

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting
Carsonville Fire Company Building
April 3, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

The April 3, 2014 Regular meeting of the Jefferson Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:33 PM by Chairman Alan Loesch.

Members present: Chairman Alan Loesch, Vice-Chairman Margaret Peterson, Supervisor Keith Crum. Secretary - Treasurer Robyn Loesch; Guests present: John Witmer; Brenda Osman; Sheila Keiter; Deb Everly.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Alan Loesch made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2014 Regular 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 – \$3,643.13 State Fund – \$ 0

Persons to be Heard - NONE

CORRESPONDENCE - NONE.

ENGINEERING REPORT -

Alan Loesch talked to Ed Fisher before the meeting. The Supervisors discussed the Stormwater Ordinance amendment options. Alan Loesch made a motion to have all three Supervisors contact the Secretary before next Friday, and let her know their preferred option. If all three agree, the Ordinance will be advertised for adoption at the May meeting. Seconded by Keith Crum. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0. The County sent the contract for the Gaming Grant guiderail project. Alan Loesch made a motion to sign the contract. Margaret Peterson seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0. There was a general discussion about the guiderail project. The driveway entrances have been marked. Ed Fisher recommended that the Township conduct a speed study on the mountain road. A valid speed study could lower the guiderail project costs, as a lower posted speed can effect guiderail material options, such as wooden blocks and post lengths. The cost of the study is approximately \$2000, and Rush Township will also be considering approving their portion of the study costs. Keith Crum made a motion to approve the speed study if it is also approved by Rush Township. Alan Loesch seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT – NONE

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT – Deb Everly reported that their next meeting will be April 24th and Megan Blackmon will be attending. Last month's meeting at Halifax was about the agricultural concerns of upgrading the stream designation of Powells Creek, and the possibility of going forward with pursuing an upgrade of just one fork of the creek was discussed. At this point, the Planning Commission is looking at the feasibility of any upgrade project, and they are holding off engaging an intern. The County will be contacted for any previous creek study maps, as there was a previous mapping GIS study done of the creek. It was also discussed that an upgrade project could possibly be initiated by any person or organization.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT - Brenda Osman said that there is EMC training on April 17th. The emergency radio has been repaired.

ADMINISTRATIVE/TAX ASSESSMENT – NONE

COG REPORT - Last month's COG guest speaker was Marty Sowers, who gave an update about UCC. Sue Helm also gave information about PennDOT projects and asked for municipal input about these projects. Not all of the projects can be completed in 2014 and PennDOT prioritizes the projects. The next COG meeting will be April 17, at Gratz Borough.

ROAD REPORT - Keith Crum reported that:

- He has met with Justin Challenger and Justin Hoover about the Dirt & Gravel road project on Hemlock Rd. Justin Challenger recommended that we put in a project application plan for new pipes and up to 12" of base material topped with 4" of Penn State mix.
- The Township was contacted by DCED that we might qualify for a grant for bridge improvements, because the West Cross Rd. bridge is one of two deficient bridges in the County.
- The Supervisors have completed their Annual Road Survey. There are potholes on White Oak Rd. and the Back Rd. has sections that need to be sealcoated. Sealcoating will be placed out for bid.

OLD BUSINESS - NONE

NEW BUSINESS

- Keith Crum reviewed the insurance coverage.
- Brenda Osman said that despite multiple notices, people are still forgetting to fill out their tax exoneration forms.

PUBLIC COMMENT – NONE

ADJOURNMENT - Alan Loesch motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Margaret Peterson. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:36 P.M.

Robyn Loesch
Secretary/Treasurer