

February 1, 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, Trisha Thatcher, Minturn Smith, Chris Ziembra, Dan Stone, Art Sherwood, Joanne Fiorito, Bob Baker, Wyoming Co. Press. This meeting was recorded.

January 4th minutes were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Reich, second by White 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 Shupp, second by White with Reich in agreement.

Requisition Slips – Police Dept requested new rechargeable flashlights and road flares. Request was granted.

Road Dept. Report – Ken White gave the monthly activities as: repairing roads from the rainstorms, cutting over hanging limbs and filling potholes.

The 2010 5500 Dodge 5 Ton Truck will be release from Hondru Dodge and moved to Bradco for the installation of accessories/attachments. Paperwork needs to be signed and forward it with a check for \$37,547.50 for cab and chassis to Hondru Dodge. No estimated time for delivery from Bradco.

Police Dept. Chief Ely gave the monthly activity report (report on file).

Park Report - The secy. reported a letter was received from DCNR that our grant application has been awarded for \$30,000.00 for the new playground of which \$20,000 is a grant and the additional \$10,000 must have a 50/50 match of cash or in-kind services. MidAtlantic Playground Equipment has agreed to keep the 2009 pricing if installed before June 1st. The equipment is with COSTARS contract but the 2010 contract does not include the labor for concrete and site prep. Possible installation date by the first part of May.

Walmart gave a donation of \$1,000 to the park that will be used as part of the 50/50 match for the grant.

A letter was received from PEMA about the status of the 2006 Park Flood PW. The Secy. reported to Mr. Showers, PEMA that the old metal bridge from SR 92 N to be placed in the park is not moving forward at this time. The decision to close out the PW was made and Mr. Showers will continue with that process. Without finishing the bridge project, the reimbursement for flood damage has been reduced from \$91,550.00 to \$51,326.30. He could not give the amount for administration portion that will be in addition to the \$51,326.30. No estimated time when reimbursement will be received.

Request for reservations have been coming in.

There have been some reports of people who are in the park after dark. The Chief stated in order to enforce the curfew, signs must be posted at the entrances. The Board agreed to purchase new signs for closure from dusk to dawn.

OLD BUSINESS

Road Bonding – Requests for quotes to post and bond the twp road are still being compiled. Quotes were received from Basset Engineering, and Mickey, Milnes Engineering. CECO will do a road inspection before submitting quote for next meeting. 8 roads are ready done from ????

Gas Lease – The secy. received an executed copy of the gas lease agreement from Chesapeake Energy. Estimated time to receive sign-up check is March 1st. For 76+ acres the estimated amount will be \$439,974.80

NEW BUSINESS

Amendment to Road Ordinance # 195-2007 – Wy. Co Planner suggested we review the specifications for new road construction. There are some areas that need to be address such as: percentage of steepness of grade-currently 12%,

for most of the roads, is still hazardous for plowing, drop to 10%, remove one classification of road, larger cul de sacs' and with the installation of natural gas line the pavement cutting section should be reviewed. The Board agreed to review suggested changes.

Private Road Name Signs – A request for a private road sign for Black Diamond Beach was received. The County Re-addressing Office was contacted to make the sign. There is some confusion about who should pay for the new signs. It was the understanding with the new re-addressing the County would supply all private road signs the first time. Chas Mead stated that it was an already recognized address with the post office so it was not considered new. The Twp or the residents would have to pay. Shupp will contact the COG about the situation.

2010 Paving Projects – Ken has not completed a list yet but is considering contacting approx. 2 miles for this year.

2010/2011 – To be included in the next year's COSTARS state salt contract, a request form must be submitted by March 15th. This year's amount was 300 Ton. A motion to continue under the state contract for 300 Ton was made by White, second by Reich with Shupp in agreement.

Spring Clean-Up Day – Due to the low turnout, a suggestion of moving it to another day. Saturday, May 22nd was the date selected. Secy. will call for quotes on container and tipping fee.

Twp Auditor Reorganizational Report – Report was not available for this meeting.

Real Estate Tax/Fire Protection Collection report – Melody Montross submitted the end of the year reconciliation report that included amount collected for each period and the amount turned over as delinquent. 92.78% was collected. This is the highest percentage in many years.

Proctor & Gamble Annual Storage Tank Report – a report was received stating there were no releases from the tanks. Report included location of the tanks, types of chemical stored and response procedure. No action is required by the Board.

Penelec – Outdoor lighting fixtures. In May 2007, notice was received that Penelec would be phasing out outdoor area lighting service in June 2010. Penelec has reversed their decision and servicing will be available after June 2010.

CORRESPONDANCE

DCNR Application Workshop – February 18th in Nanticoke.
Northeast Regional Contractor/Engineers Workshop – March 10th at Keystone College. Cost \$5.00 RSVP by March 5th.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR

Bill Pogdon mentioned about the mud deposit on the handicap fishing area from the high water that needs to be removed.

Bob Baker asked about Edward Sherman continuing as EMA Coordinator. As of this time he is still the appointed EMA.

Discussion on Act 537 Plan Study:

Minturn Smith submitted the completed list of 169 names and information from the previously petition of Lake Carey residents who are in favor of continuing the Act 537 sewer study. There are additional signatures need to get more information on.

Joanne Fiorito asked about the signatures on the petition and why the people of SR 1001 weren't asked their opinion? She feels the resident on SR 1001 will be forced on to a sewer system.

Trisha Thatcher asked about the report that Harley Davis was to submit. As the project has stopped no report was submitted and the soil scientist didn't get started. White feels that the information collected so far should be presented to the Board. Mrs. Thatcher asked if the owners of the failed systems have been notice yet. No they have not. She feels that until or if a sewer system is constructed, a sewage management program should be created. Some details for the that Lake Carey Cottage Assoc. grant application for catch basins have been worked out so the project can begin.

Chris Zeimba mentioned the different petitions that have been submitted to the board both for with conditions and against a sewer project and to look at the numbers carefully. Lake Carey Assoc. has given information and mapping of the watershed to Harley Davis over a year ago. Shupp replied it has used but it doesn't has enough information on soils. .

Mr. Zeimba asked the Board to take another vote on the Act 537 Plan. White took a roll call of votes White – not to continue, Shupp – to continue and Reich –to table the decision. Motion did not carry.

After further discussion, White ended the topic due to the study was officially ended back in November.

White recessed to executive session at 7:50 PM

In attendance were the Board, Judy Gingher, secy, Ken White and Chief Ely. Topics of discussion concerning the police dept and park.

The meeting reconvened at 8:25 PM.

White made a motion, second by Reich with Shupp in agreement to have David Williams do his Act 125 internship with the police dept. He must complete 140 hrs on duty with our officers. He will be fully insured through the College,

A motion to adjourn at 8:35 PM was made by White, second by Shupp with Reich in agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Gingher, secy.