

WALPACK MAYOR AND COMMITTEE

MINUTES

APRIL 26, 2022

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 meetings 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 of the Township website since the first remote meeting was announced.

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

Approval of Minutes:

Mayor Maglio requested a Motion to approve the minutes of the March 29, 2022 Mayor and Committee Meeting. Motion by Committeewoman Wycalek. Second by Deputy Mayor Heigis. All in Favor.

Resolutions:

Mayor Maglio opened the meeting to the Public for comment prior to the second and final reading of the Introduction of the Budget. Hearing no Public Comment, Mayor Maglio closed the meeting for Public Comment specific to the Introduction of the Budget.

R-21-22 RESOLUTION Introduction of the Budget. Second and Final Reading. Mayor Maglio requested a Motion to approve the Introduction of the Budget on Second and Final Reading. Motion by Committeewoman Wycalek. Second by Deputy Mayor Heigis. All in Favor.

R-23-22 Conflict Resolution. Approval of No Objection to the Issuance of Liquor License #1923-33-003-004. Mayor Maglio requested a Motion to approve R-23-22. Motion by Committeewoman Wycalek. Second by Mayor Maglio. All in Favor. Deputy Mayor Heigis abstained.

R-24-22 RESOLUTION approving bills and vouchers for payment. Mayor Maglio requested a Motion to approve R-24-22. Motion by Committeewoman Wycalek. Second by Deputy Mayor Heigis. All in Favor.

Public Comment:

Committeewoman Wycalek requested an update from Mayor Maglio regarding the current status of the recreation area/National Park process. Mayor Maglio did speak with Congressman Josh Gottheimer to garner information about the current status and procedure. Mayor Maglio explained that two bills must be introduced in Congress, and that none had yet been introduced. The first bill will be to fund a study to determine if a National Park designation would be appropriate, followed by the study, and then a second vote would be required to effect funding for same. So, continued Mayor Maglio, the process is far from potential completion. Congressman Gottheimer will be meeting with Mayors in the area for a

Q and A session. At this time, there is nothing to be for or against. The concept is in the idea/information gathering stage. Congressman Gottheimer welcomes calls to his office. It is a publicity campaign at this point, and is not a Bill. Bill #1 is not yet written. A final decision is a long way off.

Committeewoman Wycalek stated that Ken Bechtold gave her an informative article from the Guardian entitled "Americans Have A New National Park But Not All People Are Happy About It," regarding West Virginia's New River Gorge National Park. People are not happy about the new park as it is proposed. Finance is not as available as they thought it would be.

Ken Bechtold stated that one problem is that there are no particulars out there. Final information will be available when the Bill is written, it will not be found on social media.

Committeewoman Wycalek had hoped to receive a response from the National Park Service advising how many visitors come to DEWA (Delaware Watergap National Recreation Area). She has not received a response.

Committeewoman Wycalek advised that the Director of NPS, Charles F. Sams III, visited the area on April 22, 2022, and that, perhaps, this can be seen as a good sign.

Hearing no further Public Comment, Mayor Maglio closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Von Oesen
Walpack Clerk