

## MADISON TOWNSHIP

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### MINUTES OF MARCH 12, 2012

The March 12, 2012 meeting of the Madison Township Supervisors was called to order by Glenn Titman at 7:00 PM. Attending were, Glenn Titman, Claire Swartz, Michelle Densberger, Nancy Welliver, Gary Williams, Ted Stout, Connie Crawford, Carl & Deanna Stauffer, Dick Holdren, Jordan Newman, Tina Watts, C. Holdren, B. Ortman, James Keller, Donald Mausteller, Becky Seidel, Rhonda Stitz, Thomas Killian, Amy Long, Danielle Roeder, L.J. Rider, and Peggy Long.

#### RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Tina Watts, President of the pool committee, I am here to answer questions and to try to find a way to keep the pool up and running for everyone.

#### MINUTES

Peggy Long presented the minutes of February 13, 2012 meeting. *Claire Swartz made a motion to accept the minutes of February 13, 2012. Michelle Densberger seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

#### FINANCIAL REPORTS

The financial statements and bills list were reviewed. *Claire Swartz made a motion to approve the financial reports and to pay bills as presented. Bills paid from General Fund were \$1,206.16. Bills paid from Liquid Fuel Fund were \$1,693.22. Bills paid during the month from the General Fund totaled \$90.32. Michelle Densberger seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

#### POLICE REPORT

Chief Stout reported

#### MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Nancy Welliver checked to see about testing from the 2 to 5 days a week. We can do the test. We have to see what Steve would charge to see if it will be worthwhile. Richard Holdren doesn't feel it is right for DEP to just come along and hit us with the extra cost. Our plant was running great. Glenn Titman said they should have told us last fall, when we did the budget.

#### PLANNING COMMISSION

Michelle Densberger reported that Akens Engineers came. There are some conditions they have to take care of and will return next month. Glenn Titman said he spoke to someone concerning the road and they assured him they would take care of it.

Jordan Newman asked they do something about the Community Center doors. Last meeting they were locked again. This is the fourth time. Becky Seidel did not know about the

meeting nights, now that she knows, she will see the building is open. Jordan Newman asked if the supervisors would appoint Michelle Densberger to the Planning Commission Board until they can find a replacement of Terry Rider. Michelle said she wouldn't mind because she is the secretary and is already there to take the minutes. PSATS was contacted and advised that is not a problem for her to hold both positions, there is no money involve. *Glenn Titman made a motion to appoint Michelle Densberger to the Planning Commission Board. Claire Swartz seconded the motion. Michelle Densberger abstained.*

#### **TRANSFER TAX REPORT**

(1) \$2,801.54

#### **SEO REPORT**

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#### **PERMIT OFFICER REPORT**

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#### **ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

None

#### **ROAD MASTER REPORT**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Michelle Densberger reported it would be quite involved to get into the P-card with PLIGT. She also spoke to someone at First Columbia and we can set up a small second account, separate from all other accounts. We could put in \$500.00 into that account and use it as a debit card. Peggy Long also spoke to Connie Yoder and she advised supervisors would have to pass a resolution stating Peggy Long is going to have the card and Supervisors are going to authorize Peggy to use it. The Township is set up requiring two signatures on all check. You are giving Peggy Long the authority to use the card. Glenn Titman stated that Peggy is using her personal account.

There are two different vendors (Intuit for Quick Book up dates and for our dominion name on the web page) that will only take credits cards. *Michelle Densberger made a motion to step up a debit card account with First Columbia Bank. Claire Swartz seconded the motion. Motion carried.* Resolution will be prepared for next month.

Michelle Densberger noted we need about 30 weight limit signs with post and hardware. She found a web site where you can buy signage. We paid about \$1,800.00 for the eight signs we purchased before. We could get them from the web site for; 30 signs, post, hardware for about \$2,000.00. These have straight post not break away. We will have to look into that. Michelle Densberger spoke to Chris Bower about raising the development fees. Chris suggested the base fee be \$50.00 and an additional \$3.00 for each \$1,000.00.

*Michelle made a motion to adopt Resolution #03122912A Development Permit Fee Schedule. Glenn Titman seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

Supervisors will check into SEO fees.

Glenn Titman has not seen the Amish gentleman to talk about the shale.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

*Michelle Densberger made a motion to adopt the Columbia County 2012 Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution. Claire Swartz seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

*Glenn Titman made a motion to pay Connie Crawford \$20.00 for stuffing tax envelopes with the Township Newsletter. Michelle Densberger seconded the motion. Motion carried*

Becky Seidel got a new price the new door for the Community Center from Bloom Glass & Mirror for \$3,740.95 which included installation. Glenn Titman said it will go back to the Community Center for approval. It will be paid for from money left from the insurance on the pavilion roof.

Tina Watts, President of the Pool Committee, has asked the Borough, Greenwood Township, Pine Township and Madison Township to donate \$12,500.00 each to help with the cost to make the necessary repairs to the pool. Lance Deihl, from First Columbia Bank, has worked out a plan to borrow the \$12,500.00, at an interest rate of 2.3%. This would work out to about \$1.70 per/month for 7 years or \$1,932.00 per year. This would cost the tax payer about \$1.00 per year. The children in this community have nowhere to go. A lot of children over the years have learned to swim at the Millville Pool.

Connie Crawford noted the tax value for 860 parcels was \$13,400.00 and she collected about 90%. With all the road work we need down in the Township, and we need a new roof on the Community Center, we can't afford it. She thinks we should get our priorities in order.

Lori Rider appreciates the Township for all the work they do on her road. She stated she is in favor of supporting the pool. She has her own personal pool and has no vested interest in the Millville Pool, but her kids did learn to swim there. The children still need the socialization they get interacting with other children, and they need to learn to swim. She is willing to support the Millville Pool.

Amy Long noted she learned to swim at the Millville Pool, as did her children. She would like to see it continued.

Tom Killian said he does not want the government taking his money for a pool. He feels we can save the pool in some other way.

Tina Watts said many people think the pool should be self-sufficient. There is no way to be self-sufficient and be prepared for what happened last year (the liner and water leaks). We have been telling people for years we needed a new liner, nobody was listening until we said we couldn't open the pool this year.

Tina Watts doesn't want anyone to feel they are being taken advantage of by a tax for the pool. On March 24<sup>th</sup> they are having "Make A Splash With Your Cash" at the Millville Fire Hall. If everyone from the Township came down and donate \$10.00 that would cover all the cost. It is a \$1.00 a year from each resident. Tina noted since she has been on the committee for the last 5 years they have operated in the black. She has a very good committee and they have had many fund raisers. They will start a capital reserve fund so in 15 years they will have something for repairs. Tina asked how often the Township raises their taxes. Rhonda Stitz stated the taxes were raised from a ½ mil to 1 mil for the year 2012. Last year ½ mil brought in \$12,700. That figure will now double. Connie Crawford asked if the plumbing was bad for 5 year, why wasn't someone taking care of it. Tina said she thought the people who were maintaining the pool knew about those things, she can't answer for them.

Brandon Ortman, from First Columbia Bank, noted the pool has been part of our community for years and he knows not everyone uses it, but not everyone uses Camp Road either. He too has his own pool, but his son likes to go to the Millville Pool to socialize. He thinks there

is a misconception that it has to be \$12,500.00 or nothing. That number might not be the right figure for your finance.

Richard Holdren noted when this pool was first built every township gave money towards it. He asked how much was that? Tina Watts explained that 40 years ago there were five shares, two for the Borough, one for Pine Twp., one for Greenwood Twp., and one for Madison Twp. At the end of the season whatever bills were left over, were to be divided five ways. Somewhere along the line that changed, and they decided to give \$1,000.00. Richard Holdren asked if everyone is still giving the \$1,000.00. Tina said yes, but the last two years Madison has only given \$500.00. The cost of everything is going up. There just isn't enough money to do the necessary repairs. If the \$12,500.00 isn't doable perhaps \$5,000.00, or whatever you can afford.

Claire Swartz noted we are facing the same problem as every organizations is facing. There is no easy answer.

Charles Holdren asked if there is any kind of matching funds out there to help save this pool. Tina read a list of people and organizations that have made donations from all over the area. Connie Crawford noted there were not many season pass sold to Madison Township residents last year.

James Keller stated he did not want any of his taxes used for someone else's recreation.

Charles Holdren noted over the years many of us, our children, or grandchildren have use the pool and learned to swim there. There must be some way to reach the 1800 taxpayers in this county. He is sure there are many people that would donate, and perhaps enough to cover what is needed. Claire Swartz agreed with Charlie but noted you would need someone to spearhead the event. Brandon Ortman noted there are already some fund raisers in the work. The pool is asking for some support from the Township. Charles noted any support from the Township is better than none.

Deanna Stauffer questioned if we give them the \$12,500.00, where does the road money come from then? She said they will get their pool. The roads look pathetic. Roads and signs need to be done. This is a 12 month thing, compared to the 3 months of swimming. Tina Watts said we are looking at the greater good of a whole community. We can't look at whether we benefit from something ourselves or then it's no good. Glenn Titman notes the Supervisors had to make cuts this year and he can't justify taking out a loan for the pool. Nancy Welliver noted there are fund raisers all over the place, but there must be some way. Claire Swartz noted we need someone to take charge. Nancy may have a couple of thoughts. Michelle Densberger questioned if the Borough of Millville is sitting on \$12,500.00 and is making it contingent on the donation of the other Townships. But they haven't said how much the townships would have to contribute, this was her opinion. James Keller asked Michelle, as a Supervisor, are willing to tax our residence and donate that money to some other area. He said donating money is not part of the taxing authority, it is illegal. Michelle noted we have been doing it for 40 years. Maybe we could give \$1,500.00. Again, this is her own opinion. It takes two out of three supervisor to make a decision. Claire Swartz noted the answer is somewhere in between and nothing is going to happen tonight. He noted we did budget \$500.00 for the pool. Connie Crawford understood the pool was asking for \$15,000.00 every year for five years from each entities. Michelle said no it was not for each year, but one loan for payments over five years. There will be a fund raiser on March 24, 11:00 to 2:00, at the Fire Hall, "Make A Splash With Your Cash".

*Claire Swartz made a motion to donate the \$500.00 we have budgeted to the pool. Michelle*

*Densberger seconded. Motion carried.*

Michelle Densberger noted Hanson will haul stone to site. The other two haulers have not given a price yet. She will check with them again. Glenn noted the pile is going down, we may have to haul our own.

Michelle Densberger reviewed last year's cost for oil and chipping. The cost to the residences was \$125.00 for 100 feet or \$375.00 for 300 feet. Residence where to have paid 50% but it ended up to be 32%. Oil and stone prices did go up. The COG will set the price for the oil.

FEMA is requiring Supervisors, Road Crew, and Secretary to take two courses. We can do the training at the Township Office.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **FOR THE GOOD OF THE TOWNSHIP**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

*Claire Swartz made a motion to adjourn at 8:40 PM. Michelle Densberger seconded the motion.*

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Long  
Secretary/Treasurer