

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting
Carsonville Fire Company Building
January 5, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

The January 5, 2015 Regular meeting of the Jefferson Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chairman Alan Loesch.

Members present: Chairman Alan Loesch, Supervisor & Roadmaster Keith Crum

Members absent: Vice Chairman, Margaret Peterson

Guests present: Sam Mace, John Witmer.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Alan Loesch made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2014 Regular meeting as written. Keith Crum seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried 2-0.

TREASURERS REPORT

A summary of the current month's bills was read. Alan Loesch mentioned a correction to the December Treasurers Report – the ending balance should have been \$175 higher due to an item that was missed. A motion to pay the bills was made by Alan Loesch. Keith Crum seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

General Fund Bills – \$ 2,094.24 State Fund – \$ 0

Persons to be Heard - None

CORRESPONDENCE - None

ADMINISTRATIVE/TAX ASSESSMENT

- Request # 461 for Tim Wentzel for a manure storage building with 3 rooms.

ENGINEERING REPORT - None

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

- There were two fire calls last month, an outdoor furnace that caught fire and a car accident.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT - Nothing to report.

COG REPORT - The next COG meeting will be January 15 at Halifax Township.

ROAD REPORT - Keith Crum reported that

- They did some minor plowing and salt/cinder.
- The big truck will be taken to A&L to fix a broken hydraulic hose.

OLD BUSINESS

- New low wattage lights were installed inside the school house and for the large outside light in the back. After energy rebates the total cost to the Township will be less than \$20.

NEW BUSINESS

- A low wattage light will be ordered for the salt shed and an electrician will be hired to install it. The light will be 18 watts which costs \$165 before a \$75 energy rebate.
- An appeal of a \$300 Tax Assessment Permit by Rod and Lisa Smink was reviewed. They requested a reduction to the standard \$50 because although they installed their shed before getting a permit, they felt the Township website was misleading because they thought a pre-fab shed did not constitute “construction.” A motion was made by Alan Loesch, seconded by Keith Crum to deny the appeal because:
 - Construction before acquiring a Tax Assessment Permit resulting in enforcement activity and associated costs to the Township.
 - Jefferson Township ordinance J-121-2008 (available on our website) clearly defines construction as including installation of pre-fab buildings or structures.
 - Individual opinions of what constitutes construction does not override the Township ordinance.
 - There was no attempt to contact the Township Tax Assessment Permit Officers (Light-Heigel and Associates) nor the Township directly to clarify requirements and responsibilities prior to starting construction. Note that all contact information is posted on the Township website

Motion passed 2-0. Appeal denied.

PUBLIC COMMENT – NONE

ADJOURNMENT - Alan Loesch motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Keith Crum. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:53 P.M.

Alan Loesch
Acting Secretary/Treasurer