

WATSON TOWNSHIP MEETING  
JANUARY 19, 2023

The Watson Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly meeting on January 19, 2023, at 7:00 pm at the Watson Township Municipal building, with James Seltzer, James Potter and Allen Green present.

Also Present: Richard Bater, Rick Macklem, Wilbur Moore and Brent Petrosky

Chairman Seltzer called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Seltzer asked if there were any questions or comments on the December 15, 2022, monthly meeting minutes, there being none, Supervisor Potter made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Chairman Seltzer, MCU.

Chairman Seltzer asked if there were any questions or comments on the January 3, 2023, Reorganization meeting minutes, there being none, Supervisor Green made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Chairman Seltzer, MCU.

Chairman Seltzer asked if there were any questions on the Treasurer's Report, there being none, Supervisor Potter made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted; seconded by Supervisor Green, MCU.

Correspondence: Thank you letter from the Jersey Shore Public Library.

Roadmaster's Report:

1. Cleanup after storms
2. Report of trees down along Tombs Run Road – will be taken care of in the Spring

Chairman Seltzer also reported on repairs made to the generator. He contacted Hunter Lomison and they sent out Mike Hopple of Salladasburg, to take a look at the generator and found the battery was dead and the oil hadn't been changed since 2018. Mr. Hopple changed the oil and put a new battery in the generator and it is up and running.

A discussion was held about regular maintenance of the generator and checking the generator regularly to make sure it is working. Chairman Seltzer noted that the generator is now on a maintenance plan with Hunter Lomison.

Zoning Report

Zoning Officer Brent Petrosky presented the following report:

1. Patti Dershem – permit for a short-term rental at 1519 Torbert Lane.  
10-person capacity

2. Leon Kanasy, Level Crest, LLC – permit for short term rental at 1039 Torbert Lane; 20 person capacity
3. Adrienne Sheasley – potential permit for 200 Becca Path on West Side Road; old cottage on the property must be demolished and any rebuild must comply with the flood plain requirements

Enforcement:

Herman Serafin – 226 West Side Road; Sent two certified violation notices and the property owner has removed parts and debris from the property and the owner is now in compliance. No further action required by the township.

Other:

DCNR – Brent met with DCNR Officials on-site about Whitetail Complex and the project is expected to begin this year.

SR44 Embankment – Notice received from the State that repairs will be made to the embankment on SR44 at the narrows this year, however, no start date was given for the repairs.

Resident Donna Pearson of 673 Torbert Lane was issued a permit to replace and alter the pressure treated deck on her home.

Emergency Management Coordinator Report:

Dennis Buttorff, EMC discussed the accuracy of the water level gauge readings in Pine Creek with the Board of Supervisors.

Old Business:

Chairman Seltzer reported that the roof on the Trading Post has been repaired

New Business:

The Board discussed the Zoning Fee Schedule and no changes were made and the 2021 Fee Schedule remains in effect.

Resident Rick Macklem said he provided measurements for the chalkboard at the township building to Terry Dunkle who is having a brass plaque made for the chalkboard.

Invoices:

Chairman Seltzer made a motion to approve the invoices as presented; seconded by Supervisor Green, MCU.

Public Comment - public comment was entertained through-out the meeting.

Adjournment:

Supervisor Green made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Chairman Seltzer, MCU.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene S. Macklem  
Secretary