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MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 11, 2013

The February 11, 2013 meeting of the Madison Township Supervisors was called to order by Claire Swartz at 7:00 PM. Attending were, Claire Swartz, Michelle Densberger, Glenn Titman, Nancy Welliver, Gary Williams, Deanna & Carl Stauffer, Connie Crawford, John Nichols, John Green, Ernie Mordan, Jacque Mordan, Scouts from Dutch Hill Troop #43, and Peggy Long.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Boy Scouts from Dutch Hill Troop #43 lead the Pledge of Allegiance. The scouts are working on their Citizenship Badge.

MINUTES

Peggy Long presented the minutes of January 14, 2013 meetings.

Michelle Densberger made a motion to accept the minutes of January 14, 2013 reorganization minutes. Glenn Titman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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FINANCIAL REPORTS

The financial statements and bills list were reviewed.

Glenn Titman made a motion to approve the financial reports and to pay bills as presented. Bills paid from General Fund were \$12,755.86. Bills paid from Liquid Fuel Fund were \$4,868.58.

Bills paid during the month from the General Fund totaled \$1192.64. Michelle Densberger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Stout has left three messages to set up another time for the meth training. Michelle Densberger noted this is also important for Scouts and their "adopt a road program." She warned they must be very careful when picking up trash. They will be invited to the training when set up.

Chief Stout has noted that Jonathan Swank has been with the Township for many years and is his right hand man. Chief Stout would like to have Swank promoted to Corporal. *Glenn Titman made a motion to promote Jonathan Swank to Corporal but at the same rate of pay. Michelle Densberger seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Nancy Welliver reported the Authority is looking into a different operator.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Nothing this month

TRANSFER TAX REPORT

(2 - \$3,160.50)

SEO REPORT

(0)

PERMIT OFFICER REPORT

(0)

ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

None

ROAD MASTER REPORT

OLD BUSINESS

The new employee signature sheets were given to Joe & Jim today. Glenn will get them into the office.

Glenn Titman noted they have tried cell phone service around the township. They found a lot of areas did not have service. They would not be useful. *Glenn Titman made a motion to purchase the radios from Keystone Communications. Michelle Densberger seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

Secretary left two messages with the solicitor to call concerning Fire Loss Ordinance and the CPA as an auditor for the Municipal Authority. He has not returned her calls.

NEW BUSINESS

A letter of resignation was received from Rhonda Stitz as Township Auditor. *Michelle Densberger made a motion to accept Rhonda Stitz resignation as auditor. Glenn Titman seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

Claire Swartz thanked Rhonda for her many years of service to the Township, and wished her well in her new endeavors. A letter of thanks will be sent to her.

Connie Crawford, the Township Tax Collector, sent letter to all the Supervisors to defend her performance and explain her duties and personal cost. She feels there are only two reasons they would want to get rid of her; her job performance or they just want to get rid of her. County makes a lot of mistakes and has lost residence, it is up to Connie to reinstate them, and County does not look for them. Connie does a lot that County does not do. Michelle Densberger stated Connie does a great job, and no one wants to get rid of her. Michelle Densberger noted if having her office in her home was costing her money she could have room in the Township Office in Millville. If there are any other ways the Township could help, we need to know. Michelle Densberger explained when the Township raised the mils last year Connie's pay doubled. The employees only got a 15 cent raise. Michelle explained that if we have to raise the mils to make ends meet, the tax collector should not be getting a raise. Should it be the tax payer's burden for her pay? Connie explained her pay has been greatly cut by the School District and County. In 2009 she received \$2,833.01 from County, in 2010 they cut her pay to 25 cents per bill or \$698.52, again in 2014 it will go to 10 cents per bill or \$277.72 and she will be getting a cut from the Township.

Supervisors assured Connie she has done a wonderful job, and they do not want to get rid of her. John Nichols asked Connie approximately how many hours she has to put in and came up with an hourly rate of about \$6.00, not even minimum wage. A letter of support was received from Rhonda Stitz commending Connie on the excellent work she does. Gary Williams was confused as to what was going on. Claire Swartz noted every four years, before the tax collector election, the Supervisors must set the compensation for the tax collector. He stated this is nothing personal, but it has to be considered. Carl Stauffer complained the road workers got a raise but aren't doing any better job on the roads. Glenn Titman feels there has been improvement, it takes time. Nancy Welliver state the rate of pay for the tax collectors is so uneven; some pay per bill and some a percent, which also varies. The system is not fair.

Michelle Densberger made a motion to set the tax collectors rate of compensation at 8%. Claire Swartz seconded the motion. Glenn Titman voted no.

Michelle Densberger made a motion to adopt Resolution 02112013 setting the tax collectors commission at 8% starting 2014. Claire Swartz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Glenn Titman noted Truck #2 has an oil leak in the air compressor. He also noted the cinders are getting low. Michelle Densberger said the haulers will be getting cinders as they can.

Glenn Titman asked where we stand on sign replacements. Secretary said Greg Dibble advised the time frame for new signs was lifted do to a cost hardship for the Township to replace them. But Greg warned we still must maintain our signs. Michelle Densberger asked secretary to check with Greg for a spreadsheet to do sign inventory. Glenn Titman said when the signs are replaced they will require brackets, we should get the newer brackets, they are harder to steal. Glenn Titman also questioned, what are the plans for the bridge on Slate Road? It is now closed. The bridge is basically used by hunters and the game commission. A call will be made to the Game Commission to see if they can offer any help on the repairs for the bridge. Michelle Densberger is not in favor of spending the money for repairs for a bridge where there aren't any houses on that road.

Michelle Densberger made a motion to appoint Merry Acor as an auditor. Glenn Titman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Michelle Densberger made a motion to hire a consultant for the audit, if needed. Glenn Titman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

FOR THE GOOD OF THE TOWNSHIP

Scout Leader John Nichols asked who is responsible for the light on the American Flag, it is not lit. One of the scouts teaching is to respect the Flag and have a light on it. The Supervisors will check it out after the meeting.

Michelle Densberger informed the Scouts if they needed any community service projects, we have lots of projects at the Community Center. We always need volunteers.

Michelle Densberger asked secretary, the next time the insurance inspector comes to have one of the supervisors go with him.

Gary Williams presented disability accommodation notice that could be used by the Community Center to inform residents we can provide for disabilities. Two signs will be put on the doors of the center and a notice will be put on the Web page.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Long
Secretary/Treasurer