

January 5, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

The January 2009 regular meeting of the Jefferson Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 8:04 PM by Chairman Alan Loesch.

Members present: Chairman Alan Loesch, Vice Chairman Greg Gusler, Supervisor Keith Crum

Also present: Secretary/Treasurer Cathy Gusler

Guests present: Sheila Keiter, John Witmer, Deb Everly

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Chairman Alan Loesch made a motion to approve the minutes of the December Regular Meeting as read and amended. Supervisor Keith Crum seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

TREASURERS REPORT

A motion to pay the following bills presented for payment was made by Chairman Alan Loesch. Vice Chairman Greg Gusler seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0

General Fund - \$ 10,737.40 State Fund - \$ 0

PERSONS TO BE HEARD –

Sheila Keiter addressed the Board concerning the services provided by Medic 6. Through firsthand experience, she feels that residents that need ambulance service are not benefiting fully from their memberships with Medic 6. It was suggested that Medic 6 be upfront with the Public that their service may not be guaranteed and that they may be billed form another Ambulance if they are transported. Alan Loesch will ask Robert Wentzel to attend a future Township Meeting.

ENGINEERING REPORT –

Vice Chairman Greg Gusler presented Ed Fisher's Engineering update

The Macko sewage module is waiting on approval from DEP
Dougherty- Dauphin Co. Planning Commission has asked the consultant to address the Township's comments.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT-

John Witmer reported that there was no activity during the past month. A First Aid class will be held

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT-

Deb Everly presented the Board with the final draft of the Comprehensive Plan for their review before the 45 day public notice period. She will email the Plan requirements to each Supervisor.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT-

John Witmer will ask Don Shutt if he is interested in being our Emergency Management Coordinator.

ROAD REPORT –

Keith Crum reported that the Ford truck is at the dealer's for addition of cab steps (~\$150-200) and in the installation of an intake cover to prevent snow from plowing from getting into the engine (no cost – provided by Ford).

Keith also said that we need more recruits for plowing and asked if we could advertise for this using the Township website. Alan Loesch will arrange for that.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Right to Know information must be posted at the Municipal Building. Alan Loesch will post the information to the website.
2. Humane Society- The Board expressed no desire to sign a contract at this time.
3. TVC- The organization is applying for a grant and would like a letter of support from the Township. The Board expressed no interest at this time.
4. DCPC- Chairman Alan Loesch made a motion to approve support of an update to the County Ordinance. Vice Chairman Greg Gusler seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0
5. Secretary/Treasurer position - Chairman Alan Loesch made a motion to hold a special meeting at 7:00 PM on January 12, 2009 to review the job description. Supervisor Keith Crum seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
6. The Board appointed Ed Fisher as a representative to the Dauphin County Municipal Stormwater Management Workgroup.
7. Dauphin County AG preservation Board- A reminder that the Public Presentation will be held March 12, 2009 at Washington Township.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2009 Mileage rate- Chairman Alan Loesch made a motion to set the 2009 Mileage rate at 55 cents per mile. Vice Chairman Greg Gusler seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0
2. PSATS Intergovernmental Cooperation Survey – Chairman Alan Loesch will complete and return the survey.
3. PSATS has planned its Educational Conference & Trade Show April 19-22, 2009.
4. The Farm Show will hold a Public Officials Luncheon January 15, 2009.
5. Township Office - Chairman Alan Loesch said that in discussion held prior to tonight's meeting the Board would like to rent office space from the Fire Company. Greg Gusler is opposed to the idea because of the present lack of security.

Cathy Gusler stated that it would be a great idea to have the Township Office at the Fire Company. However, the Board should have been involved with the construction of any proposed office so that the Township would have the space it needed to operate and secure the Taxpayer's information.

Alan Loesch said that the Municipal Building is not appropriate for an office and that a bathroom would need to be added.

Keith Crum said that the Municipal building is unhealthy and that they can not get rid of the bats. He said that he is not 100% in agreement with the move to the Fire Company because he does not know what will become of the Municipal Building. However he said that it makes more sense because the Fire Company is more presentable, it has a bathroom and it helps the Fire Company out at the same time. He also stated that Security seems to be the main issue.

John Witmer will address the topic at the next Fire Company Meeting and will provide the Board with a proposal to consider at the February Meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE/TAX ASSESSMENT PERMITS – None

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Sheila Keiter said that speaking through her experience as Secretary the wage that the Board sets for the Secretary does not compensate the Secretary fairly.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Alan Loesch motioned to adjourn the meeting, second by Supervisor Keith Crum. With all in favor the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Gusler
Secretary/Treasurer