

MADISON TOWNSHIP

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MINUTES OF APRIL 10, 2014

The April 10, 2014 meeting of the Madison Township Supervisors was called to order by Claire Swartz at 7:00 PM. Attending were, Claire Swartz, Glenn Titman, Michelle Densberger, Nancy Welliver, Gary Williams, Mary & Robert McWilliams, Michael Miguez, and Peggy Long.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

MINUTES

Peggy Long presented the minutes of March 10, 2014. *Glenn Titman made a motion to accept the minutes of March 10, 2014, Michelle Densberger seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The financial statements and bills list were reviewed.

Michelle Densberger made a motion to approve the financial reports and to pay bills as presented. Bills paid from General Fund were \$4,497.00. Bills paid from Liquid Fuel Fund were \$8,726.53. Bills paid during the month from the General Fund totaled \$242.95. Glenn Titman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

No meeting this month

PLANNING COMMISSION

No business

TRANSFER TAX REPORT

(2 - \$4,392.40)

SEO REPORT

(0)

PERMIT OFFICER REPORT

(3)

ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

None

ROAD MASTER REPORT

Claire Swartz reported the motor is in the Grader and it is running. It needs the muffler put on and then it will be ready for use.

Nancy Welliver asked what the backhoe is used for. Glenn Titman said they use it for loading and unloading and will be using it to clean ditches.

Secretary asked when we have to make the loan payment for the truck. Michelle Densberger

will check with the bank.

OLD BUSINESS

Glenn Titman reported cement blocks have been placed at the cinder pile to prevent the cinders from going into the creek. Michelle Densberger reported they looked into purchasing some ground behind the cinder pile, but it is not for sale.

NEW BUSINESS

POLICE

Michelle Densberger noted she had given each supervisor a list of police items in question. She noted some of the items have been found and some are still missing. She asked where the Supervisors want to go with the findings from here. Claire noted they have had different people's input. Millville Borough has filed a suit against Ted Stout. We could turn them in as stolen items. Michelle Densberger noted we have not talked to the attorney yet. There are six guns one of the guns is registered to someone else. We don't know if it was sold, traded for ammunition or what the circumstance was. The guns are valued at less than \$3,000.00. Other items were clothing, that you won't get back, and radios that are obsolete. Michelle questioned if it is in the best interest of the taxpayers to spend thousands of dollars to go after \$2,800.00. She did speak to the Sheriff and he said we could file theft charges in small claims court. Would have to be under \$5,000.00 and we would get whatever the court finds in our favor. Millville has way more than \$5,000.00 in items. The guns we did purchase were 3 Colt Semi-Automatic Assault Rifles, 1 Sawed-off Shot Gun, 1 Sig Sauer Pistol, and 1 Smith & Wesson Revolver. They are the guns that are missing. The guns that were purchase with Millville from the Federal Surplus are accounted for and are in the Millville/Madison Police Department. Robert McWilliams questioned if anyone has asked for the guns back. Michelle said "not as yet, that is to be discussed tonight. There was a list of guns taken from Ted's house with the PFA order and none of our guns were on the list. Mary McWilliams asked if one of the missing guns was used in a crime, who will be responsible. Michelle said it could come back to the Township and we would have to go to court over it. Robert McWilliams said he can see why the supervisors don't want to spend the taxpayers money for the little dollar amount, but if we don't take action, what does that say to the next one. Michelle noted we are taking steps to avoid future problems. All purchase now requires PO numbers from one of the supervisors. Robert McWilliams questioned if it would be feasible to share cost with Millville Borough. Michelle thinks the problem with that is we are two different entities. Nancy Welliver asked what the time line is to file charges. Michelle noted the Smith & Wesson was purchased in 1992; the pistol and shot guns in 1993 and the 2 Colt Assault Rifles were in 1994. Gary Williams noted to replace the guns it would cost from \$1,500.00 to \$3,000.00 each now. Michelle noted we need to look into small claims further. Robert McWilliams asked when the guns were last seen. Michelle said Jon Swank said he had seen the shot gun in the Crown Vic. He also asked about the other charges that had been filed against Stout. Michelle said those charges are with the State Police, we have nothing to do with that. Glenn Titman spoke to a Corporal at the State Police Barracks and was advised we should not do anything until a certified letter is sent requesting Stout to return the items. Mike Miguez thinks the guns should be reported as stolen to eliminate liability on the Township. Mike asked if there is an audit of the equipment done. We should audit the inventory periodically and when new supervisors take office. Michelle said perhaps they could have the Township auditors also audit the inventory. Claire Swartz questioned, "Who do you trust if you can't trust your police department." Gary Williams noted all hand guns must be registered. Michelle stated they do not have to be from one municipality to another. Glenn

Titman noted all officers now have their own personal gun, so this will not be a problem again. Michelle Densberger feels it's time to move forward on the police matters.

Michelle Densberger made a motion to send a certified letter to Ted Stout, requesting all guns and equipment items be returned to the Township. Glenn Titman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Michelle Densberger noted there will be grant money available and we will be looking into Slate Road, Phillips Road, Cross Road, Tunnel Road, Crawford Road, and Swartz Road for possible funds. She is working with Barry Travepiece and Mary Wagner on the application for Swartz Road for the first round grant.

Gary Williams heard the gas line will be going through Buckhorn. He questioned if we need to do anything to prepare in the event they would come through Madison. Michelle Densberger stated at this time the trucks should only be using state roads. They have the right to travel back and forth. Secretary noted we have an ordinance for road bonding on roads that are posted with weight limit signs. Gary Williams noted there is a bill before the Legislator to vote to give more money for state game lands. He suggested we call Rep. Millard and Senator Gordner's officer to request their support.

CORRESPONDENCE

FOR THE GOOD OF THE TOWNSHIP

Nancy Welliver noted the Community Center will be have a pig roast from 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM and then Blue Grass from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM event on May 3, 2014 to raise money for the roof on the Community Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Glenn Titman made a motion to adjourn at 8:23 PM. Michelle Densberger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Long
Secretary/Treasurer