

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting
Carsonville Fire Company Building
September 2, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

The September 2, 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, Margaret Peterson, Valerie Doyle, Deb Everly, Randy Macko, Shirley Witmer, George Allen, Woodrow Deiter, Sam Mace, Jay Schell, Mitch Fernsler, Scott Rineer, John Laskowski.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Alan Loesch made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2009 Regular Meeting, as written and amended. Keith Crum seconded the motion, opposed by Greg Gusler. Motion carried 2-1.

Alan Loesch made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2009 Special Meeting, as written. Seconded by Greg Gusler. Motion passed 3-0.

TREASURERS REPORT

A summary of the current month's bills was read. A motion to pay the bills presented for payment (included was pre-approval of Supervisor's pay for July-Sept. to be included with October Treasure's report) was made by Alan Loesch. Keith Crum seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

General Fund Bills – \$6,185.61 State Fund - \$ 52,122.80

Persons to be Heard - NONE

CORRESPONDENCE

- Medic 6 has sent a copy of the local EMS reciprocity agreement, which will be posted to the Township website.
- PennDOT - notification of upcoming payment of \$4,343.01 for winter maintenance contract for 2008/09.
- Dauphin County EMA - upcoming public meetings on 09/02/2009 and 09/10/2009.
- PA One Call membership letter.
- PennDOT – 2009/2010 winter maintenance agreement

ENGINEERING REPORT

1. Ed Fisher was not at the meeting. Alan Loesch said that he had sent a letter to the Solicitor about resolving the Macko the \$3000 financial security guarantee. The Solicitor recommended a letter of credit rather than a that a promissory note. Alan will follow up with the Solicitor, as we have not been able to find a bank willing to write a perpetual letter of credit.
2. FEMA will be issuing new Floodplain maps and the Township will also have to update our floodplain ordinance to new FEMA standards.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

John Witmer reported that there were five calls. Tree down at intersection of Carsonville and Back Roads; Trailer fire; Tree down on White Oak Rd.; Vehicle accident ; and an auto vehicle fire.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Deb Everly reported that final public comment meeting for the Township Comprehensive Plan was held on Aug 18th. Over the past five years, the entire cost of the Comprehensive plan project has cost less than \$1000.

Alan Loesch made a motion to pass **Resolution # 272**, to accept the Jefferson Township Comprehensive Plan; seconded by Greg Gusler. All in favor-motion carried 3-0.

Now that the Comprehensive Plan has been finished, Deb Everly asked if the Supervisors had any plans for future responsibilities for the Planning Commission. Greg Gusler suggested that the Planning Commission have a meeting to discuss how to move forward.

The Township has purchased two books on our local history, that will be available to the public.

REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The next regional plan meeting is September 15th. Greg Gusler asked what financial responsibilities does the Township have to the Regional Plan. Deb Everly answered that there are no Township expenses other than paying for the mailing of notification postcards to local residents/landowners. Also, if a Regional Plan is adopted at some time in the future, it would replace the local comprehensive plan (you can not have two)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT –

The Township needs to re-adopt the Emergency Management Plan in September or October. Keith Crum has contacted Dan Eyster about being the Emergency Management Coordinator; he has not heard back from him.

COG REPORT

Next COG meeting September 17th. There has been no word from the Humane Society. COG has worked with the County on the upcoming new FEMA maps and ordinances.

ROAD REPORT

- Winter Maintenance Agreement – The Township receive a letter/sign off sheet for the 2009-10 Winter Maintenance contract payment projection of \$12,027.76. A motion to sign the payment sheet was withdrawn. There was no “due date” on the paperwork and if the Township has time, it would like to look into its options, due to recent changes in CDL requirements. Robyn will call PennDOT to find out what the due date is.
- CDL – a recent CDL administration workshop, has brought to light some of the more stringent requirements and changes of the CDL program. The Township may have a problem finding drivers for the CDL truck, as Township work would impact their primary jobs. Suggestions were made to find retired employees or farmers as CDL snowplow drivers. There was a general discussion by the Supervisors. At this point, the options are
1) Comply with PSATS CDL requirements. 2) Ask neighboring municipalities for CDL manpower coverage. 3) Sell the large truck and replace it with a small (550-non CDL truck). Greg Gusler will contact neighboring municipalities. Keith Crum will look into equipment options; such as another small 550 truck, pay- loader, or other large non-CDL truck.
- Keith Crum reported that the paving project for Back Rd is finished. He has walked and inspected the work, and Eastern Industries did a great job. He will be working on putting modified along this road edge (were it is needed).
- Cold patch has been place over pipe depression on Back Rd. and repairs made to road edges.
- Mowing was done on Back, Middle, and part of Carsonville roads.

- Some more grading was done on Hemlock Rd. and on the mountain (Carsonville Rd).
- The big truck was taken in for repairs.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Local EIT & Countywide EIT - both committees will be having meetings in Sept.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Loretta Prouse from Halifax had called to see if our Township was interested in an effort to have a County branch library in Halifax. Opened for public comment; no public comment.
2. The organization CONTACT had called and asked if they could be linked on our website. Public comment – none; no motion.
3. Grant opportunity – gaming funds - Rush Township was contacted and they have already sponsored a joint funding application for this year's grant program with Medic 6. We will look into the possibility of doing a joint application project with Rush Twp. next year.
4. Dauphin County Association of Township Officials - annual convention. So far, five people will be going from our Township. The invitation will also be forwarded to our auditors and tax collector.
5. Census – new construction reporting. Dauphin County has volunteered to enter this information for the local municipalities..

ADMINISTRATIVE/TAX ASSESSMENT PERMITS

1. # 421 Sheila Keiter- 45' x 80' , arch barn, UCC exempt agricultural
2. # 422 John Schultz – substantial re-build of cabin – UCC cabin affidavit
3. # 423 Justin Witmer – 28' x 32', 2 story addition – UCC
4. # 424 Shirley Shumaker – 18'pool & 10' x 16' deck – UCC
5. # 425 Scott Rineer - 20' x 30', 2 story addition - UCC

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Laskowski had found Kudzu growing along Carsonville Rd. He reported it to Dauphin County noxious weed control - it was the first found in Dauphin County. Kudzu is rapid growing and invasive, and carries an alfalfa virus that can destroy crops. If any more Kudzu is found contact him or call the County. John also said that Mile-a-Minute weed is a potential problem; it is already in Halifax.

ADJOURNMENT

Alan Loesch motioned to adjourn the meeting, second by Greg Gusler. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Robyn Loesch
Secretary/Treasurer