

**MINUTES  
PARADISE TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
September 14, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER: Lance Biesecker called to order at 7:10 PM**  
Board Members Present: Lance Biesecker, Dean Bentzel, Clark Craumer

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:**

**APPROVE AGENDA WITH ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS**  
No additions or deletions: Motion to approve by Clark Craumer, Second Dean Bentzel....Approved by vote

**APPROVE MINUTES FROM AUGUST 10, 2020:**  
Motion to approve as written by Clark Craumer, Second Dean Bentzel....Approved by vote

**APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT:**  
Balances of General Savings and Checking, State Fund (liquid Fuels), Payroll, and Rec fund were read by Lance Biesecker. Motion to approve as read by Clark Craumer, Second Dean Bentzel....Approved by vote

**CITIZENS COMMENTS AND CONCERNS:**  
Persons who have made prior arrangements to be placed on the agenda will have first priority. Please note due to time limitations 5 minutes will be allotted for each citizen.

- 1) **Robin Heyser** – EBACC (East Berlin Area Community Center, Inc.)  
Update on EBACC status (Information Packet provided),  
Robin presented concerns about the EBACC continuing to spend considerable repair funds ( estimated at \$1.5 Million)on the old East Berlin High School building which EBACC does not own and the East Berlin Borough will not deed over the EBACC. She was seeking for input on what future actions and direction EBACC could take to continue with and expand their services to the community.

**Fire Department Reports:**  
Reports given by Lance Biesecker

- 1) **Station 110** –Responded to 6 calls

- 2) **NAF&EMS** – Responded to 31 fire calls, 5 were in Paradise Township, EMS responded to 117 Paramedic calls, 18 were in Paradise Township, 760 totals YTD
- 3) **United 33** – Responded to 61 Fire calls and 5 calls in Paradise Township.

#### **SUBDIVISION PLANS:**

- 1) **Paradise Village** –Springfield Contractors is seeking a 90 day Waiver Extension of the Subdivision & Land Development Ordinance - Item was discussed with Planning Commission and Engineer during meeting \_ Dean Bentzel moved to approve the waiver extension, Lance Biesecker second... Approved by vote with Clark Craumer Abstained
- 2) **Summit Drive** – Todd & Amy Kennedy seeking approval of subdivision of property on Summit Drive. Item was discussed during meeting. Subdivision is essentially a land swap between Summit drive owners with no new construction. It will still be three lots but the layout of each individual lot with be changed. Motion to approve subdivision by Lance Biesecker, Dean Bentzel second... Motion approved by vote with Clark Craumer abstaining

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1) **North Lake RD Extended: Road Closure**  
Paving of the intersection at Short RD to start Wednesday August 12<sup>th</sup>, Yohe paving is completing the project.  
Lance Biesecker reported project is completed
- 2) **Bridge Update, Home RD, Protectory RD, N. School House RD**  
Clark reported that the Engineer will have data by the end of week (8/14). 8/10 - Clark will forward to Monarch for construction of the Protectory Road Bridge and Home Road Bridge.  
9/14 - Clark Craumer reported Engineer should have data portions complete with 2 weeks
- 3) **Pleasant View Road :**  
It was reported that there are trees over hanging the road that need trimmed back.  
Dean Bentzel report trees have been cut back
- 4) **Dean Bentzel reported overhanging brush on Short Road.**  
Owner has been given until November 1 to trim back.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**1) Rec Center Personal Property resolution upon Center being dissolved or Participant withdraws.**

After examination by Solicitor Sharon Myers and discussion by the Board and Rec Committee representative, the board agreed with method of disbursing property by the Recreation Center as long as the property is not affixed property.....Motion to approve Clark Craumer, Second Dean Bentzel, Approved by vote

**2) Lance Biesecker reported the Township's ESTIMATED State Liquid Fuels allocation for the year 2021 will be \$167,135.14. Year 2020 allocation was \$161,141.59.**

## **RECREATION PARK DISCUSSION:**

- 1) Dean Bentzel and Clark Craumer met with Members of the Spring Grove School Board about possibly purchasing land the School District owns. If the purchase would go through a Right of Way would be given to the School District. The ROW would provide an alternate access to the Paradise Elementary Center off of Church RD. This would add 22.5 acres to Farmers Field Park if the sale is approved. Discussion are preliminary at this point.

## **REPORTS:**

- 1) **Emergency Management:** Neal Doyle report that State COVID Emergency restrictions have been extended another three months.
- 2) **Zoning Officer:** Neal Doyle reported on numerous Code and Ordinance violations that the owners of the properties have been warned about or notices have been sent to rectify their current status.
- 3) **Engineer:** Review copy of Country Club Heights Street inspection: Sewer inspection performed before streets had finish pavement application show at least 4 areas where the sewage pipes show signs of sagging. These areas will need to be dug up and fixed or the pipes replaced before the streets can be dedicated to the Township and before the Abbottstown/Paradise Sewer Authority will accept ownership of the sewage system. Paul Minnich was present representing Burkentine Builders and Mickey Thompson was present to represent the Property maintenance Group that is working to resolve issues so the different functions of the property can be

transferred to the proper authorities. Solicitor Sharon Myers asked Doug Stambaugh of GHI to prepare a worst case scenario of what total costs would be to repair pipes and return streets back into acceptable condition for the Township to accept ownership. After the estimate is prepared Sharon will prepare a resolution outlining requirements to be met and moneys to be guaranteed before the streets can be dedicated to the Township. Lance Biesecker noted that the township will not do snow plowing on the roads if they are in a state of repair with depressions in the road surface. Lance Biesecker motioned to accept the Resolution as long as it meets these criteria, Clark Craumer second, Approved by vote

- 4) **Planning Commission:** Reviewed Summit Drive subdivision proposal. Reviewed Jack Powell subdivision plan which was tabled because the owner asked to use a shared driveway for both properties. This would require a waiver. Lance Biesecker has sent a letter to a possible replacement for Tom Bosely who resigned.
- 5) **Police:** Clark Craumer reported since last meeting there was one new hire and at the last meeting there were three commendations handed out. Police Board recommended no increase in expenses for 2021. On October 21, 2020, 4:00PM, dedication of The David D. Tome Substation formerly Southwestern Regional Police Department building
- 6) **Road Master:** Discussed possible closure of a portion of Moul at Route 30. Tabled until both adjacent property owners can be contacted.
- 7) **Solicitor:** Submitted written report.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE / ANNOUNCEMENTS/ OTHER BUSINESS:**

- 1) Verification of Paradise Township Employees Retirement Plan
- 2) Approve Bill List and Sign Checks Clark Craumer made motion to approve bill list and adjourn meeting, second by Dean Bentzel, Approved by vote
- 3) Adjourn