

## WALPACK MAYOR AND COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

JUNE 28, 2022

Opening Statement: Mayor Maglio called the meeting of the Walpack Mayor and Committee to order at 7:00 P.M. and stated that the meeting was being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, having been duly advertised.

NOTE: The system employed by the Township of Walpack for conducting its remote public meeting affords the public the opportunity to both listen to, and participate in, the meeting by means of a simple dial-in process which has been made known to the public via an announcement on the Township website since the first remote meeting was announced.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Victor J. Maglio, Deputy Mayor James Heigis, Committeewoman Janina Wycalek, Township Attorney Glenn Kienz, Clerk Christine M. Von Oesen

Also in attendance: Eric Douglas of Dolan and Dolan (representing Attorney William Haggerty) and, Delaware Valley Engineers Land Surveyor Daniel Kent. Mr. Kent prepared the plans for the James and Leann Heigis subdivision to be discussed at this meeting, Dolan and Dolan is handling the subdivision application for James and Leann Heigis.

Approval of Minutes: Mayor Maglio requested a Motion to approve the minutes of the May 31, 2022 Mayor and Committee Meeting. Motion by Committeewoman Wycalek. Second by Deputy Mayor Heigis. All in Favor.

#### New Business:

Mayor Maglio requested that Township Attorney Kienz lead the presentation of the Heigis subdivision. Attorney Keinz swore in Daniel Kent in anticipation of discussion regarding the subdivision. The proposed subdivision is depicted and described on a map dated June 22, 2022.

Following a brief time of discussion and an opportunity for the Committee members to raise questions for clarification, it was noted that Walpack Township Engineer Michael Vreeland will also need to review the subdivision documents following tonight's initial review and action by the Township Committee.

Mayor Maglio opened the meeting to the Public for comment specific to the proposed Heigis subdivision prior to the Committee's vote. Hearing no comment, Mayor Maglio closed the meeting to subdivision related comment.

Mayor Maglio requested a Motion to approve the subdivision application contingent upon the required further review by both Township Attorney Glenn Kienz and Township Engineer Michael Vreeland.

Motion by Committeewoman Wycalek. Second by Mayor Maglio. Both Committeewoman Wycalek and Mayor Maglio voted in Favor. Deputy Mayor Heigis did not participate in the hearing.

#### RESOLUTIONS:

R-29-22 RESOLUTION to approve bills and vouchers for payment. Mayor Maglio requested a Motion to approve R-29-22. Motion by Committeewoman Wycalek. Second by Deputy Mayor Heigis. All in Favor.

Mayor Maglio opened the meeting to general Public Comment:

Ken Bechtold expressed an interest in the anticipated Chris and Kelly Happe subdivision. Mayor Maglio replied that application documents for a Happe subdivision had not yet been received.

Mayor Maglio noted that he had had a conference call earlier in the day with Park Superintendent Sula Jacobs and Deputy Superintendent Eamon Leighty to discuss current and ongoing road closures and pavement deterioration within the Township on roads which are the responsibility of the NPS. Mayor Maglio related that the NPS has had experts out to inspect the severe landslide near the Flatbrook Bridge which has resulted in a road closure. He was told that conditions above the landslide area, including the presence of several large boulders, are contributing factors in the delay in coming up with a suitable design solution. Additional experts are expected to inspect the site in July. In consideration of the design difficulties, and of the fact that the Park is also dealing with at least ten (10) other landslides within the Park, there is no current estimate of when repairs might be completed and the roadway re-opened to traffic. The landslide near the Flatbrook will be a priority for repair and the timing of this repair will not be dependent on the development of design solutions and funding for all other landslide repair projects.

Extensive pavement repair projects within the Township, beyond some localized repairs, are not currently scheduled. There are projects to address road conditions both north and south of Walpack, but none within Walpack Township.

In response to Mayor Maglio's report, Mr. Ken Bechtold stated that he has personally noticed numerous tri-axle dump trucks hauling dirt on roadways within the Township making multiple trips daily. He assumes this hauling operation might be connected with NPS's ongoing project at Watergate. This ongoing activity is subjecting already seriously deteriorated road surfaces to accelerated deterioration. Mayor Maglio will follow-up with Deputy Superintendent Leighty for clarification and additional information regarding the source, destination and expected duration of the NPS activity.

Committeewoman Wycalek asked about the tree near the Walpack Municipal Building. No additional information is available at this time.

Hearing no additional comment, Mayor Maglio closed the meeting to the Public.

Mayor Maglio requested a Motion to adjourn. Motion by Committeewoman Wycalek. Second by Deputy Mayor Heigis. All in Favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Von Oesen, RMC  
Clerk  
Walpack Township