

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting
Carsonville Fire Company Building
December 19, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

The December 19, 2012 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/Treasurer Robyn Loesch, Township Engineer Ed Fisher.

Guests present: John Witmer, Sheila Keiter, Deb Everly, Ann Hughes - Girl Scouts, Eric Mains - Buchart Horn.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Alan Loesch made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2012 Regular Meeting as amended. 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 – \$ 6,278.49 State Fund – \$ 0

CORRESPONDENCE - Atty. Jason Confair emailed copy of the complaint that was filed in the Upper Dauphin Income Tax Office matter.

Persons to be Heard - NONE

ENGINEERING REPORT - Ed Fisher reviewed the Girl Scout plan. They have asked for a waiver of the outdoor lighting requirements as they want to keep a rural camp atmosphere. The Girl Scouts will also have to post a \$26,146 stormwater cost security. Alan Loesch made a motion to waive the outdoor lighting requirements and conditionally approve the plan upon posting the stormwater guarantee and receiving the sealed copy of the engineers plans. Margaret Peterson seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

Buffington Sub-division. Ed Fisher said that there are some minor changes that need to be made to this plan, and he will contact Burch about these changes. Alan Loesch made a motion to sign the sewage modules for the proposed sub-division. Margaret Peterson seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

Pipe at the end of Hemlock Road. Ed Fisher and Keith Crum discussed the options for resolving the pipe problem. Ed felt that the best option was to remove the pipe and grade the road. The Supervisors will look at this during their spring road inspection.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT - John Witmer reported: There were five calls. A field fire in Fisherville, canceled; structure fire on Linda Lane; Natural cover fire, canceled; a medical assist on White Oak Rd. Fire Company meetings are the second Monday of each month.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT - Deb Everly reviewed last month's discussion about moving forward with the possible re-designation and classification of Powells Creek. Megan Blackmon, Water Specialist DCCD has come to answer any specific questions that the Supervisors might have. There was a general discussion about the Townships interest in protecting the stream headwaters. Several of the concerns were costs, grant availability, possibility of obtaining an intern from Dickenson or Penn State. The Supervisors also wanted to make sure exactly what regulation changes occurred with an upgrade to a High Quality Cold Water Fishery designation; and if any of these changes would effect infrastructure maintenance or require sewage treatment. Before Deb moves forward and contacts the other Regional Plan Municipalities, the Supervisors will wait until Megan Blackmon can get back to them with answers on these issues.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT - Keith Crum reported that two cases of emergency MRE's will be here next week. The MRE's were donated to the Township.

COG REPORT - The next COG meeting will be January 17, 2013 at Halifax Township, The guest speaker will be Steve Libhart, County EMA. At the last COG meeting, Audrey Maule gave an update about activities and services at the Upper Dauphin Human Services Center. This has been a difficult year for many people in our area. Alan Loesch made a motion to send a \$250.00 donation to the Center. Margaret Peterson seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

ROAD REPORT - Keith Crum reported that:

- They have been cutting brush on the mountain road
- Fixed road signs and replaced a stop sign.
- Replaced the tractor filter and oil, tractor problem was caused by a collapsed filter. Thanks to Henry Keiter for his repair advice.
- He is obtaining quotes for a new F550 truck

OLD BUSINESS

- A small dog (Yorkie) was found and taken to the Humane Society. This information and a picture was posted on our website

NEW BUSINESS

- **2013 Budget** Alan Loesch made a motion to pass the 2013 budget, **Resolution # 296**. Margaret Peterson seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.
- **2013 Tax Rate**. Alan Loesch made a motion to approve the 2013 tax rate of .78 mills (unchanged from the 2012 rate) , **Resolution # 297**. Margaret Peterson seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Alan Loesch motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Margaret Peterson. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 9:12 P.M.

Robyn Loesch
Secretary/Treasurer