

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting
Carsonville Fire Company Building
October 13, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

The October 13, 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, Sheila Keiter, Margaret Peterson, Valerie Doyle, Randy Macko, George Allen, Woodrow Deiter, Norma Shearer, Scott Rineer, John Laskowski.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Alan Loesch made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2009 Regular Meeting, as written. Greg Gusler seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

TREASURERS REPORT

A summary of the current month's bills was read. A motion to pay the bills was made by Alan Loesch. Greg Gusler seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

General Fund Bills – \$10,732.79 State Fund - \$ 0

Persons to be Heard - NONE

CORRESPONDENCE

- A meeting to discuss the feasibility of a Regional Police Department is scheduled for October 26, 2009, 7:00 pm at the Elizabethtown Borough Municipal Building.(Greg will attend).
- Dauphin County Stormwater Management Plan , comments need to be sent by Nov 20th. We will ask Ed Fisher about this.
- Dauphin County Hazard Mitigation Plan, comments need to be sent to County by October 30th. Keith volunteered to look at the plan.
- Dauphin County Real Estate –notice of transfer of two properties to family members.
- Seasonal Flu Shots and Pneumonia Shots – County sent list of vaccine program locations

ENGINEERING REPORT

1. Ed Fisher was not at the meeting. Alan Loesch has talked to the Solicitor and Halifax National Bank about arranging an escrow agreement to resolve the Macko \$3000 financial security guarantee. Keith Crum asked if there would be a review period, annual, or a couple of years, rather than a permanent escrow. Greg Gusler said that he also thought it should only be for a few years. Alan Loesch made a motion to have the Township Solicitor draw up the escrow agreement. Greg Gusler seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. DEP had sent Randy Macko an acknowledgement of receipt of the plan.
2. FEMA floodplain maps have not come yet. They need to be reviewed. Greg Gusler made a motion to have the Township Planning Commission review these maps, and also get input from Ed Fisher. Seconded by Alan Loesch. Motion carried 3-0.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

John Witmer reported :

- The siren is still not repaired and they will have to hire a bucket truck to take it down.
- New county radio system - the radios have been replaced in the trucks and the county will be replacing the portable radios.
- Two minor accident calls
- A transformer fire
- A tree on wires
- Home fire alarm (burnt toast)
- \$10,000 loan for new brush truck. Truck will be arriving soon.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT - no report

REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN - no report

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT no report

COG REPORT

Next COG meeting October 15th. Guest speakers will be Jim Bush from Berkheimer Associates and Steve Shaver, Director, Dauphin County EMA.

ROAD REPORT

- Keith Crum reported that three loads of modified along the edge of Back Rd.
- Mowing was done on Hemlock, Middle, White Oak, and the Carsonville roads.
- Will be working on two closed culverts, and mounting the small spreader.
- At the school house building, John repaired the access ramp and painted the doors.

Winter Plowing - Keith looked into truck options. Bid for non-CDL truck was placed; only received one bid for a used truck, bid was not valid. Alan Loesch made a motion to reject all bids. Seconded by Keith Crum. Motion carried 3-0. Woodrow Deiter asked who authorized going out for bid. Keith said that he was finding out what was available. Alan said at the last meeting, Keith was assigned job of finding out truck option information; in doing our jobs- do not need pre-approval for minor amounts-control is at the next meeting for approval of the bill. Woodrow Deiter said that there is more pressing need in the Township than two new trucks. Keith answered that our truck is three years old and the bid ad was for a used truck. Woodrow Deiter said that we have only paved one year out of six. Keith reviewed all of the recent road work and commented that the previous paving project (before this year's) fell through because the paving bids never got sent out when he asked several times for it - and then the oil price went up and the project cost too much - and then it was like pulling teeth to even get a small project done.

CDL – Sheila Keiter asked why did we get a replacement CDL truck when we got rid of the (previous) International to get rid of relying on CDL drivers. Keith answered that the International was sold because the body rusted out. Alan Loesch said we are looking at our options, a non-CDL has less tonnage, no air breaks ,and there are more available drivers. Greg said that he has found six CDL drivers and seven non-CDL drivers. Greg Gusler made a motion to put an ad in the newspaper for CDL drivers. Seconded by Keith Crum. Motion carried 3-0. (Keith will word the ad and a job application) Greg Gusler made a motion to proceed with the PSATS CDL program paperwork. Seconded by Alan Loesch. Motion carried 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Local EIT & Countywide EIT - Alan Loesch reported that the next County EIT committee meeting will be on Nov. 7th. This committee has two years to implement Act 32. On a local level, the municipalities in the Upper Dauphin School District will be joining together for representation with the School District.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Task force for new Dauphin County Subdivision and land development ordinance – Greg Gusler reported that the task force had it's first meeting and will be meeting monthly. They will be looking for local municipal input during this review process, especially on issues such as set-backs. Greg thought that our local Planning Commission should be asked to develop goals and comments to take to these task force meetings.
2. Oceanport has sent their 2009-2010 salt contract with prices. No maximum and minimum percentage of what must be purchased was listed- Robyn will call the company to see if this can be included in the contract before it is signed.

ADMINISTRATIVE/TAX ASSESSMENT PERMITS

1. # 426 Marlin Keefer - Demolition of trailer after fire.
2. # 427 David Osman - 18' x 42' Storage shed
3. # 428 Marin Keefer - Replacement Trailer and 4' x 6' porch - UCC #05-0306-9007

PUBLIC COMMENT (9:10)

John Laskowski commented on the proposed changes to Title 25 Pa. Code Chapter 102 - Erosion and Sediment Control and Stormwater Management that would eliminate timbering within 150 feet of any flowing water. He urged foresters and landowners to send comments by Nov. 30th to the Bill's sponsor, Sen. Mary Jo White.

John Laskowski asked if the school district could be contacted to review the location of the Township's school bus stop signs. No one is getting on the bus at the current sign locations.

ADJOURNMENT

Greg Gusler motioned to adjourn the meeting, second by Alan Loesch. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Robyn Loesch
Secretary/Treasurer