

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP  
Regular Meeting  
Carsonville Fire Company Building  
September 4, 2014

### CALL TO ORDER

The September 4, 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; Township Engineer, Ed Fisher. Guests present: Deb Everly, Barry Everly, John Witmer, Sheila Keiter, Isa Daniels, Brenda Osman.

### APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Alan Loesch made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 7, 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 – \$4,122.78 State Fund – \$ 0

Alan Loesch made a motion to reimburse David Osman for the two recent Messick's bills for tractor cylinder parts. Seconded by Keith Crum. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

Persons to be Heard - NONE

### CORRESPONDENCE -

- DCCD sent a notice of upcoming E&S workshops.
- Comcast sent an email that details a new low-cost internet plan for households with school aged children that qualify for the school's low cost lunch programs.
- The Auditor General's Office released the Township's most recent Liquid Fuels Audit. The Liquid Fuels checking account was changed back to requiring two signatures.

ADMINISTRATIVE/TAX ASSESSMENT - The Girl Scouts are applying to build another building. Ed Fisher said that this multi-function building will have stormwater and septic considerations.

ENGINEERING REPORT - Ed Fisher discussed the guiderail project. We do not yet have a total count of the trees that will need to be cut down for the guiderail installation. After the bid opening, the vendor will mark the final tree count. Ed Fisher discussed the two guiderail types that were put out for bid, galvanized versus weathering steel. The initial cost of weathering steel is only a bit more, but it only lasts about half as long. It has been found that the weathering posts rot in the ground, and damage may not be visible when they are no longer safe. The State is not using it anymore, some rusted through in 10 years. Weathering steel material rusts the most in heavily salted environments. Due to fusing of weathering telescoping end treatments on weathering guiderails, telescoping end treatments have to be of some other type of material. Once any guiderail is in place, we have to maintain it. This project will install

the guiderail in the Township right-of-way. Although trees can be left close to the guiderail, it is recommended that there is a three foot buffer, to allow a car to hit the guiderail and not a tree.

Daniels Sub-division – Status of the sub-division was discussed. Atty. Laskowski is preparing the developers agreement for the stormwater and right-of-way improvements. After both parties review the agreement, and escrow account will be set up (agreed amount is \$8,470, which includes a 10% contingency) Ed Fisher reported that all necessary corrections have been made to the plan. The driveway will be documented as a private roadway, 16' wide, with 2' shoulders, stone covered, and the end paved where it abuts the Back Rd. This will provide access and legal road frontage. Alan Loesch made a motion, to conditionally approve the plans after the Developers agreement is signed and the escrow posted. Seconded by Margaret Peterson. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT – John Witmer and Isa Daniels did not have anything to report. Alan Loesch asked if an official representative of the Fire Company could come to the Township meetings. Isa said that he would bring it up at the Fire Company meeting.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT – Deb Everly asked if during the Township budget process, the Township will work towards the objectives of our current Regional Comprehensive Plan. Alan Loesch said that the Plan will be consulted as part of the budget process.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT - Brenda Osman nothing new to report. There was a discussion about looking at the Emergency Operations Plan. The Township and Fire Company should re-affirm the usage of the firehouse as the Township's EMC command center.

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

ROAD REPORT - Keith Crum reported that

- The tractor cylinder was rebuilt and new hoses have been installed.
- Before sealcoating, John and Keith are finishing up the last of the gutter work on Hemlock Road.
- HRG was contacted about the interim bridge report which did not note the bridge guiderail improvements. HRG said that the report will not be completely updated until the two year review.
- There was a discussion about renting a patch paver (with an operator) from Martin's paving. This would allow us to take care of some small bad spots on the roads, at a reasonable price. Areas for repair include Carsonville Rd, near intersection with Middle Rd; and the upper end of Hemlock Rd. Paving material can be purchased through Costars at Pennsy. Alan Loesch made a motion to proceed and approve repair expenditures up to \$10,000. Seconded by Margaret Peterson. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.
- 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 There is no new news about our Dirt and Gravel Rd. application, we should hear about this sometime in September.

### NEW BUSINESS -

- The Township has submitted a Gaming Grant Application for Phase 2 of the guiderail project. We applied for \$100,000.
- Alan Loesch made a motion, for Ordinance #J-129, to establish a 40 MPH speed limit on the mountain section of Carsonville Rd. (T534). Seconded by Margaret Peterson and all in favor. Motion carried 3-0. Keith Crum noted that we will have to order signs and post the new speed limit.
- The DCATO convention is October 2nd.
- Hillcrest Critter came and looked at the schoolhouse. There are bats, which cannot be removed until the end of October. Other than that, a one way door has to be installed to allow them to leave. Hillcrest gave a quote of \$250 to seal off the building. The ceiling tiles are saturated with bat waste, and should be removed by a professional. Hillcrest quoted \$1, 000 to \$1,500 to clean-up and replace the ceiling tiles. Keith Crum was also interested in replacing the florescent lights while we are doing this other work. Alan Loesch made a motion to approve up to \$2000 to have Hillcrest remove the bats, replace the tiles; and have someone replace the lights. Seconded by Keith Crum and all in favor. Motion passed 3-0.

### PUBLIC COMMENT – NONE

ADJOURNMENT - Alan Loesch motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Margaret Peterson. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:54 P.M.

Robyn Loesch  
Secretary/Treasurer