

**PULASKI TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
July 10, 2023**

The Pulaski Township Supervisors held their monthly meeting on Monday, July 10, 2023 in the Pulaski Township Fire Hall, 3401 Sunflower Road, New Brighton, PA 15066.

Mr. Casey Zachodni, Chairman of Supervisors called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Mr. Zachodni led the Pledge to the flag.

Those in attendance were Casey Zachodni, Mark Wagle, Ralph Flara, Connie Wagle, Peggy Griffith, Attorney Joseph M. Budicak, Chief Ron Walton, Chief Allen Hickey, Brian Matheny, Gary Pavlinich, Deb Hickman, Matt Makowiecki, Mark Lezama, Twyla Sisco.

A motion was made by Mr. Zachodni and seconded by Mr. Flara to approve the minutes from the meeting on June 12, 2023. Vote on the motion: Mr. Zachodni – yes, Mr. Flara – yes, Mr. Wagle – yes. The motion is carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Zachodni and seconded by Mr. Wagle to approve the Treasurers Report for June 2023. Vote on the motion: Mr. Zachodni – yes, Mr. Wagle – yes, Mr. Flara – yes. The motion is carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Brian Matheny would like to discuss the mess near his property (4506 33rd Avenue) The overgrowth of weeds and grass has gone on for years, the weeds are growing up and over the fence. When Grimms put the trailer in there, it is too big for such a little lot. The young people who reside there do not care how anything looks, there are weeds growing out through the roof of the shed. It is always a huge mess yearly and has been for many years. The residents receive letters to trim, and they do the bare minimum and leave the trimmings lay there and the in turn start to grow. Mr. Zachodni stated that after Mrs. Griffith sends letter the resident has 10 days to comply with trimming/cutting grass. Mr. Matheny says he will start in May to have them abide with upkeep and by the time anything is done it is September when the grass season is over. Mrs. Griffith will check ordinance, but she does not believe it says anything about bushes/weeds. Mr. Zachodni states the homeowner is responsible for grass/weeds all the way to the pavement of the road. Mr. Makowiecki asked why the township is cutting some properties and attaching a lien to the property. Mr. Zachodni answered with the ordinance is meant so that residents know to abide by maintaining their properties. If a parcel is in a residential area, it must be maintained, any abandoned property the township cuts and then places lien on the property.

Gary Pavlinich has nothing for tonight. Deb Hickman has nothing for tonight. Matt Makowiecki would like to know if something can be done with the water/sewer issue at 3712 52nd Street, the water runs thru Boffos into the property and has caused some damage as well. Mr. Makowiecki asked what the money from the quarterly stormwater fee that residents pay. Mr. Zachodni answered with once enough money is collected, the township needs to build a

retention pond which will cost in the high thousands to do. Mr. Zachodni states the DEP had been called in to look at the property when the previous owner (Doug See) was there. The DEP advised that is not on the township property and therefore it would be the property owners' responsibility. Mr. Zachodni explains that once we do the paving with Rochester Township in a few years on 52nd Street, the curbs may alleviate some of the problems. Mr. Flara explained that 52nd Street is in both Pulaski and Rochester Townships – it divides right down the middle. Mr. Makowiecki states the problem at 3715 52nd Street has been an issue for years even before the present board of Supervisors were in office. Mr. Zachodni stated that any damage from water to a resident's property is the residents' responsibility. Mr. Makowiecki is also concerned about the new Multi Municipal Zoning has changed the township to be not so friendly by dictating residents can do and cannot do. Mr. Zachodni states the zoning is not much different, there are some things that have changed. At any time, a resident can request a variance for anything. Mr. Makowiecki is concerned when people cannot afford to do such repairs. Mr. Makowiecki has done some grass cutting for different neighbors in the past and at the bus stop. Mr. Zachodni added that he has tried in the past to help some people and they do not want him to do anything. Mr. Makowiecki also would like to know if the township office will ever be relocated from the basement of the fire department? And is there any money in which is saved for such a move? Mr. Zachodni stated that yes, we would like to relocate but nothing yet has been done and yes there is money which we received for Covid Relief which we can use. Mark Lezama, owner of the old car wash on 33rd Avenue, is present tonight to address what the township wants done for safety purposes of the car wash, they have already torn down 3 rows of block and part of the roof. Mr. Lezama states that the Dollar General has filed for conditional use. Mr. Zachodni said that the township needs the 2 walls and roof removed do to safety concerns. Mr. Zachodni states that if they do not comply the township will proceed to get engineer and have an emergency demolition and then there will be a lien placed on the property. Mr. Zachodni also asked about the delay with the DEP for the soil testing and such. Mrs. Griffith stated she was told by DEP the soil testing was done and then they needed to do asbestos testing. The DEP has told us the building can be torn down to the slab if no dirt is disturbed. Mr. Lezama states that Dollar General will be giving him an answer on August 6, 2023 as to whether they are still going to proceed with the deal. The Supervisors are going to give Mr. Lezama until August 7, 2023 with the exception that a fence be placed immediately around portion in question, if fence is not placed immediately the township will proceed with engineer regarding demolition due to safety concerns. Mr. Flara stated you cannot put a price tag on safety, with the residential area if a small child wanders in there and something falls on the child there would then be a lot more at stake. The supervisors are requiring that Mr. Lezama place a fence around the portion in question until Mr. Zachodni states the location of the car wash is a great location and would be a great thing for residents. The DEP is to blame for delays and Covid is still being blamed for some delays as well. Twila Sisco – she would like to know if the township mills will change with the new assessments. Mr. Zachodni said when it goes through it will be addressed then.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police Department: Chief Ron Walton was present to give the report. There were 43 calls in the township for the month of June 2023. The report will be placed on file in the office.

Fire Department: Chief Allen Hickey was present to give the report. There were 2 calls in Pulaski and there were 5 calls in Daugherty Township. Mr. Hickey states that the repairs on the siding from the storm will be done in August sometime, the contractor is booked until then.

Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer: Mrs. Peggy Griffith was present to give the report. Mr. Zachodni gave her two locations of 41st Avenue at bend of 42nd Avenue and 43rd Street where weeds/grass are overgrown onto road causing obstruction for drivers. The report will be placed on file in the office.

Road Report: The report will be placed on file in the office.

Recreation: There was no meeting in June 2023.

A motion was made by Mr. Zachodni and seconded by Mr. Flara to accept the committee's reports. Vote on the motion: Mr. Zachodni – yes, Mr. Flara – yes, Mr. Wagle – yes. The motion is carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Paving Project 2023 has been started, the patching has been done and the chip and tar will be completed next.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Reminder that there is NO BURNING in the township for June/July/August
- Reminder about the parking ordinance which was put in place last year. Citations will be given when residents do not comply.
- New Brighton will sponsor Night Mart on 3rd Avenue with its season opener on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 5:00 – 9:00 PM
- New Brighton will sponsor Movie Night at the Park, 601 3rd Avenue on Friday, July 14, 2023 starting at 8:45 PM
- New Brighton Police Department is taking applications for full time officers, applications are available in the office, 610 3rd Avenue, applications are due Friday, July 14, 2023
- The townships website is www.pulaskitwpbeavercouty.org
- The townships email is pulaskitwp@comcast.net

A motion was made by Mr. Zachodni and seconded by Mr. Wagle to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 PM. Vote on the motion: Mr. Zachodni – yes, Mr. Flara – yes, Mr. Wagle – yes. The motion is carried.

Respectfully submitted.
Connie Wagle