

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP  
Regular Meeting  
Carsonville Fire Company Building  
May 6, 2009

### CALL TO ORDER

The May 6, 2009 Regular meeting of the Jefferson Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:45 PM by Chairman Alan Loesch starting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Members present: Chairman Alan Loesch, Vice Chairman Greg Gusler, Supervisor Keith Crum

Secretary present: Robyn Loesch

Guests present:: Deb Everly, Barry Everly, John Witmer, Pam Crum, Edna Crum, Robert Wentzel, Tim Wentzel, John Laskowski, Sheila Keiter, Randy Macko, Justin Witmer, Margaret Peterson, Valerie Doyle, Shirley Witmer, Woody Deiter Jr, .Gerald Nye, Carmen Villarose, Carl Snyder .

### APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Alan Loesch made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2009 Regular Meeting, as written. Keith Crum seconded the motion; opposed by Greg Gusler Motion carried 2-1.

### TREASURERS REPORT

A motion to pay the following bills presented for payment was made by Alan Loesch. Greg Gusler disapproved of the bill for the Attorney, as not being a pre-approved expense. Alan Loesch said when things have to be done between meetings the bill comes up for approval at the next meeting. If a bill is not approved, a Supervisor could be responsible to pay for it, and the current motion is to pay all the bills. Keith Crum seconded the motion; opposed by Greg Gusler. Motion carried 2-1.

General Fund - \$ 5,388.81 State Fund - \$ 0

NOTE: approximately 80% of the cost for gypsy Moth spraying has been repaid to the Township. Greg Gusler said that the spraying will start soon and the sprayers will be flying out of his airport.

### CORRESPONDENCE

- DCED – availability of grant money
- Office of the Atty. General – notice that contractors that make home improvements valued at more than \$5000 have to register with their office, effective July 1, 2009
- DEP – Gustin's erosion control plan is complete.
- Dauphin County Planning Comm. – informational meeting about windmills, Deb Everly will attend.

### ENGINEERING REPORT

1. Ed Fisher discussed the bond issue for the Macko planning module. Ed said that we do not yet have a bond from the property owner, and he would prefer that we had a bond in place. Alan Loesch said that the problem is that both he and Randy Macko haven't had any success finding a bank to write this type of bond; this is an unusual situation. The Townships' insurance agent was also contacted for advice. Randy Macko has already given the Township a letter showing that \$3000 has been deposited in a certificate, but the Township doesn't have any way to directly access this account. DEP is waiting for the Township to sign a corrected copy of the Installation and Maintenance Agreement. After the agreement is signed, Marshall Engineering will begin designing the module, and this will take about two months. Keith Crum wanted to have some protection in case of failure of the

system. Randy Macko said that he is willing to do anything necessary to get this project done. Keith Crum said that he would like to have a promissory note signed. Alan Loesch made a motion to sign the Installation and Maintenance Agreement so that the engineering firm can go ahead with the design phase, but the actual construction of the system is contingent upon the resolution of the \$3000 financial security arrangements. Seconded by Greg Gusler. Motion carried 3-0.

2. Dam at the Lucky Dutchman, DEP is still reviewing this situation..
3. Ed is looking into the problem with a building permit for a small shed on the Snyder property. The entire property is located in the flood plain, but he has seen the property and the elevation of the shed location may be OK. It is the property owner's responsibility to have their own engineer to verify the elevation.
4. FEMA has sent a flood plain questionnaire to verify structures in the flood plain. Ed has made maps for Township that merge a aerial view with the flood plain maps. John Laskowski asked if these maps could be made available to everyone. Ed will make TIFF files that can be linked to from the Township's web-site.

### FIRE COMPANY REPORT

John Witmer reported that there were two call last month – a fire on Harman Rd, and one medical emergency. John also said that the next chicken barbeque dinner will be May 17.

### PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Deb Everly reported that the Township's public meeting for the Comprehensive Plan was not held because the County had unexpectedly made extensive new comments to the plan. In many instances these were changes contrary to their previous comments. Deb will be working with the County to resolve these issues. The public meeting will be rescheduled for sometime in July. Deb also reported that the Regional Planning has not met in the past two months, but may be meeting later this month.

### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

Barry Everly reported that he is reviewing files before the next Emergency Management Coordinator takes over Barry will supply directions for what each document is , and make copies of the emergency plan books. Greg Gusler gave a NIMS update; we need to take the next NIMS course. John Witmer said that is a forty hour course.

### COG REPORT

Alan Loesch reported that COG is still working on the EMS reciprocity issue. Another upcoming issue is working on a possible area-wide agreement with the Humane Society. Currently, only one of the nineteen COG municipalities have an agreement.

### ROAD REPORT

- Keith Crum reported that the Ford truck was taken in for a recall repair to update the computer and inspection. Also, the rear of the truck was rewired in areas that were having salt damage.
- The grader blade for the tractor was purchased for \$1000, and he has already use it to put four loads of modified on Hemlock road.
- Keith and John patched White Oak, Middle, and Hemlock roads with one ton of hot-patch because it has been too cold for cold-patch.
- The bid for the road project has been advertized. Greg Gusler asked if this should have been done by motion. Alan said we all discussed about going out for the bids last month, and he didn't think this was a problem because we will be voting when/if we accept a bid.

- Keith called about the status of grant application to the State for stimulus money and they said that they are still compiling the requests.

## OLD BUSINESS

1. Ordinance Book: documents have been sealed into the books.
2. Financial Interest Statements. Greg will see if Cathy has copies of her statements.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Correspondence from PennDot "This coming year the MS-965 is done on a web site. The following agreement and resolution is required for electronic signature. Below is a list of upcoming classes that someone from your municipality should attend to be trained on how to get to the site and fill out the Ms-965."

Alan Loesch made a motion to pass Resolution #270 to use the on-line reporting system and sign the PennDot Agreement to Authorize Electronic Access to PennDot Systems. Robyn Loesch will go to the PennDot training class. Seconded by Greg Gusler. Motion carried 3-0

2. John Witmer will get Greg a key to the firehouse.

## ADMINISTRATIVE/TAX ASSESSMENT PERMITS

1. # 417 to Gary Lysaght for a substantial repair and rebuild of existing cabin
2. # 418 to Ira Peterson, for a 12" x 24" addition (approximate)

## PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Woody Deiter asked who is responsible when a septic system doesn't work? – DEP makes the rules and the SEO inspects it. Ed Fisher answered that the property owner hires their own engineer to design the system. Woody also commented that it bothered him to see that we have some of the two-to-one Supervisor problems again in the Township.
2. Sheila Keiter asked if anyone was sure who was our second due EMS unit because Wayne and Jefferson are not listed on the Halifax Ambulance web site as coverage areas. Alan asked who decides what EMS is the second due? Sheila said that the Township can decide this on a motion, it should be the closest unit. Alan will contact the County to find out who is our current second due EMS unit.
3. Bob Wentzel asked about any plans for upkeep of the Township schoolhouse building and if we still had a Building Fund. Alan said that we will continue to maintain the building for community use and that Keith checks on the building regularly.
4. John Laskowski said that on June 6<sup>th</sup> there will be an auction at Claire Zimmerman's and asked if the Township needs to make any arrangements for traffic/parking.

## ADJOURNMENT

Greg Gusler motioned to adjourn the meeting, second by Alan Loesch. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Robyn Loesch  
Secretary/Treasurer