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MINUTES OF AUGUST 12, 2013

The August 12, 2013 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, Connie Crawford, Jordan Newman, Harry Watts, Dylan Roeder, Paul Shultz, Lacey Densberger, Jonathan Swank, and Peggy Long.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Claire Swartz noted Officer Jonathan Swank has to be at another place soon so we will undertake the recent developments in the police department. We have talked to Ted and Jonathan, it is still in the courts, not a whole lot we can do. The three supervisors had an executive session, which is legal in an emergency situation, they appointment Jonathan Swank as Office In Charge, temporarily. Michelle Densberger noted we have been in touch with Barry Lewis, Solicitor and we are acting under his advice.

Harry Watts said he feels Jonathan Swank has done a good job for the Township. He and a lot of residence in the Township feel we don't need a police department. This might be a good time to consider other options. We could talk to Hemlock Township Chief Van Dine to get some ideas. Chief Van Dine is very professional. Claire Swartz thanked Harry Watts for attending the meeting and voicing his opinion and your concern to be here. A lot of people definitely aren't concerned, they aren't here.

John Swank was recently hired as Chief at Greenwood Township. The Supervisors there are very interested in joining forces with Madison. Harry Watts said perhaps we could join a regional police department with Hemlock, Madison, Millville, and Greenwood. Michelle Densberger said another thing you need to consider, what are we looking for? Are you looking for a police department that goes out and tickets all over the place, or a peace department, making their presence known? Harry Watts said there hasn't been any speed enforcement in his area since Van Dine left. Officer Swank said that isn't true, he has painted the lines up there twice. Harry said but you're never there. Michelle Densberger stated they do intend to sit down with Officer Swank to discuss exactly what we are looking for and perhaps tweet what we have. What we have is not working well.

Nancy Welliver asked Officer Swank how many hours he works in Danville and Greenwood. Officer Swank said he work eight hours a day at Danville and it will vary at Greenwood. Nancy is concerned with an officer working full time at Danville and now splitting hour between Greenwood and Madison. Claire Swartz noted we will have other officers, Swank will be OIC. Nancy asked just what Madison got for Ted Stout's eighteen hours a month of administrative work. Claire Swartz said that was before he came, but from what he understood Ted did not do any patrolling. Nancy Welliver said it was only paper work, but when you asked why officers weren't patrolling more, Ted Stout said they had paper work to do. Nancy again asked what we are getting for the eighteen hours. Claire said "we will find out." Michelle Densberger said she didn't think any of them know, because there was never a meeting with Ted Stout. Up until last week, Michelle was unaware our police share a computer with Millville. Officer Swank thought the computer belonged to Madison. He had used it exclusively for years. Officer Swank noted with Ted taking eighteen hours a month out of the budget, those hours could now be used to

cover more patrolling. Harry Watts again asked the Supervisor to consider talking to Hemlock. Michelle Densberger knows Mike Van Dine personally and could call him and perhaps Greenwood could come in to talk. Harry Watts said now is the time we have the opportunity to make changes.

Officer Swank said he has an officer willing to work part time to cover some of the hours. He would like Supervisors to consider him. The only other officer has some major issues, and Officer Swank said, "don't use her", the liability if tremendous. Michelle Densberger said at this time she has been taken off the schedule. Officer Swank said the officer he would like to hire works part time in Danville, he is twenty four years old and is a good boy. Michelle asked Officer Swank to get with the three Supervisors to go over where we are at and talk about a part time officer.

Larry LaBuz, PPL has stated he would be attending the Supervisor Meeting. Michelle Densberger noted he did attend the Planning Meeting and discussed modifications to the East Branch Recreation Area, There is a white powder coming out of the ground. When fly ash was being used, PPL was treating it with baking soda (basically sodium bicarbonate), when sodium bicarbonate burns it creates sodium carbonate and it is harmless, but they not want it to continue. They will have to cap the entire area, take the top soil off, put some membrane over it, and replace new top soil and grass. They will also pave the parking area and drive up to. This will probably take about a year.

Michelle Densberger noted, she and Glenn Titman attended the hearing for Ted Stout and stayed the full time. We've been in contact with the Solicitor and want to make sure we follow his recommendations. Ted has been removed from the schedule; he is not being paid, pending the PFA appealing. Until that issue is settled there is not a lot we can do.

MINUTES

Peggy Long presented the minutes of July 8, 2013 meetings. *Glenn Titman made a motion to accept the minutes of July 8, 2013, meeting. 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 \$1,868.40. Bills paid from Liquid Fuel Fund were \$5,169.55. Bills paid during the month from the General Fund totaled \$89.97. Bills paid during the month from Liquid Fuel Fund totaled \$40,000.00. Glenn Titman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Michelle Densberger explained the car rental charge. It is cheaper to rent a car for trips than to pay mileage.

Nancy Welliver questioned the \$101.37 cost from Debt Account. Peggy Long explained they are charges with the Master Card Account that we have not been charged for yet. Michelle Densberger noted the Adobe charge was for a computer update and the other two charges were to rent a car and gas to go get the truck.

POLICE REPORT

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

No meeting this month

PLANNING COMMISSION

Michelle Densberger explained that Heaps has filed for their permit renewal for the Transfer Station and if the Township has any issues we need to file them. No issues. We are still waiting on for the Jerseytown Real Estate Subdivision approval.

TRANSFER TAX REPORT

(4 - \$2,856.94)

SEO REPORT

(0)

PERMIT OFFICER REPORT

(7)

ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

None

ROAD MASTER REPORT

There was a problem with the oiling machine; they will be back later to finish the job.

OLD BUSINESS

Peggy received a proposal from Pauline of First Columbia Bank. It was given to Michelle Densberger to look over. Millville Borough did change over from PLGIT to First Columbia Bank. Michelle explained the Bank would sweep the funds over night, invest the funds, and then put them back the next morning. We would not notice what was happening. We would be earning way more money with the repurchase program than with PLGIT. Claire Swartz questioned what was, “way more money?” Michelle said when you get \$.00 a \$1.00 is way more money. Claire Swartz said he did not want to vote to change for a \$1.00. Michelle Densberger said with the repurchase program it is going to be variable, you aren’t going to know that for a while because it will depend on how much is in the accounts each night. No guarantee, but on the average it should be at least .05%. Gary Williams asked if it is guaranteed we won’t lose the principal. Michelle Densberger technically we could lose, but the bank agrees that its obligation shall be secured under Federal Agencies. In the event of a default, the depositor will have the right to direct the Bank to sell the security and apply the proceeds in satisfaction of the Banks obligation to the Depositor. The Bank would have to give the money back. We would not be out the money, but the Bank could be. Claire Swartz said he is not sold. He would like to consider further before putting all the eggs in one basket.

Deficiencies for Larson Design Group on Valley Road over Mud Creek we have the signs but have not put them up yet. Glenn Titman will tell secretary when they are up and she will send the forms back the Larson design Group.

Glenn Titman made a motion to appoint Connie Crawford as the Scour Bridge Inspector.

Michelle Densberger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dirt and Gravel Grant has to be signed and returned. Glenn Titman noted he talked to Mary Wagner and she told him we need to sign and return the form. Work will not start until after the tar & chipping is done.

NEW BUSINESS

Act 13 UGWF fund was received in the amount of \$928.50. The money will be used for road repairs.

Michelle Densberger made a motion to appoint James McDeavitt, as our backup SEO officer. Claire Swartz seconded motion. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

A request from Montour Area Recreation Commission requesting permission to use Madison Township roads for the yearly Chilli Challenge Triathlon. *Michelle Densberger made a motion to allow access of the Township roads for the Chilli Challenge Triathlon. Glenn Titman seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

FOR THE GOOD OF THE TOWNSHIP

Nancy Welliver noticed the Township is being charge tax by Liberty Electric. Secretary researched and found back when we first signed up in 2011, we were not charged for the first half of the year, but then taxes were charged to the second half and for 2012 to date. Secretary had sent an exempt certificate, they agreed they have the one for 2012, but couldn't find the 2011. They will refund for 2012, but we will have to apply to the state to get 2011 back. Nancy Welliver noted the entrance outside of the Community Center is in really bad shape, it has been washed. Perhaps a blade could be run over to smooth it. Nancy also thanked Connie Crawford the donating corn to the Community Center. Janet Samuel did all the work to prepare and freeze the corn.

Gary Williams asked if there are any other charges for the police department, other than the budget cost. Michelle Densberger said all charges are in the Budget. Secretary's office and the Police office is in Millville Borough's Building. We do pay rent. Supervisors did look into having their own office, but it would not be cost effective.

Connie Crawford asked if there is any police coverage at this time. Michelle Densberger noted Jonathan Swank has been with the Township for eighteen year, and has been appoint the Officer In Charge, on a temporary basis. Jed Rishel has also agreed to work some hours, but he has a new baby and does not want to work a lot.

Michelle Densberger noted the Bloom University has a two hour class for Quick Book Preparation for Audits. The cost is \$25.00. She would like to send Peggy Long. *Michelle Densberger made a motion to send Peggy for the class. Glenn Titman seconded the motion and added we would pay Peggy two hours. Motion carried.*

Claire Swartz reported the grader is incapacitated. We have been using Pine Townships. He had someone who was going to tear it apart but said there are not enough parts available to rebuild the motor. Claire did find a new rebuilt John Deer motor for \$4,500.00, we could get it next week but that would not be installed, and he probably couldn't get to it until November. We have to get a cost to install it. Nancy Welliver asked if the Township has looked into sharing with another township and how many hours have been put on it. Claire Swartz noted that when you need the grader, you need it now. Nancy noted you have a rear blade. Other townships use the rear blade to clean the ditches. Glenn Titman noted they don't have as many dirt roads as we do. Glenn Titman noted we did check with Highway Equipment and they wanted \$6,300.00 a month to rent. Michelle Densberger noted if we are going to pay that much money, to rent for a month, we'd be better of fixing the grader. Nancy Welliver asked what condition the rest of the grader is in. Michelle Densberger and Claire Swartz both felt the rest of the grader is in decent shape.

New Truck and the old ones have been lettered.

Glenn Titman met with Lee Taylor, from National Gunitite to get an estimate for do the repairs on Slate Bridge. Mr. Taylor will send an estimate.

ADJOURNMENT

*Glenn Titman made a motion to adjourn at 8:29 PM. Michelle Densberger seconded the motion.
Motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Long
Secretary/Treasurer