

**THE TOWNSHIP OF MAXATAWNY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
JANUARY 14, 2015**

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**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chairman Allen Leiby called the meeting to order at 7:30PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: Vice Chairman, Heath Wessner; Supervisors, Judith Daub. Professional staff: Engineer, Roy Stewart; Solicitor, Sean Summers; Manager, Justin Yaich. Audience officials: Auditor, Walter Hess; Authority Vice Chairman, Steve Wilson.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Nothing at this time.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

1. Motion was made by Wessner and seconded by Daub to approve the Minutes of the December 10, 2014 Board of Supervisors Meeting and the January 5, 2015 Reorganization Meeting. Motion passed (3-0).

**REPORTS:**

1. State Police Report - Reverse side of agenda
2. Kutztown University - Jerry Silverman - Absent
3. Kutztown Library - Mary Laub
  - a. Mary Laub gave her report for the month. She also alerted the audience to the library's annual fund raising appeal.
4. Roadmaster -Richard Grim
  - a. Richard Grim gave his report for the month. The road crew plans to do more brush mowing in the upcoming weeks provided the weather is cooperative.
5. Code Enforcement - Chris Paff
  - a. Chris Paff was not present. The Township Manager reviewed a zoning change request letter from Mr. Nicolas Ciccone for property located at Long Lane and Route 222. The opinion letter of the Zoning Officer was that the change was not standard with common zoning practices. He recommended denying the request.
  - b. Motion was made by Daub and seconded by Wessner to deny the request. Motion passed (3-0).
6. Manager - Justin Yaich
  - a. Justin Yaich gave his report for the month. He also informed the audience that the recycle bins would be available for pick up at the Township building starting Thursday, January 15, 2015.
7. Motion was made by Daub and seconded by Wessner to approve the reports as presented. Motion passed (3-0).

**PLANS TO REVIEW:**

1. The Rink
  - a. Engineer Bruce Radar and developer Marty Rappaport were present to represent the plans. At this point it appears everything is in the process of being worked out to re-approve the plans based on changes requested in Engineer Chris Falencki's letter of January 13, 2015. The only item to be resolved is the bonding amounts for the on lot sewer system. No action was taken.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Nothing at this time.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Douglas Demchyk – Ambulance Presentation
  - a. Douglas Demchyk presented his plan to start an ambulance service in the community. Mr. Demchyk gave a 30 minute presentation on his business plan. There were no questions from the Board. Auditor Walter Hess asked if the Board planned to speak with the Borough on their plans for supporting the ambulance service.
  - b. Manager Yaich expressed the desire for the Board to be as upfront as possible with Mr. Demchyk since he will be investing much time and money. He also reminded the Board that the Township does not currently select a primary provider and that service is split between Topton Ambulance and Kutztown Area Transport Service.
  - c. Solicitor Sean Summers cautioned the Board on their direction. He stated that any drastic changes would impact the finance and health of the Township and that isn't something to enter into lightly.
  - d. Mary Laub questioned if Mr. Demchyk had discussion with Greenwich or Kutztown as of yet. Mr. Demchyk stated that he did meet with a committee from Borough Council.
  - e. Irene Boyer asked where the business would be housed.
2. DESSCO Design – Final Payment for Deysher Bridge Replacement
  - a. Manager Yaich reviewed the payment request and letter provided by Engineer Ryan Christmas of Keystone Consulting Engineers recommending the payment of request #4 in the amount of \$1980.50.
  - b. Motion was made by Daub and seconded by Wessner to approve the request as presented. Motion passed (3-0).
3. Weight Limit – Bowers Road Bridge
  - a. Manager Yaich reviewed the recent findings of a Penn Dot bridge inspection which warrants the weight limit on the Bowers Bridge to be raised from 5 to 30 tons.
  - b. Motion was made by Wessner and seconded by Daub to authorize the weight limit to be increased to the allowable 30 ton limit. Motion passed (3-0).

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:**

1. Solicitor – Sean Summers
  - a. Solicitor Summers requested permission to submit comments to the upcoming zoning hearing regarding a storage facility on Long Lane.
  - b. Motion was made by Daub and seconded by Wessner to authorize the solicitor to provide comment for the zoning hearing.
  - c. Solicitor Summers explained ordinance 2015-01 which is required by law for any municipality involved in an intergovernmental pension trust agreement.
  - d. Motion was made by Wessner and seconded by Daub to approve Ordinance 2015-01. Motion passed (3-0).
2. Engineer – Roy Stewart
  - a. Engineer Stewart updated the Board on some minor corrections to the zoning ordinance that he and Chris Paff are working to gather for Board review.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT & HEARING OF THE VISITORS:**

There were no comments from audience members.

## **FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

1. Motion was made by Daub and seconded by Wessner to approve the bills as presented. Motion passed (3-0).

2. Motion was made by Wessner and seconded by Daub to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion passed (3-0).

**ADJOURN:** Motion was made by Daub and seconded by Wessner to adjourn at 8:47PM. Motion passed 3-0).

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Respectfully Submitted,

Justin Yaich, Manager

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