

June 6, 2011

The monthly meeting of Tunkhannock Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7 PM by Vice-Chairman Reich. A salute to the flag was recited. This meeting was recorded. In attendance were Supervisors Ernest Reich, Glenn Shupp, (Randy White was absent) Judy Gingher, secy., Ken White, Chief Stanley Ely, William Radle, Bill Pogson, Carolyn Salsman, Alex Jervis, Chris Ziemba, Minturn Smith, Charlotte Kingston, Pat Farnelli, Wy. Co Press.

May 2nd Minutes were approved as written by a motion from Shupp, second by Reich, motion carried.

Outstanding Invoices were reviewed. An Order to Pay was made by Reich, second by Shupp, motion carried.

May Financial Report was distributed to the Board. (report on file). Balances as of 5/31 in accounts for general use: Gen. Funds – Peoples Checking \$76,933.89- PLGIT Savings \$214,106.22 – Peoples Savings \$225,548.98- State fund – PLGIT \$ 223,612.35 and Park Fd. PLGIT \$ 3,153.95 - Peoples \$ 6,566.22

Requisition Slips – The secy. requested the Board to consider replacing the copier with a new leased one. It was tabled until the next meeting to research the options.

Chief Ely requested a new police cruiser. The older 2008 with approx. 120,000 miles has major engine problems. The Board granted permission for the Chief to gather information on a new car.

Road Dept. – Ken White gave the monthly activities as grading dirt roads and filling potholes. Next week they will start trimming back roads with the tractors. Due to the rainy weather the paving project will not be completed before June 10th. Estimate time line is the middle to the end of June.

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

Park Report – Aaron Keich gave a report on the activities in the park. The Bluegrass Festival was this past weekend. It was well attended. The park grounds were left in good shape. With all the mowing required, the clipper mowers need to have the blades replaced.

OLD BUSINESS

Act 537 Plan Study Items:

Ordinance # 12-2011-2 authorizing the twp to contract with Lemon Twp to complete the joint Act 527 Update Revision. Reich will execute the Cooperation Agreement on behalf of the Tunk. Twp. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Reich, second by Shupp. Motion carried.

Sewage Facility Plan Cooperation Agreement – This document defines the agreement with Lemon Twp as to continuing the joint plan, re-hiring Milnes Engineering and Harleth Davis as consultants, the division of cost: Tunk. 2/3 and Lemon 1/3 of all cost to complete the plan, the payment plan for Lemon to reimburse Tunk. for prior expenses, the division of funding if received from DEP will be the same as expense split. After study is complete and if the twp's can't agree on a best method to address the sewage needs, the lowest per capita expense option will be selected. All modifications must be in writing and with written approval from both twps.

A motion to sign the agreement was made by Shupp, second by Reich. Motion carried.

Milnes Engineering Cost Agreement – to continue the Act 537 Plan Study, Milnes Engineer submitted an estimated cost to complete the study of \$97,901. A motion to accept the cost estimate was made during the May 16th meeting.

Consent Order authorization – Twp's solicitor, Paul Litwin requested the authorization to submit the Consent Order and Agreement to DEP. A motion to give the authorization was made by Reich, second by Shupp. Motion carried.

Dirt & Gravel Road Grant – applications were submitted for Comstock and Trieble Roads for bo-magging and dust control. Also for Baker Road for replacing drainage pipes.

NEW BUSINESS

Clean-Up Day is scheduled for Sat. June 11th from 8 AM to 2 PM. CCI and GJS will supply the containers for trash and metal. Cost will remain the same as previous years. Dumpsters will be removed on Sat.

Tree Trimming Bid – As this was the time and place advertised for the possible awarding of the tree trimming project for German Hill Rd and Marcy Rd. Bids were received until June 2nd at 11:30 AM, opened for review at 11:35 AM. In attendance were Ken White, road master, Judy Gingher, secy. and a representative from Asplundh Tree Expert Co. Bids were received from Brown's Tree Service: German Hill Rd - \$27,000 and Marcy Rd - \$22,500 = \$49,500. Asplundh Tree: \$38,517.60 and \$32,098. = \$70,615.60. A motion to award the contract to Brown's Tree Service was made by Shupp, second by Reich. Motion carried. Brown's have 45 days to complete the jobs.

Chief Gathering LLC has applied to DEP for permits for the installation of gathering natural gas pipeline north of Tunk. McTish, Kunkel & Association sent a letter of notice with a 30 day comment period. Along with the letter were maps showing the proposed route. No comments were offered by the Board at this time.

Roosevelt Highway (SR307) Bridge Replacement – As part of the permit process for Penn Dot's bridge replacement project, DEP requires a letter from the Twp. on land use pertaining to comprehensive plan and zoning. As acting engineer agency, Pickering, Corts & Summerson, Inc. is requesting a Municipal Land Use letter be completed and returned to them with 30 days. The Board authorized the secy. to complete and sign the letter.

Draft Floodplain Ordinance Update – PEMA is updating the state floodplain program for Spring 2012. As part of the program, twps. must update their current Floodplain Ordinances. This ordinance establishes guidelines as where designated floodplains are and building requirements within a floodplain area. The Twp solicitor has submitted a draft ordinance for the Board to review and pick options for the twp. The Board will hold a work session this summer to review the draft. An Ordinance will need to be adopted by mid fall.

Fuel Bid – Gas & Diesel fuel dollar amount are closed to the required bidding amount of \$10,000. A motion to advertise for fuel bids was made by Shupp, second by Reich. Motion carried. The Secy. will calculate the amount needed to the end of the year.

Seller Permit – Keystone Novelties LLC requested a permit to sell PA Legal fireworks from June 27th to July 5th located at W. Tioga St. A motion to approve the application was made by Reich, second by Shupp. Motion carried. A list a firework items will be given to Chief Ely.

Sign Permits – Tyler Hospital – SR 6 W – an application was submitted for a wall mounted lit sign and a double side free standing sign.

St. Peter's Episcopal Church – SR 6 E – an application was submitted for an unlit free standing sign.

A motion to approve both applications was made by Shupp, second by Reich. Motion carried.

DEP- Mercy Tyler Hospital (Tyler Hospital) – DEP sent a notice of groundwater contamination at Tyler Hospital discovered after a storage tank was removed. It gives a timeline for status reports submission.

No action is required from the Board.

PA Liquor Control Board Notice – This notice is for the transfer of the liquor license for Shadowbrook Resort from Peoples Neighbor Bank to Liquid Assets Beverage and Recreation, Inc. owned by Ryan & Matthew Andrews and Vanessa Di Medlo.

State Police Semi-Annual Fines were received in the amount of \$3,441.76.

Wyoming Co. Council of Governments Dues – the annual dues for the COG is \$100 due by June 14th. A motion to pay the dues was made by Shupp, second by Reich. Motion carried. The second 2010 building code allotment will be release at the June 14th meeting.

CORRESPONDANCE

Thank You note – White Family sent a note acknowledging the donation in memory of Milton White.

Penn State Extension is holding a seminar on Marcellus Shale on June 7th 6-8:30 PM at the Tunk. High School.

Community Planning Course – June 7th at Montrose Borough Bldg. 6:15 to 9:30 PM

Roadside Tree Care Seminar – June 15th at Newton Ransom Bldg.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR

Fox Road – Charlotte Kingston gave the Board an update of their efforts concerning the water withdrawal site on Fox Road. The residents have made a great effort to contact SRBC about their concerns but have not received much returned information. The contact at SRBC is Andy Dayloft (sp?). SRBC would like someone from the twp to contact them to discuss the issues. Shupp offered to talk with them.

A discussion followed on the riparian law and the water rights associated with it. The hearing to review the permit application is tentatively set for June 23rd in Maryland.

Chris Ziemba – read an article about funding available for sewage programs that includes the Act 537 Updates. Shupp clarified that funding is for actual projects not for the studies. The law states DEP must pay half the cost for the study but no time line as to when reimbursement could be expected after the study is complete.

The meeting adjourned to executive session at 7:40 PM. In attendance were the Board, Judy Gingher, Chief Ely and Ken White. The topics of discussion were police matter and legal issues.

The meeting reconvened at 8:09 PM with a motion to adjourn at 8:10 PM made by Shupp, second by Reich.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Gingher, secy.

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