

April 5, 2010

The monthly meeting of the Tunkhannock Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman White at 7 PM. A salute to the flag was recited. In attendance were Supervisors, Randy White Ernest Reich, and Glenn Shupp, Judy Gingher, secy., Ken White, Chief Ely, Bill Radle, Bill Pogson,, Minturn Smith, Dick Daniels, Dan Stone, Joanne Fiorito, Don & Kathy Johnson, John Tiball, Helen Grimaud Lloyd Burton, Alex Jervis, Carl Gable, Chris Ziemba, George Dobinski, Members of the Tunk. Community Ambulance, Mike Rudolf, Wyoming Co. Press, & several unidentified people. This meeting was recorded.

White turned the meeting over to Chief Mike Henn, Tunk. Ambulance, who gave a narrative about the Ambulance Assoc. including list of equipment, services offered and number of responded calls. The Association presented Sgt. Morrstell with a new AED unit. Currently the Twp owns 2 but they are older models. The Board thanked the Association & pictures were taken by the press. The members left the meeting at 7:10 PM.

March 1st & 15th minutes were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by White, second by Reich with Shupp in agreement.

Financial Report was distributed to the Board. Report on file.

Outstanding Invoices were reviewed. An Order to Pay was made by Reich, second by White with Shupp in agreement.

Requisition Slips – Road Dept. Ken requested a new low-boy trailer. Information gathered at the Keystone Contractor workshop revealed that one of our trailers is under size for the equipment that is hauled. Ken has received one quote from Horlacher & Sherwood of \$6,700, will allow \$2,800 as trade in for the old trailer, final cost \$3,900. Secy. mentioned if the trailer value is over \$1,000 it would have to be advertised for bid unless sold to another municipality. Ken thinks Eaton Twp might be interested in it. 2 other quotes must be requested. A motion to purchase a trailer pending sale of the old trailer and quotes received was made by White, second by Reich with Shupp in agreement.

Road Dept. Report – Ken gave the monthly activities as pothole filling on paved & unpaved roads, servicing the park John Deere mowers before mowing season begins.

Police Dept. Report – Sgt. Morrstell gave the monthly activities report (report on file). The Dept. has started patrolling Falls Twp on April 1st. The part-time officer from Falls, Andrea Carrasco, was hired as a part-time patrolman for Tunk. on April 1st. She will be assisting other twp officers for a few weeks until she is familiar with the twp and transfers of certifications are completed.

Park Report – the community La Cross club is using the open field in April & May for practice and several open matches. No developments on the playground grant. Most of the weekend dates for pavilion rental are filled from June to Aug. The Native Americans will hold their event weekend on May 1st & 2nd.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business

NEW BUSINESS

2010 Paving Project – as this is the time and placed advertised for the possible awarding of the project, 4 companies submitted bid proposals. On Friday, April 2nd at 2:10 bids were opened for review by Secy. and Ken White, roadmaster. The follows bids were received for paving Dixon Rd, Gary Ln., Butternut Ln., Aspen Ln. and Walnut Ln.

Eastern Industries - \$143,704.61, Slusser Bros. - \$145,477.25, American Asphalt - \$147,449.00 and Pike's Creek - \$ 179,027.50

A motion to award the paving project to **Eastern Industries** was made by Shupp, second by White with Reich in agreement. Project not to begin before May 1st and completed by June 18th.

The following Ordinances:

Amending 2007 Road Ordinance

Occupancy of Highway by Utilities Ordinance

Road Posting and Bonding Ordinance

Will not be adopted at this meeting. The Twp Solicitor has some concerns about changes and/or items within the ordinances. The items of concern will be reviewed with the possible adoption at the May meeting.

Parking Lot Expansion – The parking lot adjacent to the building is too narrow when cars are parked in that area. The big trucks have difficulty coming into the garage area. George Dobrinski is interested in the project to widen the parking lot areas. In lieu of payment he would accept the removed dirt material as payment. Mr. Dobrinski will submit a letter stating the conditions to the secy. A motion to grant the project to Mr. Dobrinski was made by Shupp, second by White with Reich in agreement.

Ord. # 169-2001 Establishing a Recreational Board. - White brought up the topic about the inactivity of the park board. As the park is needing more time and effort and it's getting harder for Shupp to do the work, White would like to re-establish the board. Lloyd Burton, a former chairman of the park board, spoke on the re-creation of the board and has new names to be submitted. A final list will be turned over to the secy. by next week.

Dirt & Gravel Road Grant is offering another round of funding. Applications are due April 23rd. Ken has several small projects to be considered. One area is an old project on Bardwell Rd. that needs repairing.

2009 Franchise Tax Fee was received from Blue Ridge Cable in the amount of \$34,036.68 and increase of \$2,196 from last year.

2009 Twp Audit was been completed by Lochen & Chase. They have submitted the audit form to DCED and filed a copy at the Prothonotary Office. The Secy. will place the ad in the New Age Legal section. No letter of comment or findings was received at this time.

Subdivision – Peoples Nat'l Bank, Shadow Brook Resort – minor division -a small portion of .22 acre will be added on to an existing lot # 2 of 1 acre. No comments to submit from the Board.

Peoples Nat'l Bank also submitted a Mid-Block Crosswalk survey from Penn Dot that needed to be signed by the Twp. Shupp signed the survey on 4/1/10. The crosswalk will be used by the golfer & carts.

Seller Permit – The Flower Tent requested a renewal of permit for 2 months, April 24 to June 24th. A motion to approve a 2 mos. permit was made by White, second by Reich with Shupp in agreement.

Lackawanna Dam Notice – This is an annual notice that the Lack. Dam is considered a High Hazard Dam. If it fails Tunkhannock Creek would be affected. A copy of the plan is in the police dept. No action is required by the board.

State Convention for Twp. Officials will be held at Hershey on April 18th to 21st. Attending will be Shupp, voting delegate, Gingher, secy. and K. White representing Tunk & Eaton Twps. Cost will be divided between twps. Office will be open attended by Sue, the clerk.

CORRESPONDANCE

State Leg. /Wayne Co. – A copy of the response letter from the area's legislators was received, giving an update on the DEP –Sewage planning irregularities. They are working with DEP to find a solution.

Countryside Conservancy Annual Meeting – May 5th 7PM at Keystone College.
Seminar: Asphalt Road Maintenance Problems – Apr 21st. 8 to 11:30 AM in Dunmore.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR

Alex Jervis – Miller Road – voiced his concerns about speed on Bardwell Road and a stop sign is needed at the intersection of Miller and Bardwell Rds. Also the situation at the end of Miller Road with the gate closed, illegal dumping of tires and bob wire.

Lloyd Burton voiced his appreciation to the police dept for monitoring speed on SR 6 E.

The topic of Lake Carey & the sewage study was mentioned again by:

Chris Ziemba – gave a report to the Board of finding from the DEP visit. He briefly mentioned the main topics. He asked the Board for another vote to continue the study. White and Reich “No” – Shupp “Yes” motion did not carry.

John Tiball –mentioned the lack of details and errors in the on-lot surveys and other items. A discussion amongst residents followed.

Princeton Hydro, hired by the Cottage Assoc. is willing to meet with the Board to explain the process.

A motion was made by White to meet with Princeton Hydro, second by Reich, Shupp voted no. Motion carried.

White will check with the State Association as to how many times they have to address this issue as it was ended in Nov. 09.

Helen Grimaud submitted a letter of request to the Board concerning the increase truck traffic on Rt. 307, the use of jake brakes by the trucks and the speed. She is requesting to have the speed limit reduced from 45 MPH to 40 MPH the same as it is in the Lake Winola area. Also to adopted a “No Jake Brake” ordinance and post signs at the intersection of Timber Ln & Rt 307 and a second one just before the downhill by her house. The Board agreed to contact Penn Dot on both issues.

Lynn Sinconus (sp) asked about a nuisance ordinance. Neighbor is target practicing and they have found bullet damage on her property. State Troopers were called but nothing was done. Twp does not have an ordinance. White will try to get more information from the troopers. Sgt. Morristell has been at the site about 2 yrs. ago.

Joanne Fiorito asked where to get a book on Twp. Law – PSATS -but not sure you can get one without being a member.

White recess to executive session at 8 PM. In attendance were the Board, secy. & roadmaster

Topic of discussion: Twp/Boro police meeting Tues. night. COG–collected bldg. permit fees. Park summer hires.

The meeting reconvened at 8:30 PM. A motion to hire back Ken Young to work at the park for \$8.25 per hr. was made by White, second by Reich with Shupp in agreement.

A motion to adjourn at 8:32 PM was made by White, second by Shupp with Reich in agreement.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Gingher, secy.