He was part of the group that put all that in it's not that old. Supervisor Zinza advised it's been discussed to bring to the Township Building or the ball field at the Pulaski field or donate it. Vern Eppinger stated he will donate his time and hammer to break up the concrete if needed.

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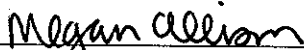
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Jon Franko - How much money is left in American Rescue Plan Fund? After expenses approved at this meeting, approximately \$23,000 and the Park Committee will be requesting consideration for those funds for help in purchasing the playground equipment.

Bill Beck - Playgrounds are a beautiful thing but they are probably the most dangerous thing that we can have. He's not against having a playground he's just concerned about safety. Supervisor Zinza stated the intent is to make the park somewhere people want to book for a party instead of them having to go somewhere else. Updating amenities at the Park will help generate revenue into the Township but safety is of the utmost concern.

Next meeting is scheduled for December 2, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Kelly Smith and second by Virginia Zinza to adjourn the meeting. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

  
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Megan Allison, Secretary