

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting
Carsonville Fire Company Building
January 2, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

The January 2, 2018 Regular meeting of the Jefferson Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chairman Alan Loesch. Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance Members present: Chairman Alan Loesch, Vice-Chair Dennis Morgan, Supervisor Keith Crum. Guests: Robert Wentzel, Brenda Osman.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Alan Loesch made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2017 meeting as written. Dennis Morgan seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

TREASURERS REPORT

A summary of the current month's bills was read along with a listing of other bills that were not yet prepared or received to be paid before the next meeting including payroll, first quarter taxes, Patriot-New advertisement bill, Farm Plan bill and PA One-Call Bill. A motion to pay these bills was made by Alan Loesch. Dennis Morgan seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

General Fund Bills – \$3687.39 State Fund – \$ 0

PERSON TO BE HEARD –

Robert Wentzel asked if the new supervisor (Dennis Morgan) needed to be sworn in. In checking the Township Code, it was determined that the only requirement was a notarized Oath of Office which Dennis had supplied.

Robert Wentzel inquired if there were any plans to get the state to pave the portion of Powell's Valley Road that is in Jefferson Township. Mr. Wentzel noted that the state has paved the road on both sides of the Township but not in the Township itself. All three Supervisors responded with a lengthy list of effort applied to this but as yet to no avail.

CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

ADMINISTRATIVE/TAX ASSESSMENT - NONE

ENGINEERING REPORT – NONE

FIRE COPANY REPORT - NONE

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT - Brenda Osman

- There were no Emergency Management incidents in the past month.

- The bank account for collected property taxes has already been changed to an official Township account as required by the new state law aimed at stopping tax payment checks made out only to the tax collector by name.
- Janis Creason, Dauphin County Treasurer, informed tax collectors that pre-payment of 2018 property taxes (an idea being floated due to tax law changes in 2018) is not authorized and no such payments can be accepted.

COG REPORT - There was no COG meeting in December. The next meeting will be January 18, 2018 at Halifax Township

ROAD REPORT – Keith Crum

- Primary activity has been getting ready for the coming storm.
- The tractor has had starting problems, so the starter, solenoid or switch will be replaced, and a block heater will be added. Keith Crum asked Brenda Osman to verify with Dave Osman that his tractor would be available as a backup for the storm in case the Township tractor is not repaired in time.
- An idler pulley, serpentine belt along with its bolt and spacer have been ordered for the GMC. Also, a heater hose will be replaced. Rick Fox will be hired to do the installation.
- A hydraulic cylinder has been ordered for the plow on the Ford 550.
- There was a discussion about the need for calcium chloride because of the extremely low temperatures we've been experiencing. Keith thought that this might be a good idea and would check into the cost for getting a pallet of bags (user perhaps 3 bags per truckload of salt & cinders).
- Dennis Morgan suggested that when we are ready to sell the old truck that we use MuniBid. The School District recently used that approach and got a much higher price than expected. There was general agreement to take this advice.

OLD BUSINESS -

- Results on the Salt Shed Gaming Grant application should be known in February.
- There is no decision yet about the schoolhouse heater/air conditioner. Alan Loesch will contact some vendors about cost for some electric baseboard that can be used to supplement the gas heat. We will also look into an auxiliary wall mounted gas unit.

NEW BUSINESS -

- Alan Loesch made a motion to adopt Resolution 339-2018 objecting to HB1620 which would strip the right to control placement of Distributed Antenna Systems from local municipalities. This resolution will be sent to PSATS.

PUBLIC COMMENT – NONE

ADJOURNMENT – Alan Loesch motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dennis Morgan. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Alan Loesch
Temporary Secretary