

**MINUTES  
PARADISE TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER:** At 7:00 pm by Chairman Lance Biesecker

**SUPERVISORS IN ATTENDANCE:** Lance Biesecker, Clark Craumer, Dean Bentzel

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:**

**APPROVE AGENDA WITH ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS...** Clark Clark Craumer moved to approve the September 9, 2024 agenda as printed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dean Bentzel, Approved by Unanimous Vote

**APPROVE MINUTES:** Clark Clark Craumer moved to approve the August 12, 2024 minutes as printed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dean Bentzel, Approved by 2-0 Vote with Lance Biesecker abstaining

**APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT:** Clark Craumer moved to approve the August 2024 Treasurer's report as read, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dean Bentzel, Approved by Unanimous Vote

**CITIZENS COMMENTS AND CONCERNS:**

Persons who have made prior arrangements to be placed on the agenda will have first priority. Please note due to time limitations 3 minutes will be allotted for each citizen.

- 1) There were no comments or concerns

**Fire Department Reports:**

- 1) **Station 110** – Chief Lease report 14 total calls for Paradise Twp.
- 2) **NAF** – Lance Biesecker reported 62 total incidents/11 in PT
- 3) **United 33** – Lance Biesecker reported 79 total incidents/ 6 in PT
- 4) **Life Team** – Lance Biesecker reported 197 total calls/30 in PT

**SUBDIVISION PLANS:**

- 1) Tall Grass Meadows Phase II plan expires October 9, 2024 before the next BOS meeting. Clark Craumer moved to approve a six-month

- extension to Wednesday, April 9, 2025, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dean Bentzel,  
Approved by Unanimous Vote
- 2) Big Mount Lodge LDP plan expires October 3, 2024 before the next BOS meeting. Clark Craumer moved to approve a six-month extension to Wednesday, April 3, 2025, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dean Bentzel, Approved by Unanimous Vote
  - 3) Approval of Big Mount Lodge Sewage Planning Module Clark Craumer moved to approve the Big Mount Lodge LDP Sewage Planning Module, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dean Bentzel, Approved by Unanimous Vote.
  - 4) As part of the Approval of the Big Mount Lodge Sewage Planning Module, Clark Craumer moved to approve Resolution for Plan Revision for New Land Development for Big Mount Lodge, LLC, Resolution # 2024-03, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dean Bentzel, Approved by Unanimous Vote.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1) Kerry Lease stated he had a telephone pole in his front yard that was hit and broken. Met Ed left it there for over a year in case they needed evidence for a suit against the at-fault driver.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) Tara Kauffman from Guthrie Memorial Library made a presentation and provided literature highlighting Township resident's participation in library activities, 2023 budget year in review, and a request to be part of Paradise Township's contribution budget for next year with a suggested fair share amount of \$9,600.00.
- 2) Lance Biesecker read a quote from the current contract with Republic Services for a 1-year extension of curbside (garbage only) pick up for 2025. Current 2024 cost to residents is \$67.41 per quarter/\$269.64 per year. 2025 cost to residents would be \$71.46 per quarter/\$285.84 per year. Resident Sam Lease said he has no complaints with the curbside service from Republic but asked if there is anything that can be done about people continuing to put plastic trash bags and non-recyclable trash in the dumpsters at the Farmer's Fields recycling site. Lance Biesecker replied the Township recognizes a problem at that site and is looking into possibly extending out security camera system to the park but admitted it is hard to police that unless someone sees another person doing the illegal dumping. Clark Craumer moved to approve a one-year contract extension with Republic Services for curbside

garbage service for 2025, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dean Bentzel, Approved by  
Unanimous Vote

### **RECREATION PARK:**

- 1) Lance Biesecker commented that Girls Softball continues to use the fields often and the Girls Softball Association donated an AED for use at the fields.

### **REPORTS:**

- 1) **Emergency Management:** Neal Doyle reported Tropical Storm Debby moved thru the Township in early August with periods of heavy rain causing some stream flooding but only infrastructure damage incident was to one culvert pipe. He also reported final PMA/FEMA paperwork has been submitted for Hurricane Ida damages. We should be getting approximately \$30,000 more from PEMA bringing total grant money to close to \$800,000 received.
- 2) **Zoning Officer:** Neal Doyle provided a written report of permit activity showing 16 permits issued in August with no additional comment. He showed slides of many zoning violations, trash dumping incidents, and damages to township property and infrastructure in the last month
- 3) **Engineer:** Doug Stambaugh provided a written report highlighting Tall Grass II review and a meeting at Paradise Village to solve issues with the grading near the cul-de-sac.
- 4) **Planning Commission:** Kevin Barnes had nothing beyond what was already discussed for PTPC activities.
- 5) **Police:** Clark Craumer reported incidents in PT were 50 less than the same 2023 reporting period. YTD incidents in the Township are down 138 for the same 2023 reporting period. He commented on an upcoming event at the Jackson Township Community Park and walls are starting to be erected at the new Police Headquarters.
- 6) **Solicitor:** Evan Gabel reported the new Zoning Hearing of Tall Grass II will have to be held at the October meeting because of the timing of monthly meetings and the 30-day requirement for advertising the Hearing before the meeting.
- 7) **Roadmaster:** Dean Bentzel had no additional comments. Lance Biesecker commented the road crew is still trimming trees along ROWs.

### **CORRESPONDENCE / ANNOUNCEMENTS/ OTHER BUSINESS:**

- 1) Approve Bill Lists ... Clark Craumer moved to approve the bill lists and adjourn the meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dean Bentzel, Approved by Unanimous Vote
- 2) Adjourned at 7:38 pm

Approved at the October 14, 2024 BOS meeting

Elwood Miller

Secretary  
Paradise Township