

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP  
Regular Meeting  
Carsonville Fire Company Building  
September 1, 2010

#### CALL TO ORDER

The September 1, 2010 Regular meeting of the Jefferson Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:35 PM by Chairman Alan Loesch.

Members present: Chairman Alan Loesch, Vice-Chairman Margaret Peterson, Supervisor Keith Crum

Secretary present: Robyn Loesch

Guests present: Gil Hirschel, John Witmer, Pam Crum, Brenda Osman, Sheila Keiter, Scott Rineer, Deb Everly.

#### APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Alan Loesch made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2010 Regular Meeting, as modified. Keith Crum seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

Alan Loesch made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2010 Special Meeting, as written. 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 – \$3,858.41 State Fund - 0

#### CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

Persons to be Heard - Gil Hirschel, of DCCD, came to review the municipal floodplain management efforts and ordinance. DCCD comes every four years to perform a Community Assistance Contact. All municipalities will have to update their local ordinances to meet the new FEMA standards. The new FEMA floodplain maps will be coming in the near future and we will be getting a letter specifying the map determination date.

#### ENGINEERING REPORT - NONE

#### FIRE COMPANY REPORT

- Two medical assists
- John Witmer reported that during one of the recent medical assists there was some confusion because of the way the address was dispatched by the County; the street number was given but was dispatched as being between Turkey Ridge Rd. and White Oak Rd. Turkey Ridge is a private lane and has no sign. There was a general discussion about this issue. The Township does not name or provide signs for private lanes. Brenda Osman will ask the County about which private lanes they are using for landmarks, as this is not a good idea if they are un-marked and not widely known. Other ideas about adding more street number signs were discussed. Keith Crum suggested that address number range could be posted under the street signs at the intersections.

- John asked that Greenland Rd. and Smoke Hole be given addresses, so that the Fire Company can put up address markers along Powells Valley Rd..

### PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT - Deb Everly

- Recycling - Still waiting to hear from the County regarding funding for bins. Terry Flannigan is going to involve some other interested residents and arrange to have a "clean-up" day/week, which ever works. We are also going to ask Wayne Twp if they would like to participate.
- Scott Rineer is going to develop a Facebook page for the township/planning commission. More to follow as it progresses.
- In July, I provided the supervisors with a copy of the latest draft for the Regional Comp Plan. Our next meeting will be next week, at the Carsonville Firehouse. Your comments are welcome and needed.
- Nothing new on the County's efforts to revise their Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance; as soon as that info is available it will be forwarded.
- The Dauphin County Conservation District supplied comments relative to our proposed logging ordinance. Planning Commission will review, solicit comments from supervisors, residents and then discuss with the township solicitor.
- Stream walk appears to have been successful, another walk will occur next week for those members who could not/did not make the August date. As a result of this effort we learned that Twin Valley Conservation, Rudi Erb, plans on submitting for a stream upgrade for all of Powell's Creek. She has asked for a resolution in support of her efforts, copy provided, similar to what Halifax Twp. provided. She has also asked, via email, for support for a grant application to conduct water quality testing and asked if the Township would support those efforts as well as possible funding. I responded that she would need to address those issues directly with the supervisors and invited her to the meeting.

The Supervisors had a discussion about the Character Areas of the Regional Plan with Deb. Although the Character Areas in the Plan do not have the ability to change local ordinances, and are at this point hypothetical, it does set the tone and direction for future land use. One concern of the Supervisors was the proposed lot sizes within the Character Areas, especially the Conservation Character areas. The Supervisors also discussed the stream upgrade proposal and questioned if it would be better to focus on trying to obtain an upgrade for our local part of Powell's Creek rather than the current Twin Valley Conservation project that included an upgrade proposal for the entire creek. Deb said that she has asked this question but has not gotten an answer yet: the Resolution of support will be tabled until next month.

### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

- Brenda Osman has volunteered to help Rush Township meet their EMC requirements. Her goal will be to help them in this capacity until they can find their own EMC.

## COG REPORT - NONE

### ROAD REPORT

- Keith Crum reported that the new guiderails were installed this Monday, and for the same price we received fifty more feet of guiderail work. Rails on the West Cross Rd., bridge also fixed. He has repacked the one loose support rail at Quigley's. In some areas, the guiderails were replaced further back from the edge of the road to widen the road.
- Grading was done on Carsonville Rd.
- The mower has broken again, and he will be getting quotes for repair.
- Potholes on Hemlock Rd. have been filled with modified.
- The stop sign has been replaced on Hemlock road at the tee.
- West Cross Rd. Bridge signs have been straightened.
- Four bridge repair vendors were contacted about painting the underside of the bridge. They were not interested in this small project and suggested that we contact an industrial painter. It was agreed that Keith can place an ad for formal quotes if it is necessary.
- Keith contacted Halifax School District because one of their busses was crossing the West Cross Rd. Bridge despite the posted weight limit. The district office felt that the bus did not exceed the weight limit, but did not know what a bus weighed (guessed 3500 lbs). Keith contacted the bus owners, Rohrer Bus, and they said that they will contact the school district and make sure that the route is changed..

### OLD BUSINESS

1. Schoolhouse clean up scheduled for Sept. 11 from 9-12, and Dennis Morgan will be metal detecting for artifacts .

### NEW BUSINESS

1. The new County-wide Stormwater Management Ordinance was reviewed with Ed Fisher during the workshop. The procedural process options were discussed and the Supervisors agreed on the selected options. Gil Hirschel was asked to verify that the Township has the latest version of the County model ordinance and then the Ordinance will move on to Ed Fisher and Atty. Laskowski for preparation of the final draft.

## ADMINISTRATIVE/TAX ASSESSMENT PERMITS - NONE

### PUBLIC COMMENT (9:26)

John Witmer wanted to know who to ask about septic system requirements for a trailer that is for sale; referred to Mike Brown SEO.

### ADJOURNMENT

Alan Loesch motioned to adjourn the meeting, second by Margaret Peterson. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 9:32PM.

Robyn Loesch  
Secretary/Treasurer