

June 7, 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, road foreman, Alex Jervis, Brad Jervis, Bill Radle, Bill Pogson, Trisha Thatcher, Joanne Fiorito, John Tidball, Minturn Smith, Veto Barzloski Jr., Dick Daniels and Bob Baker, Wy. Co. Examiner. This meeting was recorded.

May 3rd minutes were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Shupp, second by Reich with White in agreement.

Financial Report was distributed to the Board. Report on file. Balances as of 5/31 in accounts for general use: Gen. Fd. Peoples Checking \$642,754.04, PLGIT Savings \$331,189.45 State Fd. \$ 257,082.00 and Park Fd. \$ 10,455.39

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

Requisition Slips – No requests were submitted.

Road Dept. Report – Ken White gave the monthly activities as: grading dirt roads in preparation to apply dust control. Consider tar & chip Sunnyside Road – Vestal Asphalt will do the job for about \$20,000. 2010 Paving project has been completed.

The Dirt & Gravel Grant should be awarded on June 14th for projects on Bardwell, Comstock and Trieble Rds.

Police Dept. Report – in absence of Chief Ely, White read the monthly activity report.

Park Report – The Bluegrass festival was held over the past weekend and attendance was up from last year, approx. 4,200 people. Mr. Stewart's team did an excellent job cleaning up after everyone left.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance #2010-03 Highway Utilities Cuts – This is to establish regulations on cutting across twp roads and trenching alongside twp roads to place gas line, pipes, and utility lines. Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2010-03 was made by White, second by Reich with Shupp in agreement.

Ordinances for Posting and Bonding and amendments to the Road Construction ordinance need to be re-advertised. A motion to re-advertise the ordinance was made by White, second by Reich with Shupp in agreement. Tentative date for adoption is June 21st.

Request to Penn Dot – A letter was received from Penn Dot in respond to the twp request to conduct a speed study on SR 307 and assistance in creating a "Jake Brake" Ordinance. They agreed to conduct a speed limit engineering and traffic study. Penn Dot is the sole authority on a state road to enact a brake retarder prohibition. If a roadway has a 4% grade or more and is 500 feet or longer in distance it will not enact a restriction. If a restriction is allowed, the twp will be responsible to purchase, install and maintain the signs. Mrs. Grimaud will be sent a copy of Penn Dot's letter.

Clean Up Day Report – All the invoices have been received. 53 people, Total receipts \$1,125.00. Expenses: Dumpsters/tipping fee \$ 1,156.77, Wages \$420.36, Advertising \$393.62 & Lunch \$35. Total Expenses \$2,005.75 for a loss of \$880.75.

Miller Road – Ms. Schildt send a letter to the Board requesting an extension to July 1st to relocated her gate that blocks off the end portion of Miller Rd. The Board denied the July 1st request and granted to June 16th to remove the gate but the current gate must stay open until it is relocated. A letter will be sent notifying her of the new date.

Alex Jervis showed the Board pictures of the closed gate. He also asked if an ordinance could be adopted to control large animals. The Board will look at it when developing a land use ordinance.

2010 Dodge 5 Ton Dump Truck has been delivered and has been placed on the insurance policy. The Board discussed the selling of some of the old equipment. Ken White mentioned the need for more garage space for the new equipment. A motion was made by White to compile a list of old equipment for sale, second by Reich with Shupp in agreement

NEW BUSINESS

Air Conditioner – the unit for the main bldg. is over 30 yrs old and is no longer repairable. The secy. requested soliciting quotes on a replacement system. Will try to have quotes for the July meeting. The quotes will be for a central unit to handle the main office area of the bldg.

Tech Grant- reimbursement was received from Northern Tier in the amount of \$686.41. Purchases were for 2 printer, QuickBooks acct. program, annual payroll subscription, antivirus program and larger memory for the secy.'s computer. The grant covered 75% of the cost.

Semi-Annual State Police Fines were received in the amount of \$3,310.11.

Wyo. Co. Tax Claim – Sale of unsold property repository for Charles Puterbaugh Jr. An offer of \$100 was made. The Board agreed to accept the offer but to include a notice of restrictions due to the location in a designated floodplain.

Wyo. Co. Assessment Office – Swenson – due to the subdivision of a portion of property that is listed in the clean & green program, the twp. will receive \$24.09 in roll back taxes.

Endless Mt. Visitors Bureau sent a request for funding due to the state cut backs. They offer two choices: \$.10 per population or contribution. A motion to contribute \$200. was made by Shupp, second by White with Reich in agreement.

CORRESPONDANCE

Seminar: 3rd Annual Flood Summit in Lawton on June 17th 8 AM to 3 PM. Topic – Land Use & the Floodplain and the Natural Gas Drilling Activities. Shupp will try to attend.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR

Alex Jervis, Miller Rd. mentioned again the old tires that were thrown on his property. He would like to have them removed. As it is on private property, it is a civil matter and not an issue for the twp.

Bill Pogson asked about the playground grant. It is still in the paperwork stage. The unit can't be order until permission is received from DCNR.

Dick Daniel asked the Board to consider adopting land use ordinance. Due to all the pending gas drilling activities, there is a need to have controls in place.

Joan Frito mentioned a movie, Gas Land, on gas drilling to be played tom. night in Montrose Theater at 2:30 and 6 pm.

Trisha Thatcher asked how to get some informational seminars locally on the gas drilling. Some contact names were submitted by members of the audience. She also invited the Board to their first Cottage Association meeting on Sunday, June 13th at the dam site at 11AM.

Veto Barziloski, Jr. asked if there was an update on HB 2431 that is considering consolidating twp. boroughs, cities under the County's rule. The State Assoc. is watching this closely and will notify us if there is a push forward.

White recess to executive session at 7:50 PM.

In attendance were the Board, Judy Ginger, and Ken White. Topics of discussion were: Investment options for the gas lease money and exploring the option of hiring additional personnel for the road dept.

The meeting reconvened at 8: 35 PM.

A motion to hire summer hire, Ken Young as a full time employee was made by White, second by Shupp with Reich in agreement. Ken's duties will be managing Lazybrook Park and working with the road dept when needed. Wage is \$13.25 per hr for 40 hrs work week. He will be required to obtain a CDL.

A motion to raise summer hire, Aaron Keich, wage to \$8.00 per hr. was made by White, second by Shupp with Reich in agreement.

The Twp will solicit application for employment for a position with the road dept. Must have CDL and experience with heavy equipment.

Sunnyside Road – a motion to hire Vestal Asphalt to tar & chip the road through the Co-Stars program for under \$20,000 was made by White, seconded by Reich with Shupp in agreement.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Ginger, secy.

June 23, 2010

The special meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Reich at 7 PM. A salute to the flag was recited. In attendance were Board members Ernest Reich and Glenn Shupp (White was absent) Judy Ginger, secy. Ken White , Veto, Adam, Veto Jr. Barziloski, Tom Davis, Liz Hatchford, Dale Shupp. This meeting was recorded.

No minutes or invoices to pay.

OLD BUSINESS

Miller Road - Ken White verified that Ms. Schildt has opened the gate and is relocating the gate. She is also allowing sufficient space for the twp.'s trucks to turn around.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance # 2010 -05 Establishing Weight Limits on Twp. Roads. A discussion was held with the members of the audience and the Board on the adoption of this ordinance. This ordinance only establishes weight limits for the roads and the requirement of obtaining a permit for over-weight vehicles and excess use that includes bonding the road. The details of the permitting process such as fee, time of year, and definition of local deliveries will be regulated by resolution. The resolution is still being created.

A motion to adopt Ordinance # 2010-05 was made by Reich with Shupp in agreement, motion carried.

Ordinance # 2010-07 Amending the Road Construction and Dedication Ordinance #195-2007. A discussion was held on some of the modifications from the previous ordinance. The tentative plan to eliminate some of the road types has been changed to leave them in; due to the extra engineering cost to make the necessary changes in the ordinance. Changes from the previous ordinance are the % of grade for roads, depth of compacted materials and the directional design for cul-de sacs turn-around.

A motion to adopt Ordinance # 2010-07 was made by Shupp, with Reich in agreement. Motion carried.

Williams Pipeline, Joe Elliot, has approached the Twp about placing a gas pipe line under Lazybrook Park. As part of the process to determine if the soil is suitable, test bores will be taken. The location will be near the handicapped fishing access. A motion to give them permission to conduct the testing was made by Shupp, with Reich in agreement, motion carried.

Subdivisions – Jeremy Jervis – SR 6 E, a minor add-on parcel and Edward Shaffer – SR 6 W a minor add-on parcel. A motion to approve the subdivision without comments was made by Shupp with Reich in agreement, motion carried.

John Deere Tractor with mower attachment – Ken White has gathering information on a new tractor with a mowing arm. Most used ones have been used hard. As Bartron's didn't have any new 6430 tractors in stock, Stephen Equipment has a complete package of the John Deer 6430 with two Tiger mowing heads, 53" brush and 50" grass, that is on the Co-Stars program for \$110,609.00. Bartron's will get credit for the tractor sale and will be the service manager of record. The Tractor could be delivered within 10 days of signing the agreement. A motion to purchase the John Deere Tractor & mower from SEI was made by Shupp with Reich in agreement, motion carried.

Wy. Co Assessor's Office submitted a request for a real estate tax /fire protection refund for Stanley Farr under the Veteran's Exemption Act. A motion to refund the tax in the amount of \$84.90 was made by Shupp, with Reich in agreement, motion carried.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR

Tom Davis from Factoryville asked to speak with the Board concerning joining in on a project to regionalize economic development within Wyoming Co. He spoke on the Main Street Approach to revitalize the downtown and main street areas and the technical assistance PA Downtown Center offers. An information meeting would be scheduled with PA Downtown Center organization to explore the options for future development.

Liz Hatchford spoke on her current position with the Borough as a grant writer. Due to the small size of the borough and other municipalities, it's getting harder to get grants as individuals but as a joint effort more funding would be available.

The Board would be willing to attend a presentation by PA Downtown Center.

The meeting recessed to executive sessions at 7:35 PM. Topics to be discussed are legal issues by the twp solicitor.

In attendance were the Board members, Judy Gingher and Ken White.

The meeting reconvened at 8:15 PM. A motion to hire Duke Bishop to do further research the history of Smith Lane was made by Shupp with Reich in agreement, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Gingher, secy.