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MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 8, 2016

The February 8, 2016 meeting of the Madison Township Supervisors was called to order by Michelle Densberger at 7:00 PM. Attending were; Michelle Densberger, Glenn Titman, Terry Rider, Nancy Welliver, Gary Williams, Cindy Rider and Peggy Long.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

MINUTES

Peggy Long presented the minutes of January 11, 2016. *Glenn Titman made a motion to accept the minutes of January 11, 2016 with corrections (Check for 2nd on speed limit ordinance, No smoking in any Township owned building of vehicle, State should be Slate Road, Bond should have been \$350,000.00 not \$350.00). Terry Rider seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The financial statements and bills were reviewed.

Glenn Titman made a motion to approve the financial report, and to pay bills as presented. Bills paid from General Fund (including Liquid Fuel bills) were \$6,439.19. Bills paid during the month from the General Fund totaled \$607.34. Terry Rider seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Nancy reported no meeting tonight.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Michelle Densberger reported on a sub-division for Steve Zeisloft. *Terry Rider made a motion to approve the Sub-division for Steve Zeisloft. Glenn Titman seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

TRANSFER TAX REPORT

(Dec – \$460.60)

SEO REPORT

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PERMIT OFFICER REPORT

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ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

ROAD MASTER REPORT

Terry Rider reported they have submitted to PEMA an application for reimbursement from the snow storm. If we get it we could get \$5,061.09. It is very likely we will get anything back. It has to go from County and then State for their expenses.

Glenn Titman asked if any one sees someone dumping animal carcass, please try to get a license. It cost us to pick up and take to Heaps for disposal. There was also police time involved.

POLICE

Michelle Densberger noted they are going to meet this week with the police to go over somethings just so everyone is on the same page. Terry Rider noted in the last two months there has only been one citation written. We paid \$800.37 in police wages and nothing in return. He knows it isn't supposed to pay for itself, but he feels this is ridiculous. Michelle Densberger said part of that is because the police have been told not to ticket unless 15 mph over. If you want to change that we can. Terry thinks they should revisit that. Michelle asked if anyone knows how to install a drop ceiling. The police need help with that. Terry knows someone, Butch Mausteller, but didn't think they would do it for nothing. Michelle spoke to Heather at a game but she hasn't gotten back. Terry will speak to Butch.

OLD BUSINESS

Glenn & Terry met with Nancy Corbin for information on grant money. Secretary noted she received a letter from Nancy Corbin concerning training for all Supervisors and road crew members. This training is required to be eligible for Dirt, Gravel, & Low Volume Road funding. Glenn Titman and James Hilner terms will end at the end of this year. Training will be held at the Pine Barn Inn, March 29th & 30th. Glenn & Terry will attend. Michelle said we need to get something around for Tunnel, Cross, & Slate Roads for grant money. Gary Williams asked what the grants cost us. Michelle noted all the materials are paid for from the grant. We provide the manpower and equipment. We are out on the roads working anyway. Michelle noted the roads must be around water that could be affected by a water stream. Terry said the roads are ranked by the County.

NEW BUSINESS

Michelle Densberger reviewed all the corrections to employee manual. We did include a category for an operator/truck driver, page 38 under job description. Michelle said a probation period was discussed. Probation will be 80 hours worked at a rate based on labor rate. Michelle Densberger discussed adding a category of laborer for any new employees hired after February 8, 2016, for a probation period of 80 hours worked for the township, at a probationary rate based on a current laborer rate.

Terry Rider made a motion to approve the changes made to the employee manual. Glenn Titman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Gary Williams asked what the drug and alcohol policy is. Michelle said there is a section that addresses that and random testing is done.

Michelle Densberger made a motion to set a category for Laborer. Terry Rider seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Terry Rider made a motion to set laborer rate at \$10.00 per hour. Michelle Densberger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Secretary Bond is now only \$150,000.00. We might have approximately \$400,000.00 in the banks in a year. Rates from Thomas Insurance. For \$150,000.00 is \$275.00, \$250,000.00 is \$275.00, and \$350,000.00 is \$425.00.

Terry Rider made a motion to raise the Bond to \$350,000.00. Michelle Densberger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

List from Columbia County Tax Claim Bureau requesting exoneration of voided parcels and delinquent taxes for the Municipality or School. Terry Rider asked why we would exonerate unpaid taxes. There are supposed to be reasons, but no reasons are shown. Supervisors don't understand.

Terry made a motion to table until we can check into it more. Michelle Densberger seconded the motion. Motion carried. Secretary will check with Connie Crawford and Renae at the County.

Community Aid Grants are now available. There is a grant available for up to \$5,000.00 for something that benefits the community. We receive 4 cents a pound for donations. We also have coupons for \$25.00 to be given to needy for clothes and shoes. Michelle will download the application to see what might be available.

Michelle Densberger contacted the Adult Probation Office last week. They are updating their list for

2016. They have adult probation and parole offenders available to work. They have insurance to cover the offenders to cover them while working for the township. Someone will have to supervise the worker.

Michelle said there is a section to indicate what type of work we would have available and we can indicate any type of offenders we would not want. Nancy Welliver said they had an offender at the Community Center and he was good. They want to exclude theft offenders, sex offenders, drug offenders, and gun offenders. At this point we only want alcohol offenders. Terry would like to update the Web page and the phone at the shed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter of intent to submit an application to DEP by John Beiler was covered.

Email from Jennifer Long, EMA requesting snow removal equipment if we want to pool resources to go other areas. We don't have the extra men or equipment to send.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE TOWNSHIP

Glenn Titman said the bridge at Christy Hill Road is in need of attention. The wing wall is gone. Terry asked if the bridges have been inspected. There is only one that County inspects. Nancy Welliver asked if pipes could be installed instead. They probable could put in pipes. Inspections will have to be done.

Glenn Titman asked who is responsible for the Community Parking Lot. There is a large crack that should be filled. Michelle said technically it is the Townships building. Glenn asked if the Community Center will take care of it. Nancy Welliver said they never did before. Terry said maybe we could use grant money. Glenn said he could do it, but it needs to be done. Terry said it will have to be blown out.

Terry Rider said he would like to look at some other options for the police office before we get too involved.

Nancy Welliver asked about the first grade room. Besides lowering the ceiling, do they plan to save the slate on the walls? Michelle said she thought they would save most of it. Nancy asked about the radiator. Michelle said they are not connected to any thing and they might as well be taken out. Might get a little money for them. Nancy said perhaps they could be covered and used as shelves. She is trying not to do away with the looks of the building. Michelle said she didn't care if they stay. Nancy then asked about the windows. Michelle said they would be the same as the ones in the Boy Scout room. Nancy would like to see the windows white.

Terry Rider would like to look and see if possibility of another room would work and do it cheaper.

ADJOURNMENT

Glenn Titman made a motion to adjourn at 8:46PM. Terry Rider seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Long
Secretary/Treasurer