

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting
Carsonville Fire Company Building
July 1, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

The July 1, 2009 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 Keith Crum, Supervisor Greg Gusler
Secretary present: Robyn Loesch

Guests present:: John Witmer, Pam Crum, Sheila Keiter, Randy Macko, Justin Witmer, Shirley Witmer, Gene Breidigan, George Allen, Kelly Allen, Christine Flanagan, Eloise Laskowski, Allan Laskowski, Ed Fisher, Woodrow Deiter.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Alan Loesch made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2009 Regular Meeting, as written and amended. Greg Gusler seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

TREASURERS REPORT

A summary of the current month's bills was read. Alan Loesch commented that the majority of the attorney's bill from Caldwell and Kearns was due to the Right-to-Know appeal, and that the appeal was finalized. A motion to pay the bills presented for payment was made by Alan Loesch. Keith Crum seconded the motion, opposed by Greg Gusler. Motion carried 2-1.

General Fund Bills – \$8,417.59 State Fund - \$ 0

Persons to be Heard - NONE

CORRESPONDENCE

- Dauphin County – Sherriff sale on July 9th, Conners' properties. Tax Office Upset sale on Sept. 21 listed Conners, Charles Longabach, and Todd Miller properties
- Dauphin County – notice of change of assessments. William Hess and Dennis Troutman change in land area; Dougherty to Clean and Green,

ENGINEERING REPORT

1. Macko planning module, Randy Macko said that 1st Federal Credit Union can prepare a letter of credit to the Township to fulfill the \$3000 financial security requirement for the planning module.
2. Ed Fisher gave an update on the Snyder property. He talked to Elaine Snyder and their surveyor will prepare a letter for the Township verifying the elevation of a shed as being above the floodplain.
3. DCCD Model Floodplain Ordinance- Ed Fisher said that he will look this over. Ed felt it would be a good idea to update the Township's floodplain regulations with this stand-alone ordinance.
4. Lysaught (Hillside Camp) Ed Fisher said that the owner called him and is having second thoughts about having not gone through UCC building approval by filing a cabin affidavit, and may now be going back and meeting UCC building requirements.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

No calls - John Witmer reminded everyone that the next chicken dinner will be on July 18th.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT - NONE

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT - NONE

COG REPORT

Alan Loesch reported that an EMS reciprocity agreement was finalized. If someone has paid for annual membership to their local EMS, this membership will be honored by the other local EMS services. Keith Crum thanked Sheila Keiter for bring attention to this issue and thanked COG for working on resolving it. Amy Kaunas, Executive Director of the Harrisburg Area Humane Society came to the June COG meeting to discuss an area-wide agreement. COG will be looking at the cost and contract details over the summer.

ROAD REPORT

- Keith Crum reported that he and John Witmer graded along Back Rd. to get water to flow into the culverts. On the mountain road, all of the culverts have been cleaned and opened.
- Brush has also been cut back along the roads and guide-rails.
- Road Bid – the previous double sealcoat bid for Hemlock and Middle Road was rejected; this might be rebid in the fall as a single sealcoat. The bid for paving ½ mile of Back Road will be opened at the Special Meeting on July 15th.
- Pipe replacement – the pipe near Blanning's need to be replaced immediately because it is caving in. Justin Witmer asked if this work need to be bid. Keith answered that this work should cost less than \$4000 so it does not have to be bid, but can be awarded based on three phone solicitations.
- George Allen said that a road sign for Back Rd. has been stolen. Keith will get a replacement.

BUDGET

Updated 2009 Budget vs. Actual data was given to the Supervisors to review before the paving bids come in. Some budget category amounts may need to be changed by resolution, to pay for the paving project.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Alan Loesch contacted Bart Shellenhamer at Dauphin County EMA for information on how the Township's EMS coverage is chosen. The first due EMS unit is chosen by the Township, and the second – fourth due are selected by the first due. This information is submitted as a deployment plan by the first due unit. Alan asked if the Township could change this plan, and the County representative did not know

NEW BUSINESS

1. Gypsy Moth spraying – State funding for the program will probably be eliminated next year because of budget cuts. George Allen commented that his paid the Township bill for this years' spraying, but he had not called DCCD to be part of this program. The Supervisors explained that some of his surrounding neighbors had requested spraying and that his property was included in the spray block.
2. Alan Loesch thanked Kelly Allen for finding information on the grant program for gravel roads. Alan called DCCD and unfortunately Hemlock Rd. is not a qualified worksite location for this grant program.

3..Earned Income Tax information. A Township resident had asked Alan Loesch if the Township could access people's personal EIT information. Alan said that this had been discussed at last year's Tax Advisory Board Meeting. During last year's audit of the Upper Dauphin Income Tax Office, the municipalities were told that under Act 511, municipalities have a right to get this information if they request it. This was also discussed at the November 2008 Township meeting, and there was a general agreement by the Supervisors not to ask for this information, but no formal vote was taken on this issue. Alan Loesch made a motion, that as a municipality, Jefferson Township declines to obtain detailed tax information from the Upper Dauphin Income Tax Office. Greg Gusler seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

4. Alan Loesch made a motion to pay the SEO bill and include it with next month's bill reports. Seconded by Greg Gusler. Motion carried 3-0.

5. George Allen asked who to contact about adding guide-rails on Powells Valley Road.

ADMINISTRATIVE/TAX ASSESSMENT PERMITS

1. # 420 to David Yates for a 12' x 16' shed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Woodrow Deiter asked how much does it cost to send out the meeting notice postcard. Alan Loesch answered that the cost was approximately \$32. Woodrow Deiter also said it wasn't worth it because more people did not come to the meetings. Kelly Allen and others disagreed and liked getting the reminder postcards. Keith Crum said that at last month's meeting, they approved sending out the postcards for the rest of this year.

2. Greg Gusler reminded everyone that the next meeting is on July 15 (to open the road bids), and then the next regular meeting is August 5th.

ADJOURNMENT

Alan Loesch motioned to adjourn the meeting, second by Greg Gusler. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:36 PM.

Robyn Loesch
Secretary/Treasurer