

THE TOBYHANNA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
APRIL 19, 2021

The April 2021 Regular Business Meeting of the Tobyhanna Township Board of Supervisors was held on April 19, 2021, via GoToMeeting due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Present are Supervisors John Kerrick, Brendon Carroll, John Holahan, III and Rachel Schickling. Solicitor Jonathan J. Reiss, Esq., Manager Robert Bartal, and Assistant Manager Autumn Canfield are also present. David Carbone is absent.

1. John Kerrick calls the meeting to order at 6:00PM. A quorum is present.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance is recited.
3. Public Comments on Agenda Items: None.
4. Announcements: John Kerrick announces an executive session was held April 19, 2021 from 5:30PM to 6:00PM.
5. April 19, 2021 Bill Pack: Brendon Carroll motions to approve the April 19, 2021 Bill Pack in the amount of \$418,937.45, John Holahan seconds. Vote: all in favor; motion carries.
6. Treasurer's Report: Brendon Carroll reviews the report. John Holahan motions to approve the report, Brendon Carroll seconds. Vote: all in favor; motion carries.
7. Minutes: John Holahan motions to approve the March 1, 2021 Work Session and the March 15, 2021 Regular Business Meeting minutes, Brendon Carroll seconds. Vote: all in favor; motion carries.
8. Solicitor Report: No report.
9. Manager's Report:
 - a. March 2021 Septic/Zoning Report: Robert Bartal states zoning permits for March 2020 were 19 and for March 2021 were 38. He continues stating March 2020 septic permits were 7 and the March 2021 Septic permits were 16 showing an expected upward trend.
 - b. Long Nyquist/ Penn Strategies Monthly Report: Robert Bartal reviews the updates received and states that they have been included in their binders.
 - c. Main Lodge Fireplace Request: Robert Bartal states a request to use the fire place in the Main lodge has been received. He denied the request because of concerns when it serviced last. John Holahan states we should put a sign up forbidding the use of the fireplace.
 - d. Memorial Day Parade: Robert Bartal states he has been informed the parade has been cancelled.
 - e. Robert Bartal states that he has been contacted by PennDOT and detour signs for the 423 Bridge by Lake Naomi will be placed today.
10. DPW/March Vehicle Report: Brendon Carroll states the 2000 International Truck has been taken out of service and will be advertised for bid. He continues stating it might be time to replace the playground mulch. He recommends utilizing the wood fiber mulch. The Board has consensus to continue to use the wood fiber mulch.
11. Old Business:
 - a. Consider Comments from the MCPC on Zoning Amendment for Permit Time Issuance: Jonathan Reiss review the comments from Monroe County and states the township planning commission

has not submitted comments. Brendon Carroll states he believed the planning commission was waiting a response to the time frame question from the planning commission solicitor. Jonathan Reiss states a memo was sent explaining the MPC does not currently have a time frame under the law. The Board discusses removing the time frame from the ordinance. John Holahan motions to have the solicitor redraft the amendment to remove the time limit and penalty section, Brendon Carroll seconds. Vote: all in favor; motion carries.

12. New Business:

a. Consider Committee Appointment:

- i. Zoning Hearing Board: John Holahan motions to re-appoint Billy VanGilder to the Zoning Hearing Board for a 5-year term, Brendon Carroll seconds. Vote: all in favor; motion carries.
- ii. NIDA: John Holahan motions to appoint Rachel Schickling to fill Lloyd Vought's vacated seat on the NIDA, Brendon Carroll seconds. Vote: all in favor; motion carries.
- iii. Sewer Authority: John Holahan motions to appoint Rachel Schickling to fill Lloyd Vought's vacated seat on the Sewer Authority, Brendon Carroll seconds. Vote: all in favor; motion carries.
- iv. COG: John Holahan motions to make Robert Bartal the primary representative, Brendon Carroll seconds. Vote: all in favor; motion carries.
- v. Correct NIDA Appointment: Rachel Schickling motions to rescind John Kerrick's ReOrg appointment and remain in his unexpired term and appoint John Holahan to the new 5-year term, John Holahan seconds. Vote: all in favor; motion carries.

b. Consider Resolution 2021-014 Traffic Signal Agreement: John Holahan motions to approve the resolution, Brendon Carroll seconds. Vote: all in favor; motion carries.

c. Tobyhanna Site LLC Update: Dave Moyer reviews the update on tasks for the SALDO and signage plans. Bob McHale explains some of the road changes to support local vehicles and the signage that will service that. The Board finds the signage acceptable. Anne Lamberton states fire code review has been submitted to building code officials and signed off. Jonathan Reiss states the road design needs to be finalized as the plan presented is different than originally submitted. Dave Moyer states he discussed with Bob McHale about softening some of the radii for the road but still being able to meet the requirements in the SALDO.

13. Board of Supervisors Report

a. John Holahan states he reached out to Monroe County and they have 286 rentals registered in Tobyhanna Township. He continues stating he is working on putting together the committee for short term rentals.

14. Public Questions and Comments:

a. Heidi Pickard states the website has not been updated and asks if there will still be a Community day or Fall Festival. The Board directs staff to update the website and are unsure about any community events with the ongoing pandemic. She also asks for an update on the proposed dog park. Robert Bartal states the demolition of the old pool will start soon.

- b. Wendy Manley asks about an update on the short term rental ordinance. John Holahan states he will reach out to her about his committee. Wendy Manley states the Change of Use Request put in by owners got them nowhere and has concerns where that leaves people who are trying to be legal. She asks if the Board members could do conditional approval prior to the ordinance being passed. Jonathan Reiss advises against that as it would put people in the belief that they are "Grandfathered".

15. Meeting adjourned at 6:49PM.

Minutes recorded by Crystal Butler

Respectfully submitted:



Crystal Butler, Township Secretary