

July 6, 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., Bill Radle, Alex Jervis, Minturn Smith, Chris Ziemba and Bob Baker, Wy. Co. Examiner.

June 7th and 23rd minutes were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Shupp, second by White with Reich in agreement.

June's Financial Report and the 6 Months Budget Report was distributed to the Board. Reports on file. Balances as of 6/30 in accounts for general use: Gen. Funds – Peoples Checking \$553,267.43 PLGIT Savings \$341,480.58. State Fd. PLGIT \$110,846.19 and Park Fd. \$8,748.74.

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

Requisition Slip – The secy. requested the purchase of free standing air conditioner for her office. The Board approved the request.

Road Dept. Report – In the absence of Ken White, Chief Ely and the secy. gave a report on the monthly activities as mowing with the old John Deere and hand cutting brush and pothole patches. The new John Deere Tractor and mowing attachment will be here on Mon. 12th. Still waiting for rain before applying dust control.

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

Park Report – The antique tractors will hold the event on July 9th to 11th. Due to the hot weather, swimming in the creek could be a concern. Will check with solicitor and insurance company about the twp liability.

OLD BUSINESS

Air Conditioning Replacement – Still waiting on quotes to replace the old unit for the main building. Last Aug. the twp applied for an energy grant to replace old air conditioning units, garage heaters, light fixtures, windows and outside person doors. The secy. received notice that if the twp is still interested in the project, funding is now available. DEP will send additional information on the project. The Board agreed to hold off on the replacement until more information is received.

Tax Claim – C. Puterbaugh Jr. property – The property was sold to Amy Dixon for \$100.00 with the disclosure of restrictions due to location in the floodplain.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution # 2010-7-01 Opposition to Forced Local Gov't Mergers. The State Association is requesting all local gov'ts. pass a resolution to oppose HB 2431 merging local gov'ts under a County rule and SB 1357 creating a boundary commission to review and recommend changes to local borders.

A motion to pass Resolution #2010-7-01 was made by White, second by Reich with Shupp in agreement. Signed copies will be forwarded to PSATS and the local legislators.

Wyoming Co. Planning – Jeremy Jervis, SR 6 E and Edward Shaffer, SR 6 W were both approved by the county planning commission.

Walmart Lease Agreement – Shupp and Ken White met with representatives of Walmart concerning dismantling portions of the old barns for use by the Twp. The Twp would be responsible for the dismantling and removing. Project must be complete by July 31st. A discussion followed as to the need to purchase some hand tools, extra help from the jail is available on weekends only. The Twp has all the insurance coverage requested by Walmart. A motion to continue with the project was made by Shupp, second by White with Reich in agreement. The Board signed the lease agreement. Eaton Twp was also signing an agreement.

CORRESPONDANCE

L-Tap Training for Drainage – Aug. 5th & Posting & Bonding Aug 17th both at our bldg 8 AM to 3 PM

OPEN TO THE FLOOR

Alex Jervis asked again about the large animal ordinance. That will be considered for the future in the land use items. Mr. Jervis asked again about the tires and barbed wire. Chief Ely stated he hasn't been able to determine who dumped the tires and the wire attached to his trees is a civil matter.

Bill Radle asked about the entrance to Maple Lane from W Tioga St. There is a bad dip. It will be looked at and fixed.

He also asked about the 1989 Chev. Tk for sale. Secy. was waiting to get detailed information from Ken White. Bid will include truck, spreader box and plow.

Bob Baker asked about the bear in the park. The Board was unaware of a bear roaming the park. Also discussed was the topic of water withdrawal due to the low levels of the creeks and the Downtown PA project if the twp has anything in mind.

Meeting recessed to executive session at 7:35. In attendance were the Board, Secy. and Chief Ely. Topic of discussion was legal matters, personnel matters, investment options and review options on equipment.

The meeting reconvened at 8:20 PM. A motion to purchase a 2010 Chev. Silverado 2500 with a plow from Hondru Fleet was made by White, second by Shupp with Riech in agreement. Cost approx. \$30,000 from the Costars program.

A motion to adjourn at 8:28 PM was made by White, second by Shupp with Reich agreement.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Gingher, secy.

July 19, 2010

An executive session was held from 6:20 pm to 7 pm. In attendance were the Board of Supervisors, Randy White, Ernest Reich and Glenn Shupp. Topic of discussion was the park committee.

The meeting was called order by Chairman White at 7 PM. In attendance were the Board members, Judy Gingher, secy. Ken Young, Paul Gallagher and Bill Radle.

Investment of Funds – a motion was made by Reich, second by White with Shupp in agreement to invest the remaining portion of the gas lease money of \$300,000. The bank of choice was First Liberty Bank using the 4 year annuity and 7 year annuity programs. Distribution is as follows: 2-\$100,000. 4 year annuities with Principal Life Insurance Co. with an interest rate 1.75% with a withdrawal rate of 10% per year without penalties. 1-\$100,000. 7 year annuity with New York Life with an interest rate of 2.35% guaranteed rate for 3 years, with a withdrawal rate of 10% per year without penalties. An appointment to sign paperwork is set for Wed. 10 AM.

Wal-Mart Agreement – The secy. received a completed executed copy of the lease to dismantling portion of Select Sire Buildings.

Energy Grant - Bob Pitcavich was assigned DEP project advisor. Shupp, Gingher and Sue Zimmerman met with him on the 13th to review the requirements of the project. He notified the secy. today that he is not accepting the position as our project advisor but will work with us until someone else is assigned. Sue had been working on it and contacting another twp who is already doing a project. Due to the shortness of time to have the required documents completed, July, 26th, contact DEP Harrisburg about getting an extension.

NEW BUSINESS

Transient Sales Permits – Craig Price to sell educational books door to door. Board denied the application due problems in other twps. Paul Gallagher to sell prepared food at Deer Park Lumber – The Board approved the application for 30 days.

Wyoming County Council of Governments Reimbursement was received for the 2009 Building Permits issued by Bureau Veritas in the amount of \$1,991.47.

Penn Dot – Grimaud's Request – A letter was received from Penn Dot in reference to reducing the speed limit on portions of Rt 307 – Roosevelt Hwy. from 45mph to 40 mph and to enact an engine brake retarder prohibition ordinance in the same area. Penn Dot declined the speed reduction but did approve the engine brake retarder. It is the responsible of the twp to enact an ordinance, purchase, install and maintain signs. The solicitor will be contacted to draft a sample ordinance.

DEP – Oakwood Lake – In 2009 closure of underground storage tanks found some contamination. The letter is an update to the continuing clean-up process.

Subdivision – Craig Keller, Anderson Rd - due to the number of previous divisions, it is considered a major subdivision. Comments: must submit a septic planning module to DEP.

Park Committee – White commented on the Ordinance # 169-2001 for the formation of a recreational park committee. The committee was reformed in May 2010. White made a motion to disband the park committee due to some issues with some of the members and to rescind Ordinance # 169-2001 second by Reich with Shupp in agreement. The committee chairman will be notified. Ken Young will be the acting park manager.

Lane Hill Road – Due to the amount of tree growth hanging over the road and hitting the trucks, White made a motion to advertise bids for daylight cutting of the entire length of Lane Hill Road, second by Reich with Shupp in agreement. Bids must be submitted by 2 PM on Aug. 2nd, opened for review at 2:05 PM for possible awarding at the public meeting at 7 PM.

Also to advertise the 1989 Chev. Kodiak Truck with spreader and plow with a minimum bid of \$5,000. Bids to be submitted by 2 PM on Aug 2nd and open for review at 2:10 PM with possible awarding at 7 PM.

Maple Lane – White discuss the topic of putting out for bids the repairs to the entrance of Maple Lane. The secy. mentioned that Ken White was planning on doing the job tomorrow with the assistance of Falls Twp trucks to deliver hot material.

CORRESPONDANCE

PA Downtown Center informational meeting will be held on July 29th at 7 PM at the EMA Bldg.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR

The meeting recessed to executive session at 7:23 PM. In attendance were the Board, secy. and Ken Young. The purpose was to discuss Ken's park responsibilities and explore ideas for future activities at the park.

The meeting reconvened at 8 PM and adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Gingher, secy.