

August 1, 2011

The monthly meeting of Tunkhannock Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7 PM by Chairman White. A salute to the flag was recited. This meeting was recorded. In attendance were: Supervisors Randy White, Ernest Reich, Glenn Shupp, Judy Gingher, secy., Chief Stanley Ely, Reece Ayers, William Radle, John Keefe, Veto Barziloski Jr., Gloria Edwards, Bob Baker, Wy. Co Press

July 5th Minutes were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Shupp, second by Reich with White in agreement.

Outstanding Invoices were reviewed. An Order to Pay was made by White except for Ck. # 8356 Harleth Davis, second by Reich but with including Ck # 8356 and Shupp in agreement to include Ck # 8356. Motion carried to pay all submitted invoices.

July Financial Reports were distributed to the Board. (report on file). Balances as of 7/31 in accounts for general use: Gen. Funds – Peoples Checking \$46,141.75- PLGIT Savings \$228,485.78 – Peoples Savings \$226,094.83- State fund – PLGIT \$ 46814.87 and Park Fd. PLGIT \$ 1,160.21 - Peoples \$ 8,699.45

Requisition Slips – No requests were made

Road Dept. Report – Ken White gave the monthly activities as: installation of all the new twp road names and private road signs are complete also filling potholes on assorted roads.

Police Dept. Report – Chief Ely gave the monthly activity report (report on file). He submitted a letter of resignation to the board for Part-time Officer, David Williams effective Aug. 2nd. A motion to accept the letter was made by White, second by Reich with Shupp in agreement. Williams also had a minor accident with the 2008 cruiser. State police handled the call and found Williams not at fault because the other driver disregarded the siren and flashing lights. The new 2011 Crown Vic is ready for delivery. All items have been transferred from the old 2008 car into the new car.

Park Dept. Report – Reece Ayers reported on the removal of the old brick pathway around the gazebo area and replanting it with grass. Project was done by Dave Gabriel. This will be Reece's last week before going to college. The Board thanked him for an excellent job this year.

The Secy. reported on her meeting with PEMA/FEMA from the April 2011 flooding. The road to the green pavilion, walking path and handicap fishing access are eligible for funding. The road and the walking path have been repaired and the handicap fishing access cleared of mud and debris. Estimated cost to be submitted for reimbursement approx. \$11, 0000 of which FEMA will reimburse 75% of the cost and it is undetermined if PEMA will cover any of the remaining cost.

OLD BUSINESS

At 537 Plan Study – John Keefe, Lemon Twp. Supervisors presented the Board with a check for \$49,903.94 which is Lemon Twp share of expenses of the study for 2005 to Nov. 2009. Keefe explained the reasons for not offering reimburse prior to this meeting as not receiving an actual invoice and that Tunkhannock stopped the project before completion. Now that it is moving forward again Lemon is

submitting their share of expense up to the date of the new agreement. (Mr. Keefe left the meeting at 7:15)

Fuel Bid – Bid proposals were to be received by 11:30 AM today, as the secy. was attending a meeting with PEMA, the bid was opened during the public meeting. Only one bid proposal was received - C.S. Verbryck.

As this was the time and place advertised for the possible awarding of the bids for gas, diesel and heating oil C.S. Verbryck offered for \$.20 per gal over the daily rack price for 3,000 gals diesel, 4,000 gals gas and 2,000 gals heating oil. A motion to award the bid to Verbryck was made by Shupp, second by White with Reich in agreement.

Draft Flood Ordinance – The Board will hold a second meeting on Mon. Aug 15th to view the draft ordinance.

Northern Tier Energy Efficiency Project. The secy. has submitted an application to replace all the light fixtures and bulbs in the main bldg. The grant will cover 50% of material cost up to \$2,000. An estimate was received from Jack of All Trades for \$3,781.01 for materials. Secy. will be attending the required seminar tom. in Factoryville.

Resolution # 2011-08-01 - List of Official Public and Private Road Names in Tunkhannock Township. As part of the County 911 addressing program, the twp assigned names/numbers to public and private roadways. A motion to accept the Official List of Names was made by White, second by Reich with Shupp in agreement.

Auditor General's Audit of the State Fund was cancelled and rescheduled for Aug 8th.

NEW BUSINESS

CECO Associates submitted their annual inspection report for the bridge on Fox Road. There were no new findings of major concerns but continue to mention areas that should be address. Ken White mention that the bridge in on the TIP schedule for replacement within the next 4-5 yrs.

Subdivision – Appolonia – Lane Hill Road – minor subdivision making 2 lots. Question on septic approval but map shows an additional test site for new parcel. No comments to submit from the Board.

Water Withdrawal – Dobrinski Brothers have applied to Susq. River Basin Commission to establish a withdrawal site on SR 92 S. for approx. 1,440,000 gals from the river. A discussion was held on the road access from the property. Also any building activity must have a certificate of elevation due to the floodplain designation.

Deer Park Lumber is submitting to DEP an Air Quality Operating Permit Renewal with a 30 day comment period. No comments from the Board.

Stone Hedge Wastewater Plant is submitting to DEP for a NPDES Permit Renewal for the treatment plant with a 30 day comment period. No Comment from the Board.

Wyoming County Association of Twp. Officials will hold the Fall Convention on Wed. Sept. 21st at Triton Hose. Reservations are due by Sept. 5th.

Twp. Sept. Meeting – Due to the Labor Day Holiday, the monthly meeting will be held on Tues. 6th at 7 PM.

CORRESPONDANCE

Chesapeake Energy – sent a letter concerning the Army Corp of Engineers new review process for pipeline construction from 45 days to approx. 300 days. They are asking the Board to contact our legislators to reconsider the review period timeline. They sent a sample letter as a guideline. The Board will consider sending a letter to support Chesapeake's request.

L-Tap Seminars – Drainage – Aug. 9th Mansfield, Dirt Rds – Aug18th Mansfield, Winter Maint. Sept. 28th Athens.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR

Bob Baker mentioned that the SRBC was holding a meeting on Wed. 3rd in Harrisburg and Thurs. 4th in Binghamton, NY to review the procedures for permitting of water withdrawal. Suggested the residents of Fox Road attend one of the meetings.

Gloria Edwards compliment the police department for handling the 4 wheelers on the railroad tracks next to their property. She also voiced her concerns about the neighboring property with opening burning of large piles of tree trimming and household trash. The tree trimming aren't the problem but other people have been dropping of old mattresses, furniture and other large items. There is a lot of black smoke or the pile just sits and smolders. The landowner has been contacted but doesn't want to address the issue. Chief Ely requested the phone of the landowner from Mrs. Edwards and he will call the landowner to discuss the issue or DEP will be contacted.

Chief Ely had two items he would like to address. Item 1- The sign for Black Diamond Beach Rd was moved by some of the residents from the southern entrance to a northern entrance which is a privately owned entrance. The Secy. received a call from the owner of the road to have it removed. With the railroad closing off the access of the main entrance, if an emergency vehicle entered where the street sign should be located is could not turn around but would have to back out which would cause a serious delay in response time. The residents asked if the twp could help but as this is a private road, the Twp does not have any jurisdiction over it. It must be worked out between the property owners.

Item 2 - The 1st year police coverage contract with Falls Twp. will be ending the September. Falls Twp. would like to continue the coverage for another year. The Chief suggested if the contract continues after Sept. 2012 to consider increasing the cost of coverage. The agreement seems to be working well. A motion to renew the Falls Twp. police coverage was made by White, second by Reich with Shupp in agreement.

White recess to executive sessions at 7:43 PM. In attendance were the Board, Judy Gingher, secy. Ken White and Chief Ely. The matters discuss were police personnel and park employees.

The meeting reconvened at 8 PM. With 2 park employees leaving for college in the two weeks, a motion was made by White to hire Ben Robinson to fill one of the vacancies, second by Reich with Shupp in agreement. Starting wage \$7.50 per hour.

The Secy. forgot to have a designated agent appointed for PEMA's Park April Flood Application. A motion to appoint Judy Gingher, secy. as the designated agent was made by White, second by Shupp with Riech in agreement.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Gingher, secy.

August 15, 2011

Chairman White called the second monthly meeting to order at 7 PM. A salute to the flag was recited. This meeting was not recorded. In attendance were Supervisors, Randy White, Ernest Riech, Glenn Shupp, Judy Gingher, secy. and Ken White, road foreman.

Outstanding Invoices were reviewed. An Order to Pay was made by White, second by Reich with Shupp in agreement. The second annual Penn Dot Loan Payment of \$35,000 was sent on Aug. 12th.

Requisitions – Ken White asked for additional work to repair the salt mixing shed. JKF's Home Improvements offer a quote for \$1,600 for labor only with the Twp paying for materials. A motion to have JKF do the project was made by White, second by Reich with Shupp in agreement.

Sign Permit- Peoples State Bank- Towne Plaza requested a permit for a lit wall sign. A motion to approve the application was made by White, second by Reich with Shupp in agreement.

Act 537 Study – DEP sent a letter of approval for the modified Scope of Work/Task Activity Report submitted by Harleth Davis on behalf of Tunk. & Lemon Twps.

Northern Tier Energy Grant - the application to replace the light fixture in the main bldg. has been approved. A check will be issued for \$1,890.50 (50% of material cost).

Water Withdrawal sites – Shadow Ranch Resort – SR 6 E is giving notice of applying to DEP for general permit #4 (Intake and Outfall Structures) and # 5 (Utility Line Stream Crossing) in conjunction with the construction of water withdrawal site on the Tunkhannock Creek.

JoJo Oil is applying to SRBC for a water withdrawal site on their property SR 6 E for the Tunkhannock Creek. Comments can be made to the SRBC.

Park Dept. – PEMA has completed the application for funding for the April Flooding in the Park. Approx. reimbursement of \$9,485.37 will be received.

Black Diamond Treasure Huntery Club requested the use of the park channel area for a treasure hunt on October 16th. Their activity includes hiding items approx. 4 inches deep and member using metal detectors to retrieve them. The secy. asked the board what fee to charge. As they are only using the open area, fee will be \$50.00. The Club asked if the Oct date works out well, could they hold a 2 day event next year. As there aren't many 2-day weekends available, this will be discus at a later date.

Annual Statement on Annuities – The twp has annuities with two companies – New York Life Annuity Service Center for a 7 yr annuity of \$100,000 and Principal Financial Group for two - 4 yr annuity of \$100,000 each through First Liberty Bank. The first year's annual interest statements were received: New York Life in the amount of \$2,350.00 @ 2.35% rate and Principal for \$1,750 each @1.75%. Both interest rates will remain the same until 7/22/2013.

Draft Floodplain Ordinance – The Board reviewed the draft ordinance submitted by the twp solicitor. The Board chose options where requested. The draft with chosen options will be returned to the solicitor for final approval.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM was made by White, second by Shupp with Reich in agreement.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Gingher, secy.