

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting
Carsonville Fire Company Building
Thursday, December 19, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

The December 19, 2013 Regular meeting of the Jefferson Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:32 PM by Chairman Alan Loesch, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance
Members present: Chairman Alan Loesch, Vice-Chairman Margaret Peterson, Supervisor Keith Crum, Secretary/Treasurer Robyn Loesch
Guests present: John Witmer, Brenda Osman, Sam Mace, Isa Daniels.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Alan Loesch made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2013 Regular Meeting as written. Keith Crum seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

TREASURERS REPORT

A summary of the current month's bills was reviewed. The Supervisors discussed the larger bills. The A&L truck repair bill included a radiator, spring, and exhaust pipe. The Light-Heigel bill was for a GP-11 permit for the West Cross Rd. bridge; this permit will be good for any future repairs. The bridge inspector thanked Keith for reviewing the bridge report and following through with needed repairs. A motion to pay the bills was made by Alan Loesch. Keith Crum seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

General Fund - \$29,408.79 State Fund - 0

CORRESPONDENCE – DEP and DCCD sent information about the updates to the Stormwater Act.

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

Persons to be Heard - NONE

ENGINEERING REPORT Ed Fisher is not here. Alan Loesch reviewed the grant application meetings. He attended the Manada Conservancy/Girl Scout application hearing on Nov. 14th. The Townships guiderail project was reviewed by the County Gaming Grant Board on Nov. 19th. We have not heard anything yet. The original application was for \$250,000. The County asked if we could scale down the project because the County had so many grant applicants. We re-submitted a \$100,000 option for just the top of both sides of the mountain. They also asked if we could consider making a local contribution to the remainder of the project; these possibilities were addressed in our re-application. The Township could consider doing some of the remaining guiderail areas piece-by-piece over several years, committing future increases in liquid fuels funds to this project, or obtaining an county infrastructure loan.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT - Sam Mace reported: There were two calls. As smoke investigation in Clarks Valley , and an outdoor fire in Halifax that was canceled.

ADMINISTRATIVE/TAX ASSESSMENT PERMITS - NONE

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT - Deb Everly thanked the Supervisors for their support. The regional group will meet again in January, and Deb hopes to review the municipalities desires for moving forward. The committee currently is looking to re-classify the Forks as a High-Quality area, the rest of the stream may be able to be re-classified to a Cold Water Fishery status. Deb is applying for an project intern from Dickenson, She asked if the Township could pay for necessary travel expenses, although most of the work can be done off- site. Deb discussed the major benefit of this project, which is protecting the stream. Re-classifying the Forks to a High-Quality area would add additional requirements for future development; however, all existing uses would be grandfathered. However, eligibility for reclassification of any area is going to come down to actual stream data. Alan Loesch said that the supervisors are thrilled with Deb's continuing efforts and the progress made so far. The Supervisors said that they wanted to support this group specifically because they wanted to see some tangible results, and not just an effort to secure grant monies. Alan Loesch made a motion, seconded by Margaret Peterson, to support Deb Everly's efforts to engage the other committee communities in this project; and to acquire an intern; and agree to pay all necessary travel and necessary expenses for the intern. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT - NONE

COG REPORT - At the last COG meeting at Lykens Borough, Jeff Enders represented the County EMA. There was a presentation about the need for municipalities to provide accurate address assignments. Sam Mace suggested that people with driveways off of private lanes should contact the fire company for reflective driveway markers.

ROAD REPORT - Keith Crum reported that:

- There was a minor issue when determining if the small truck was in four wheel drive and a tire had to be replaced because of damage from a shard of granite, but other than that the new truck has been working perfectly. The Secretary checked on insurance for the destroyed tire, but the replacement cost was lower that our deductible.
- PennDOT relayed a complaint about Lykens Mountain. John Witmer checked and did not find a problem .
- We have had four storms in eight days.

OLD BUSINESS - We have a Facebook page but still need a volunteer to maintain it.

NEW BUSINESS

- 2014 Budget Resolution # 2013-308. Alan Loesch made a motion, seconded by Keith Crum to approve the 2014 budget. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.
- 2014 Tax Rate Resolution # 2013-309. Alan Loesch made a motion, seconded by Margaret Peterson to approve the 2014 tax rate , which is to remain at the 2013 level of .78 mils. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Alan Loesch motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Keith Crum. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:38 P.M.

Robyn Loesch
Secretary/Treasurer