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## **DECEMBER 12, 2016 MEETING MINUTES**

The December 12, 2016 meeting of the Madison Township Supervisors was called to order by Michelle Densberger at 7:00 PM. Also attending the meeting were Glenn Titman & Terry Rider.

**Employees in attendance:** Bev Lutcavage, Jon Swank, Jen Alexander

**Guests in attendance:** Nancy Welliver, Gary Williams, Bob & Mary McWilliams, Connie & Carl Crawford, Michael Leighow

Glenn Titman requested that everyone speak louder as there are others who have difficulty hearing.

### **Recognition of Guests:**

The minutes of the regular meeting held November 14, 2016 were accepted and approved with corrections. The Treasurer's Report that includes the check register, balance sheet and the Profit and Loss Reports were accepted and approved. Bills were approved for payment.

Bob McWilliams questioned why all assets are not reflected on the balance sheet. Only cash is reflected no property or equipment values.

Motion by Glenn Titman 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry Rider. Motion carried  
**Motion:** Approve minutes of November 14, 2016 meeting

Motion by Glenn Titman 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michelle Densberger. Motion carried  
**Motion:** Accept the financials as submitted and pay the bills

**Municipal Authority:** Meeting held tonight to adopt the 2017 budget

**Planning Commission:** No meeting

**Transfer Tax Report:** ( )

**SEO Report:** ( )

**Permit Officer Report:** (4 - \$405.00)

**Ordinance Enforcement Officer:**

**Road Master Report:** Terry Rider submitted his report. Spoke to land manager, upper management will not take the bridge it will need to be removed if they are to take over the road. New grader is in for service, pressure plate rubber dry-rotted and broke, will be repaired on Wednesday. Beaver Township is interested in the old grader for \$10,000. Mt. Pleasant Township bought the 94 Truck for \$3,000

**Police:** Report submitted by Chief Swank. Jon discussed the heat in the PD Office. Received a quote for propane heat for \$4000. Jon suggested a large edenpure heater it is cheap and efficient. Terry said they should not use the heater down there now because it is dangerous and not meant to be run for long periods of time. Jon said that Barry Rider has one they can use for now to see if it will work. Terry requested a thank you be sent to Barry for the use of the heater.

Motion by Michelle Densberger 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry Rider. Motion carried

**Motion:** Authorize Jon to purchase an edenpure heater for the office.

### **Old Business:**

Doug Parker has completed the audit for period of 01/01/2015-04/30/2016. A few corrections to be made to put items in their proper places but nothing out of the ordinary to report.

Slate Road Bridge – may need to put it out to bid to remove it. will check into the TIPS program  
Ramp Project – has been started, plan calls for railing. Original plan called for galvanized pipe painted. This will require regular maintenance and upkeep and you cannot have a gate with the galvanized. Nancy called Department of Housing and Redevelopment to discuss this – we can go with plastic but this will not be as sturdy or we can go with aluminum. Aluminum will cost an addition \$700 but will be able to have a gate and will be sturdy. It was decided we would go with aluminum and the extra cost will come from the allocation the Township gives to the Community Center.

There was a discussion on taxes. We are unable to raise the EIT any further. There will be no more per capita. Bob McWilliams asked how much money is actually needed. They object to continually raising property taxes. It was decided that there would be no additional increase to the 2017 real estate tax to cover the loss of the per capita. It will be reviewed next year and decided what to do for future years.

Motion by Terry Rider 2<sup>nd</sup> by Glenn Titman. Motion carried. Michelle Densberger dissented

**Motion:** Pass Resolution 2016-12001 setting the Real Estate Tax at 2.2 Mils.

Tax Collector commission – Tabled until next meeting

2017 Budget – Discussion on the 2017 Budget. Changes made to remove per capita tax, to reflect the 2017 insurance rates.

Motion by Michelle Densberger 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry Rider. Motion carried

**Motion:** Approve 2017 budget as submitted

Weight Limits – There was a discussion on weight limits on the roads. Checked with other municipalities to see how they enforce weight limits they are not enforcing them at this time. Gary Williams is satisfied that it has been researched.

### **New Business:**

Annual Donations – Brief discussion on the donations to the Fire Companies, Pool and Community Center.

Motion by Glenn Titman 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry Rider. Motion carried

**Motion:** Make annual donations to Fire Companies, Pool and Community Center in the amounts below:

- Millville Fire Company - \$3,000.00
- Hemlock Township Fire Company - \$1,500.00
- Washingtonville Fire Company - \$1,500.00
- Little Fishing Creek Pool - \$1,000.00
- Madison Township Community Center - \$1,000.00

Reorganization meeting for 2017 set for January 3, 2017 at 19:00

**Correspondence:** presented

**For the Good of the Township:**

Currently have a community service person out at the shed. Working out well.

Nancy reported that the flag is now up at the community center, the lights in the square are lit and staying lit. Furnace was repaired last week at a cost of \$800.00. Looked into LED lights for the corner of the building, PPL will not pay for this. Community Christmas Party will be Saturday at 6:00 pm Santa will be there at 8:00 pm. Blue Grass on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Terry said we have to check into getting our own channel to get off the county channel on the radios.

Gary Williams asked about recycling and requested that it be put in the next newsletter.

Mike Leighow said he was having trouble with dumping, poaching and partying on Wolf Hollow Road. He was told to continue to call the police for the dumping and partying incidents and the game commission for the poaching.

Bob McWilliams asked how the SEO is paid.

There were questions regarding permits being issued – Connie Crawford asked about the old Jehovah's Church are permits needed for work being done? Bob McWilliams asked about the barns on Greenleaf Rd and Ants Hill Rd – were they issued permits. Bev to check with Chris Bower.

Motion by Terry Rider 2<sup>nd</sup> by Glenn Titman to adjourn at 21:02. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Lutcavage  
Secretary-Treasurer