

**MINUTES  
PARADISE TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
NOVEMBER 13, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER:** By Chairman Lance Biesecker at 7:00 pm

**SUPERVISORS IN ATTENDANCE:** Chairman Lance Biesecker, Clark Craumer, Dean Bentzel

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:**

**APPROVE AGENDA WITH ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS...** Clark Craumer moved to approve the agenda as printed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dean Bentzel, Approved by Unanimous Vote.

**APPROVE MINUTES:** From OCTOBER 9, 2023 Board of Supervisors meeting...Clark Craumer moved to approve the minutes as printed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dean Bentzel, Approved by Unanimous

**APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT:** Lance Biesecker read the October 2023 Treasurer's report. Clark Craumer made a motion to approve as read, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dean Bentzel, Approved by Unanimous 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 3 minutes will be allotted for each citizen.

- 1) No public comments

**Fire Department Reports:**

- 1) **Station 110** – Chief Lease reported 13 total calls
- 2) **NAF** – Lance Biesecker reported 27 total calls/7 in PT
- 3) **United 33** – Charles Jacobs reported 80 total calls/5 in PT
- 4) **Life Team** – Lance Biesecker reported 134 total calls/ 20 in PT

**SUBDIVISION PLANS:**

- 1) Conditional approval of BP Real Estate Plan. Derrick Dissinger from Barley Snyder and an engineer from A Site Design Concepts were here to answer Township Engineer comments. Clark Craumer moved

- to conditionally approve the plan pending a construction easement from Sunbelt Rentals and acquiring a sufficient bond to cover road improvements and degradation fees, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dean Bentzel, Approved by Unanimous Vote.
- 2) Conditional approval of the Stelfox Plan. Donnie Fleming from Hanover Land Services was present to provide an update on some minor changes to the number of trees along the road and side yards and modified setbacks in answer to some engineering comments. Clark Craumer moved to conditionally approve the plan pending signatures on the plan and the Highway Occupancy Permit from PennDot, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dean Bentzel, Approved by Unanimous Vote.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1) Beaver Creek Road bridge UPDATE... Work was started, Monday September 23, 2023. Deck and old beams have been removed. Abutments have been maintained and new beams have been set in place. Project is running to the provided schedule. Neal Doyle provided pics of the progress with input from Lance Biesecker.
- 2) Approval of SGRPRC 2024 budget of \$484,637.22 with a per capita increase from \$7.08 to \$7.29. Township's contribution in 2024 will be \$28,934.01 Clark Craumer moved to approve the budget as presented at the October 9, 2023 meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dean Bentzel, Approved by Unanimous Vote
- 3) Update on possible Feral Cat Ordinance. Lance Biesecker read a recommendation from the PTPC which outlined adding definitions in the Township Ordinance Chapter 10 Health and Safety for an Animal, Feral Cat, Feral Cat Colony, Stray Cat, and Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) and add to Part 4 Nuisance section language on feeding feral and stray cats if the person does and/or does not participate in the TNR program. Clark Craumer moved to adopted the recommendation and add to the Ordinance, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dean Bentzel, Approved by Unanimous Vote. Solicitor Evan Gable will add to the Ordinance and include in the codification currently being processed.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) Approval of public viewing of the 2024 Budget until the December 11, 2023 Board of Supervisors meeting at which time a vote on final approval will be taken... Clark Craumer moved to approve the proposed 2024 budget for public viewing, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dean Bentzel, Approved by Unanimous Vote

- 2) Approval of intent to advertise appointment an independent auditor for review of 2023 financials...Clark Craumer moved to approve the intent to advertise, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dean Bentzel, Approved by Unanimous Vote

### **RECREATION PARK:**

- 1) Night under the Stars was held Friday November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Lance Biesecker commented that Neal Doyle did a tremendous job coordinating with Kate King from the SGRPRC in finally having the community outing and fireworks.

### **REPORTS:**

- 1) **Emergency Management:** Neal Doyle commented on the progress of by DEP and EPA in finding the source of the fuel smell and oil sheen at Rutters. He was at a three day FEMA conference in October. The EMA will have an education walkthrough at a local dairy farm on November 15.
- 2) **Zoning Officer:** Neal Doyle provided a report on permit activity and commented it hasn't slowed much. He also reported on a number of residents burning building materials which is against the Township burning ordinance. They will be cited when identified. Lance Biesecker reported aluminum landscaping borders were again found in the Rec Park recycling containers and PennDot line painting damage to numerous cars in the township.
- 3) **Engineer:** Kevin Barnes from GHI presented a report of activity and highlighted the plans GHI has reviewed.
- 4) **Planning Commission:** Kevin Barnes reported that everything has been discussed
- 5) **Police:** Clark Craumer reported calls in PT were down in the last month by 8% but are still up for the year by 9%. Six cadets will be graduating from the Police Academy in December. He also gave the dates for the Municipal Luncheons.
- 6) **Solicitor:** Evan Gabel provided a Solicitor's report and had nothing further to add
- 7) **Roadmaster:** Dean Bentzel reported that everything has been covered previously.

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

- 1) Approve Bill Lists ... Clark Craumer moved to sign bill list and adjourn the meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dean Bentzel, Passed by Unanimous Vote

2) Adjourned at 7:31 pm

Approved at the December 11, 2023 BOS meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Elwood Miller  
Secretary  
Paradise Township