

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting
Carsonville Fire Company Building
August 7, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

The August 7, 2014 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. Guests present: Deb Everly, John Witmer, Sheila Keiter, Isa Daniels, Destiny Rineer, Scott Rineer.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Alan Loesch made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 3, 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. The bill from Frontier will be changed to current month's charges. 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 – \$6,914.43 State Fund – \$ 0

Persons to be Heard - As a school project, Destiny Rineer will be working on the Township's public media. She has reviewed the current website and had the following comments. The website is cramped and not easy to navigate. The contacts list needs to be updated. The webpage also could use more and newer pictures. She also would like to see a page added for local small businesses where we could list contact information and their web-links. The Township history page could be expanded. She has looked at our Facebook account, it is not yet a page. She will be making it a page where we could list upcoming events, such as the gypsy moth spraying and our schoolhouse social events. There was a discussion of having a Twitter account for things like storm notifications. Destiny will contact the webmaster with updates.

CORRESPONDENCE - DCCD sent a letter explaining the 2015 Gypsy Moth Suppression Program. Local cost will be \$12.50 to \$13.50 per acre. Parcels must qualify to participate.

Municipalities must agree by August 26th and payment is due by December 31st.

Keith Crum made a motion seconded by Margaret Peterson to have the Township participate in the program, with the Township seeking reimbursement from the landowners. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0

ADMINISTRATIVE/TAX ASSESSMENT - The Girl Scouts are applying to build another building.

ENGINEERING REPORT - Ed Fisher called before the meeting. The speed study is finished and the recommended speed limit on the mountain is 40 MPH. Atty. Laskowski is preparing the speed ordinance. The Ordinance will be advertized and voted on at the September meeting. Ed Fisher will be advertising the guiderail bid and include options for both types of

guiderail; galvanized and weathering steel. Alan Loesch made a motion, seconded by Margaret Peterson to advertize the guiderail project bid. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0. Alan Loesch made a motion, seconded by Margaret Peterson to advertize a Special Meeting for a joint bid opening on September 11, 2014, at Rush Township, for our joint guiderail project. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0. Alan Loesch made a motion, seconded by Margaret Peterson to advertize the speed limit Ordinance for adoption. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT – John Witmer reported that there was a lost hiker call last Sunday, and the search went on all night. The Fire Company is looking into GPS marking of some of the remote trails and getting updated maps.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT – Deb Everly led a discussion of the committee’s stream designation efforts. After many meetings and a review of the available information on stream designation upgrades; the remaining question is should we move forward with an upgrade application. Originally, the committee had looked at the possibility of an upgrade from a Regional perspective. There is less interest in neighboring municipalities.

There was also a discussion about the Halifax Borough zoning Ordinance that TCRP has helped with. Rush Township is moving ahead with a zoning ordinance. However, the Supervisors feel that in Jefferson Township, zoning is not a popular local concept. Sheila Keiter also voiced concern about any regulation of land use.

Alan Loesch made a motion, seconded by Margaret Peterson to table the stream re-designation efforts. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT - NONE

COG REPORT - The next COG meeting will be in September, at the Ned Smith Center.

ROAD REPORT - Keith Crum reported that

- Hemlock Road is just about ready for the sealcoat application, and where necessary he will be putting 1A’s along the road edges. The other roads are already in shape for sealcoating. All of the roads, except middle Rd, have been mown.
- The truck repairs are finished
- They are replacing a hydraulic cylinder on the mower.
- We should hear about our Dirt and Gravel Rd. application sometime in September.
- Our application for County Funding for West Cross Rd. bridge replacement is still in the process. This may take longer than one year for us to move up in line for funding.

OLD BUSINESS - Daniels Sub-Division. The Township received notice of conditional approval from TCRP. There is a question about the new driveway on the plan. Ed Fisher will look into this. The sewage modules for the plan are not back from DEP.

NEW BUSINESS - Alan Loesch made a motion, for Resolution #312-2014, to submit a joint Gaming grant application with Rush Township for Phase 2 of the Guiderail Project. Seconded by Keith Crum and all in favor. Motion carried 3-0. Rush Township will be going down for the pre-application conference on August 25, and they will represent both of us at this meeting.

Alan Loesch made a motion to support TCRP in their efforts to secure County Funding.

PUBLIC COMMENT – NONE

ADJOURNMENT - Alan Loesch motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Margaret Peterson. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:59 P.M.

Robyn Loesch
Secretary/Treasurer