

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting
Carsonville Fire Company Building
August 4, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

The August 4, 2010 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, Vice-Chairman Margaret Peterson, Supervisor Keith Crum

Secretary present: Robyn Loesch

Guests present: John Witmer, Pam Crum, Brenda Osman, Sheila Keiter, John Laskowski, Randy Macko, Scott Rineer, Deb Everly.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Alan Loesch made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2010 Regular Meeting, as modified. Margaret Peterson 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. Margaret Peterson seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

General Fund Bills – \$7,018.08 State Fund - \$20,997.50

CORRESPONDENCE

- Dauphin County Conservation District -copy of the new Act 147 Stormwater Management Plan. The Township will have until Dec. 25, 2010 to enact a new stormwater ordinance.

GUIDE RAIL BID

Bids were opened at 7:45 for 595 ft. of guide rail with 40 end cap treatments.

L.S. Lee	\$17,172.50
Morgan Rail	\$16,261.00

Alan Loesch made a motion to accept the bid from Morgan Rail conditional on immediate provision of the bid bond. Morgan Rail wrote that they were unable to secure a bond in time for bid opening because of a late reply by the Township per the bid advertisement. Since the bid advertisement did state that bidders had to contact the Township first, we agreed they should be given a short time to secure the bond. If Morgan Rail does not comply the bid will be awarded to L.S. Lee. Seconded by Keith Crum. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

Persons to be Heard - NONE

ENGINEERING REPORT

1. The Township will schedule a workshop with Ed Fisher on August 18th to review the Township's options for the required updates to the Township's Stormwater and Floodplain Ordinances.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

- two separate accidents of cars on rocks by the Hotel
- a car accident near the State Game Land hand board
- truck fire in Halifax
- a natural cover fire
- an ATV accident that was handled by the State Police
- the Fire Company's light board was vandalized; run over, the majority of it was then stolen
- the next chicken dinner is Sunday, August 8th.
- the Township contacted the State Police about problem of ATVs driving on the roads and the State Police agreed to immediately start patrolling the area of Back Rd. from West Cross Rd and east into Wayne Township

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

- The Township received a letter from Pam Crum declining her appointment to the Planning Commission
- Scott Rineer volunteered to serve on the Planning Commission. Margaret Peterson made a motion to appoint Scott Rineer to the Planning Commission. Seconded by Keith Crum. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

Deb Everly reported:

- The Regional Plan is still moving forward. The Character Area descriptions have been developed. One of the recommendations is that the Carsonville "Village" area will remain one acre minimum lots and the outlying conservation areas be 20 acre lots. Deb said that this was a conservation goal but the size could always be lowered. Alan Loesch said that the Comprehensive plan goals are recommendations and do not have any force of law. Any changes to minimum lot sizes would still be passed as ordinances by the local individual Municipality.
- DCED and the Fish & Boat Commission will be having a stream walk of Powell's Creek on August 11th at 1:00 pm. We are seeking an upgrade for the Powell's Creek stream designation. Members of the Dauphin County Conservation District and Rudi Erb, Tim Wentzel, John Witmer and others will also participate. A second stream walk will be held that evening for Planning Commission members who could not attend the afternoon session.
- Deb attended the July meeting of the County Sub-Division and Land Use committee. This is even more important that the Regional Comprehensive Plan as these regulations will become State law. The next meeting will be in September and Janine Park (Tri-County Planning) will be sending out the revised recommendations before the meeting. Deb will distribute this to the local planning commission and the Supervisors.
- The Planning Commission is developing a local Highway Occupancy Ordinance. John Laskowski asked if he could have input into aspects of the Ordinance that would effect logging operations (he is a Board member of the PA Forestry Assoc.). John was invited to the Planning Commission meeting. Alan Loesch said the main goals of the Highway Occupancy Ordinance would be to have proper stormwater management, approve road access for safe sight distances, keep the roads clean and make people responsible for road damage.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

- Brenda Osman talked to Bob Stout at Dauphin County EMA about the Medic 6 response to last month's ATV accident. He said that the Township should contact Medic 6 directly. The

Township contacted Steve Boyer and he said the ambulances are equipped with GPS and they will review the issue of maximizing response routes at the next staff meeting.

- NIMS training. - The Supervisors have to complete NIMS 100, 200, 700, and the new 704 by August 30th. Keith and Alan have already completed 100, 200, and 700. The training courses are available on-line and Brenda will send everyone the link. The local EMC's and fire personnel will be completing 300 and 400 courses. These two courses are not on-line but a local class will be held at the Firehouse.

COG REPORT - NONE

ROAD REPORT

- Keith Crum reported that the culverts were cleaned up on West Cross Rd. and Hemlock Rd..
- The loose stones were cleaned up off Carsonville Rd.
- Mowing was done but will need to be redone soon.
- Guide rail and culverts were sprayed for weed suppression by DeAngelo Brothers. Inc.
- Martin Paving finished the seal coating project., they did a great job. There was very little loose stone.
- Future joint guide rail project with Rush Twp. The next step is an grant application for an engineering study. Robyn Loesch will contact the Rush Twp Secretary and ask her what they need from us to proceed with this.

Keith Crum made a motion to sign a contract with DeAngelo Brothers to lock in the same price for 2011 and 2012 weed spraying. Alan Loesch seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS

1. County EIT. The County EIT Committee received and reviewed proposals from six tax offices. Three were rejected by the Committee. The three that remain are Capitol Tax, Berkheimer, and Keystone. A new tax collection Agency will be chosen by September 15th.
2. Alan Loesch said that contacted with Frank Klinger of MedEx. Klinger was non-committal about what he wanted. Alan invited him to come to a Township meeting and make a proposal about what his company can provide. John Witmer said that he had asked about MedEx at an Emergency Management meeting and was told that MedEx does not have current County radios and is not manned 24/7. Sheila Keiter said MedEx does not have the current equipment (radios) and he can have 24/7 coverage but won't hire someone until someone puts them on for coverage.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Keith Crum made a motion to move the October meeting to the second Wednesday; October 13th. Margaret Peterson seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.
2. Pam Crum will ask the other Auditors if they are interested in the PSATS Auditor's course. Alan Loesch made a motion to have the Township pay the course fee for any of the Auditors that want to attend. Keith Crum seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0
3. Gil Hershel, from the DCCD, will be at the next Township meeting to talk about Act 167 Stormwater management.

4. Alan Loesch made a motion to pass Resolution # 279 in opposition to forced mergers and consolidations of local governments in Pennsylvania proposed in Senate Bill 1357 and House Bill 2431. PSATS had asked that municipalities pass this resolution.

ADMINISTRATIVE/TAX ASSESSMENT PERMITS - # 435 Tim Hoy 20' x 24 horse shed

PUBLIC COMMENT (8:45)

Sheila Keiter commented about the MedEx situation - that it is up to Frank Klinger to come to the Township; and there is too much politics being played about issues with radios and coverage.

ADJOURNMENT

Alan Loesch motioned to adjourn the meeting, second by Margaret Peterson. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Robyn Loesch
Secretary/Treasurer